

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PRAY FOR US

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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.

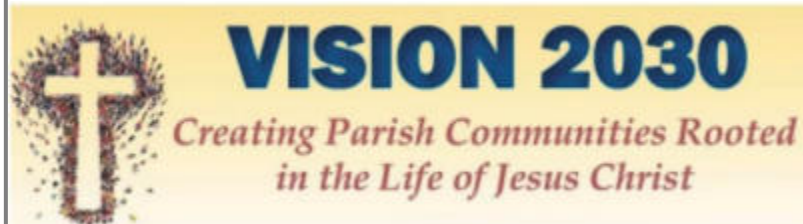
Matrimony: Couples planning to enter into Holy Matrimony are to call the office at least one year prior to set a tentative date and schedule Pre-Cana.

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



We continue to hear from St. Paul to Corinth. This passage is reechoed in his writing to Rome and can be found as a theme in all his letters. St. Paul knows what it means to shepherd a parish that is prone to division. The Corinthians welcomed some people and forgot about others. The Galatians and Ephesians made differences between members of the parish through their lineage. Rome looked at anyone who was not Roman as suspect. Even when St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy he urged him to remain true to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church and avoid the lures of the world. (1Tim 6:3-7) In all St. Paul's writings he implored the early church to be one in Christ and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit working toward the good of all. His message echoes through the ages as we are called to do the same. We all have gifts and talents which are used for the good of others. We have all opened ourselves to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to direct our lives. We are all members, through our baptism, of the Body of Christ. However, there is always the temptation of saying, "well that is someone else's job" or "let someone else worry about that." The worst offense is when we tell God, "you do it" when God is inviting us to participate in His plan of salvation in our small corner of the world. The God who has given us the ability and the grace to accomplish things in His name calls us to work with Him in this field in this time. It is not His job, it is ours. Let us not be afraid to work with the grace God has given us. Let us not be divided but united in Christ and in our baptism. As we look toward a vision for our parish, let us work together to welcome the Holy Spirit into our families and parish family to guide us with His power. Let us have the courage to answer that call to proclaim the Good News! God's Peace!

Fr. Brian

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners and friends who sent Christmas cards, gifts and goodies!
May God Bless all of you for your generosity and kindness
Love and Peace: Fr. Brian, Fr. Sixtus, Fr. Alco and Fr. Nash



Mass Intentions

January 24th to January 30th

- Monday** 8:30 AM **Chris Folmar**
Mr. & Mrs. M. Oplinger
- Wednesday** 8:30 AM **Fr. Ed Zawodniak**
- Friday** 8:30 AM **Paul & Bertha Almeter**
- Saturday** 5:30 PM **Anthony Zbick**
Family
- Sunday** 8:30 AM **All living and Deceased Members & Benefactors of OLMC**
- 11:00 AM **Helen Zapusek**
The Kucharyk Family



Faith Formation

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

COLLECTION

January 8/9

Weekly Offertory: \$2,516.00
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January 15/16

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\$5,011.00
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The CIA Ministry is holding their

Sanitary Bakery Pizza Sale

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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January 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With the dawn of a new year, my prayer, like many of yours, is a prayer for peace: peace in our hearts, our families, our world, and within our Church. This season also affords us an opportunity to reflect upon where we have been – and more importantly – to look ahead to where we are going. As always, we give thanks to our generous God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us as we look forward to a future full of hope for us all (Jeremiah 29:11).

In 2019, you may remember that we began a pastoral planning initiative in the Diocese of Scranton with the goal of proactively looking at our local church in the present moment, while recognizing the opportunities and challenges ahead. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, this blueprint planning process has been ongoing. To make sure everyone in all of our parishes is familiar with this continuing effort, I want to share with you the following document, *Vision 2030: Creating Parish Communities Rooted in the Life of Jesus Christ*.

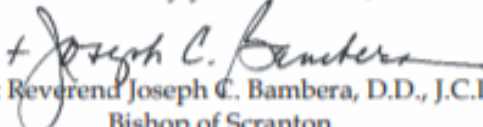
As you will see in the following pages, our Diocese faces significant challenges due to changing demographics in our 11 counties, from fewer people maintaining membership in our parishes to a diminishing number of ordained priests to serve our spiritual needs. At the same time, however, while our numbers have decreased over the years, the faith of our people continues to be strong and opportunities to proclaim the Good News of Jesus abound. With many people in our communities identifying as Catholic but not registered in our parishes and others not ascribing to any religion at all, our mission to invite them into our churches and show them the love of Jesus is more vital than ever. In so doing, through God's grace, our witness to Jesus will strengthen our parishes and also sow seeds for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life that are so necessary to the life and ministry of our Church.

Based on all of the information contained in this document, you will see that it is inevitable that changes will become necessary in some of our parishes. Although it is not our plan to modify all of our parish structures at one time, it is important for you to know that different things will prompt change at different times in different places. While change is never easy, the most effective pastoral planning processes take place when everyone is actively informed and engaged. All of us – clergy and laity alike – must be able to look at the realities we are facing honestly and objectively. Prayer and honest dialogue with all of you will help us discern what God's will is for us as a Diocese at this time in our history.

Because of our Baptism, each one of us has a role to play in the Church. In working together to create vibrant parish communities, we must all proclaim the Good News of the Gospel through our words and the service we offer to our brothers and sisters. Each one of us must become an 'eager evangelizer,' sharing our love and faith in Christ.

As we embrace our future over the next decade and beyond, may we trust in the power of the Holy Spirit as our surest helper and guide. I look forward to walking with each one of you in this ongoing pastoral planning process as together we work to keep our Church a strong and vibrant beacon of hope for all.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton



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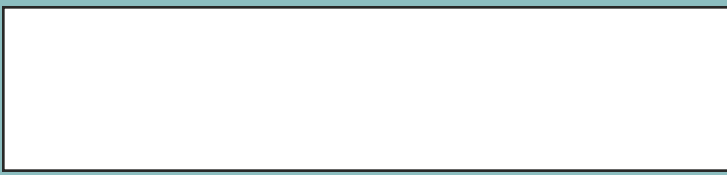
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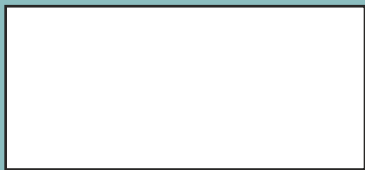
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