

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PRAY FOR US

### Clergy

Rev. Brian Van Fossen	Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Gene Blockus	Deacon

### Part Time Staff

Karen Wnuk	Stewardship Coordinator
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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 Epiphany



What guides you and your family? The Magi were guided by a star. The shepherds followed the guidance of the angelic chorus. Herod was guided by greed, pride and power. The scholars were guided by Sacred Scripture. However, it was only after an encounter with Jesus and the Holy Family that people went home changed. The Magi went home following another way. The shepherds went away glorifying and praising God. While, Herod was engulfed in his passion and slaughtered children two years of age and younger. Along with the scholars who interpreted Sacred Scripture to rule against Jesus in His public ministry. This encounter with Christ takes a journey for us to leave what is mundane, encounter our Lord and leave changed by His presence. This encounter happens every time we celebrate the Holy Mass. We read the Sacred Scriptures, we offer gifts, we encounter Jesus in the consecration and receive Him in the Blessed Sacrament. We go home different from when we entered the Church, even though we might not feel different. This is the beautiful grace of God, He loves us so much that He welcomes us where we are and loves us so much to allow us to leave without giving us His very self. So again, what guides your family? Does it lead you to God and each other? Is the turmoil of life and its pursuits leaving you and your family tired and wanting for more? Like at Bethlehem, Christ waits for you in the Blessed Sacrament in the church, may your journey lead you to Him, who is Love!

God's Peace  
Fr. Brian



# Mass Intentions

## January 3rd to January 9th

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Robert Pavlick</b> <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs Walter Stryczynski</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Marty Maransky</b> <i>Bonnie &amp; Pam Turchin</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Leo Dragon</b> <i>Paulette Mickno &amp; Jim Meggison</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>John Zbick</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>All living &amp; deceased Members &amp; Benefactors of OLMC</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Raymond &amp; Mary Kulakowski</b> <i>Helen, Bob, Mary, Brian, Justin</i>



It takes many hands and hearts to help celebrate the Advent Season, Christmas Day, and the continued Christmas Season.

THANK YOU to all who helped decorate the church.  
 THANK YOU to all who sang and proclaimed God's glory.  
 THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Giving Tree and the Back Mountain Food Pantry.  
 THANK YOU to our ushers, lectors, servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and choir.  
 THANK YOU to our office staff and all who helped in our Christmas mailing and keeping everyone updated through the bulletin and office communications.  
 THANK YOU to our catechists and those who taught our young people about the faith and the true meaning of Christmas.  
 THANK YOU to all who contributed toward the flowers and decorations and all who help keep our parish financially solvent.  
 THANK YOU to all who attended the Advent Penance Service, the Holy Mass and prayed for the care of the sick and those who could not be with us during this time of year.

**THANK YOU for the gifts you bring to our parish!!**

## COLLECTION

### December 18/19

Weekly Offertory: \$3,699  
 Christmas Flowers: \$25.00  
 Immaculate Conception: \$25.00

### Diocese

Religious Retirement: \$35.00  
 Care and Education of Priests: \$5.00

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$19,000  
 Amount Pledged: \$17,015  
 Under Goal: \$1,985

*Thank you for your generosity & continued support!  
 sign up for online giving at  
[olmsilkworth.com/onlinegiving](http://olmsilkworth.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.**

## **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 Blessing of the Homes is a tradition for the Feast of Epiphany. The following prayer of blessing may be used. If you are interested in having a priest or deacon come to bless your home please feel free to contact the Office.**

**Leader:** *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**All:** *Amen*

**Leader:** *Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God for ever.*

**All:** *Blessed be God for ever.*

**Leader:** *The Word became flesh and made His dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.*

**Reader:** *Luke 19:1-9*

**Leader:** *The Son of God made His home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.*

**Reader:** *Our response is "Stay with us, Lord" Lord, Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our head. We pray:*

*Lord, Jesus Christ, you taught your followers to build their houses upon solid rock: grant that the members of this family may live their lives in firm allegiance to your teachings. We pray:*

**Reader:** *Lord, Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray:*

*Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:*

**Leader:** *As children of God we confidently pray:*

**All:** *Our Father...*

**Leader:** *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.*


*Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**All:** *Amen*

**At this time the Leader sprinkles the house and all present with Holy Water. The family may then place, in chalk, above the main door of the house the inscription:**

**20 + C + M + B + 22**

**All then bless themselves with the Sign of the Cross.**



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. **More information to follow**

**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.

**The Office will be closed January 3**

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



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

**Congratulations Christmas Raffle Winners!**

**First Prize: Diane Barrett**


**Second Prize: Charbi Anne Webby-Sokola**

A huge thank you to all who contributed purchasing and selling the tickets. The success of our parish depends on all of 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>

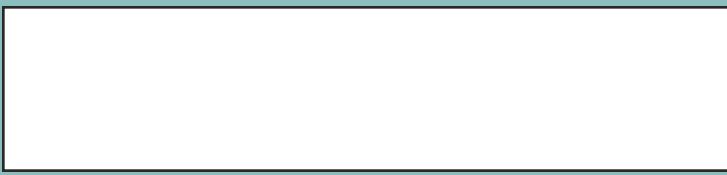
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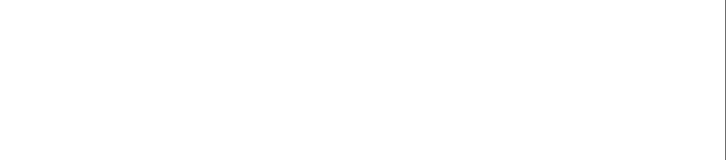


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