

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Sacraments

Baptism: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation session and the tentative date.

Matrimony: Couples planning to enter into Holy Matrimony are to call the office at least one year prior to set a tentative date and schedule Pre-Cana.

Reconciliation: Please consult the bulletin for dates and times or call one of our priests for an appointment.

Hospital and Homebound: Please call the office for First Friday or Anointing.

Priesthood and Religious Life: Contact our priests for an appointment.

The Season of Christmas The Feast of the Holy Family



"I'll be home for Christmas, you can count on me." was a song I sang a long time ago in high school. It was inspired by the soldiers in World War II and their longing, along with the hopes of their families, to be home for Christmas. No matter where we are in the world, there is a yearning in our hearts to be with those who we love during the Holy Days. We reach out through the technology we have at our disposal; but it is not the same as being with the ones we love. Those who have experience loss of a loved one this past year know this feeling. We know our loved ones are there through the Communion of Saints; but there is something about holding their hand or sharing a meal with them that cannot be replaced. Proximity means something when it comes to family. In the same way, God is always God; however, He longed for His creation, all humanity, to know Him, touch Him, and come home to Him. He joined this human family and "though He was in the form of God, He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself." Jesus comes to us in the Blessed Sacrament so we can come to Him. Jesus empties Himself so He can fill us with His life and joy. Jesus comes into our families and communities in order to call us together as a Church, the Body of Christ, so we can have a place we can come home to. The brokenness of this world has not changed over the hundreds of years since the fall of Adam. However, one thing brings peace to the weary soul, the Infant Jesus and the Holy Family. Come Home for Christmas and know the love and peace of our Savior! Merry Christmas!

God's Peace
Fr. Brian



Mass Intentions

December 27th to January 2nd

- Monday** 8:30 AM Daniel Grigaitis
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scavone
- Wednesday** 8:30 AM Marty Maransky
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scavone
- Friday** 8:30 AM Steve & Eva Wolfe
Ken Wolfe

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Friday (Vigil)** 5:30 PM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC
- Saturday** 10:00 AM All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC

Solemnity of Epiphany

- Saturday (Vigil)** 5:30 PM Bob & Helen Keener
Family
- Sunday** 8:30 AM All living & deceased members & Benefactors of OLMC
- 11:00am Health & Blessings for Tracy
Bill & Tina Rombilus & Family

Any parishioner unable to attend the Holy Mass

Over the pandemic we have been broadcasting the Holy Mass; however, the most crucial aspect of the Mass cannot be sent over the internet: **The Holy Eucharist!**

If you have not received the Blessed Sacrament in a while please call or have a family member call the parish office to be added to our Shut-In List. If anyone is aware of someone in need of a ministry visit, please call the office at 570-477-5040



**The Office will be closed
December 31 and January 3**

**Faith Formation will not take place on
December 26th, January 2nd and 9th**

Merry Christmas and Happy New



**2022 OLMC Calendars are available
at the back of the church on the usher pew.**

COLLECTION

December 11/12

- Offertory: \$3,397.00
Christmas: \$25.00
Christmas Flowers: \$191.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00
Immaculate Conception: \$316.00
Assumption: \$10.00
All Saints: \$10.00

Diocese

- Care & Education of Priests: \$7.00
Human Development: \$5.00
Religious Retirement: \$198.00
World Mission: \$10.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal

- Goal: \$19,000
Amount Pledged: \$16,825
Under Goal: \$2,175

December 18/19 collection will be posted
January 1/2 Bulletin

*Thank you for your generosity & continued support!
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olmcsilkworth.com/onlinegiving*

Parish Census Information

Over the holiday we sent out letters to all active and inactive members of the parish. **If you did not receive this mailing you are not a registered member of the parish.**

If you believe this to be an oversight or that we have poor information, we apologize for the confusion. Please let us know so we can update your information.

If you would like to register as a new member please contact the parish office @ 570-477-5040. We will gladly provide you with a registration form. New members are always welcome to join our Parish Family

Update information forms can be found on the table at the church entrance or from the office or by speaking with Deacon Gene or any of the priests.



A Big Thank You to all who helped with contributing to the Giving Tree and food drive for the Christmas Holiday! The families of Catholic Social Services truly appreciate your generosity!

Blessing of Family

The family gathers together at the table or around an image of the Holy Family or the Manger Scene. You can light a candle before the family begins to pray.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN

Leader: We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this thought Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Leader: What are you grateful to God for as we look forward to a new year?
All the family can honestly say what they are grateful for, no matter how small.

Leader: Let us turn to God our Father in thanksgiving with the words Jesus our Savior gave us.
The family prays the *Our Father* together.

Leader: May the Lord bless us, watch over us, and protect us now and always.
All: AMEN

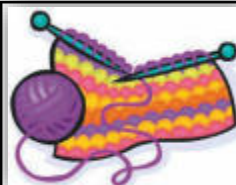
The family then makes the sign of the cross, with Holy Water if available, on the foreheads of their family members, beginning with the oldest.



COVID-19 Diocesan Protocol Reminders

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status. Anyone who is sick should stay home and participate in the celebration of Mass through Catholic Television or a parish livestream Mass.

Thank you for your patience and participation regarding these protocols.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue to make prayer shawls, lapghams, happy worms, and octopi for area nursing homes and autistic children.

A thank you was received from the activities director at the Meadows Nursing Home. The residents were delighted with the donations. The Ministry supported the Mass of Remembrance and the Bereavement Ministry with scarves and prayer shawls. The remaining scarves will be supporting area children and donated to the soup kitchen.

The first meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, January 25. All are invited to join us!

**Marian Pilgrimage for Healing
May 2nd - 13th 2022**

Fr. Brian will be running a pilgrimage of healing for the family, nation, world, and Church. We will be traveling from Fatima to Lourdes to Paris. Looking at the role of the Blessed Mother in guiding the Holy Family and the Early Church, this pilgrimage is a once in a lifetime event.



Information can be given at the parish office or by going to <https://www.unitours.com/client/VanFossenMarian.html>



The CIA Ministry will hold a pizza sale beginning January 15 thru February 10. Orders will be ready for pick-up the weekend of February 26/27


Next CIA meeting Tuesday, January 18

RCIA

If you are curious about the Catholic faith or have you thought about becoming Catholic, our **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is for you. Adults from all faith traditions or have no religious background at all are welcome. Participants meet weekly from September through May.

For more information regarding RCIA, please call the parish office 570-477-5040 or Maggie Fishel 570-696-3589.

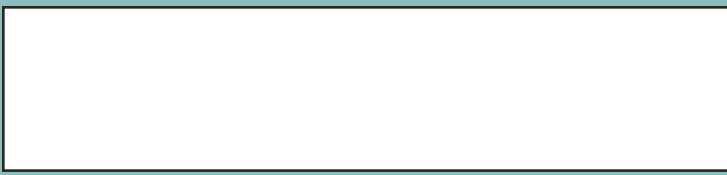
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