

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 Baptism of the Lord



The baptism of a child is a joyous occasion. It is a new beginning between the child and God. It is also a renewed relationship between the family and God. It is not a promise that the child or the family will not experience trouble or temptation in their lives. Rather, it is a promise that God will give them the grace needed to overcome these struggles. When Jesus was baptized by John, He did so, not because He needed to repent from sin, but to unite His humanity to the Father and “fulfill all righteousness”. It was a new beginning for humanity, that even in the midst of sin we can be forgiven and restored. Consequently, the family of God was also redefined. The Church, the Body of Christ, all of us, were reunited with the Father in a renewed and more glorious way. The Church became a place for sinners and saints, Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free. It was through the cross and resurrection that both Jesus and the Father fulfilled their promises given at this beginning of Jesus’ ministry. Jesus offered Himself for our salvation and God received the sacrifice, restoring fallen humanity to a resplendent glory. In baptism, we became members of the Church, and the promise of God, unity with Him for eternity, was fulfilled in our lives as well. This is worth celebrating! God’s Peace!

Fr. Brian



Mass Intentions

January 10th to January 16th

Monday	8:30 AM	Ben Archacavage <i>Mr. & Mrs Walter Stryczynski</i>
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Ruthann Ryczak
Friday	8:30 AM	Nicholas E. Perry
Saturday	5:30 PM	John A Slagle <i>Mr. & Mrs M Oplinger</i>
Sunday	8:30 AM	All living & deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC
	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Niedzwiecki Family <i>Family Members</i>

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



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.



The parish office will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

COLLECTION

December 25/26

Weekly Offertory: \$4,548.10
Christmas: \$5,313.00
Christmas Flowers: \$75.00
Holy Days: \$110.00
Solemnity: \$126.00
Initial Offering: \$15.00

Diocese

Religious Retirement: \$125.00
Care and Education of Priests: \$35.00

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2021 Contribution Statements

Anyone requesting a 2021 contribution statement, please contact the parish office @ 570-477-5040. All contributions made after December 31, 2021 will be posted to year 2022.



March for Life

A bus is being coordinated by Pennsylvanians for Human Life, to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Friday, January 21st. Departure will be from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville, PA. The cost (Bus & Dinner)

is \$65.00, and for students \$35.00. Call Chris Calore @ 570-824-5321. Thank You.

Anyone interested in helping take down Christmas decorations and some clean-up on Saturday, January 15th, please call the parish office Thank you



THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022
 6:00PM | ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH, LAFLIN

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
 BISHOP OF SCRANTON

Join us in prayer on the eve of the 48th annual
 March for Life for a greater respect of all
 human life, from conception to natural death,
 and every moment in between.

*We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be
 donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St.
 Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry*

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Faith Formation Schedule 2022
9:30-10:45 am

Faith Formation will resume Next Week
 Sunday, January 16th!

January 16, 23, 30
 February 6, 13, 20 27
 March 6, 13, 20, 27
 April 3, 24

**First Communion / First Reconciliation
 Meeting**

Sunday, January 16th
 after 8:30 am Mass

**The CIA Ministry will hold
 Sanitary Bakery Pizza Sale**
 Jan 15/16—Feb 19/20 @ \$9 box (12 cuts)
 Order forms are available at the church
 and the rectory or call 570-406-0879
 Orders will be ready for pick-up
 the weekend of February 26/27
 Proceeds benefit OLMC



**Confirmation
 Rite of Enrollment**
 Sunday, January 16th
 @ 11 am Mass

**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>


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.

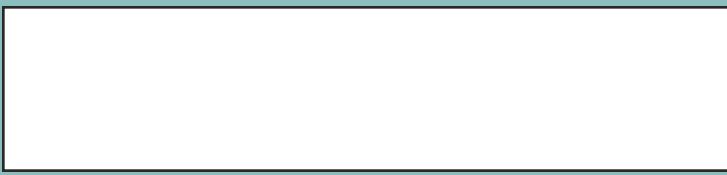
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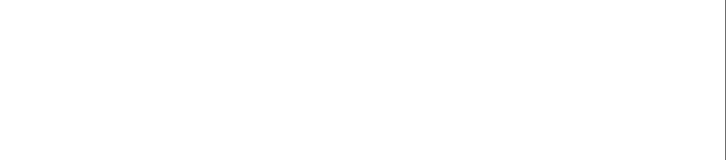
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