



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reverend Raymond Hahn Pastor

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January 2, 2022

Baptism

First and Third Sundays of the month following 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick

Please notify the parish if a member of your family is in the hospital or confined to home.

Prayer line request

Dave Piotrowicz 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. 814 825-4852

Bulletin: Announcements due by noon Monday.

Parish office hours

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Parish Contacts

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The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in Memory of
Christa Dunn
Requested by
The Family

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday January 1

4:15 p.m. **Helen Prizinsky**

Requested by Jim & Lynette Wozniak

Sunday January 2

8:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Rao Family**

Requested by Family

11:00 a.m. **For all Parishioners**

Monday January 3

7:00 a.m. **Ryan Trejchel**

Requested by Kevin & Sue Berdis

Tuesday January 4

7:00 a.m. **John Hanisek**

Requested by Family

Wednesday January 5

7:00 a.m. **Rose Rexford**

Requested by Family

Thursday January 6

7:00 a.m. **Jennifer Moravek**

Requested by Mom & Dad

Friday January 7

7:00 a.m. **Jim & Fran Wheeler**

Requested by Family

Saturday January 8

4:15 **For all Parishioners**

Sunday January 9

8:00 a.m. **Carol Renner**

Requested by Husband & Family

11:00 a.m. **Remembrance Mass for 2020 & 2021**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday January 3

Tuesday January 4

7:00 p.m. Men's Council (MPR)

Wednesday January 5

8:30 a.m. Church cleaning

8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Gym)

Thursday January 6

6:00 p.m. Folk Group Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 p.m. Parish Council (MPR)

Friday January 6

Saturday January 7

3:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday January 8

7:30 a.m. Praying the Rosary

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL STAFF !

Faith Life "Around the Table"

Happy New Year!

JANUARY MENU

Side Dish

January 31st is the next Side Dish where we will honor Saint Thomas Aquinas. **Students will meet and connect with their peers in the education building from 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Adults can learn exciting facts about Saint Albert on the website under Side Dish.**

Desserts

Have you signed up for our next Bible Fellowship on the video series "The Chosen?" Below is a **sneak peek** at the first two sessions. You don't want to miss this series!

On January 17th, we will watch Episode One: I Have Called You By Name. In this first episode, we are introduced to Mary Magdalene, who is called Lilith, for most of the episode. The Gospels never refer to Mary as Lilith. The creators of The Chosen probably chose this name because it is associated with demons in Jewish traditions. To prepare for this session, read beforehand: Luke 8:1-3. This is one of the few appearances of Mary Magdalene in the Gospels.

On February 5th, we will watch Episode Two: Shabbat, Episode Three: Jesus Loves the Little Children, and Episode Four: The Rock on Which it is Built.

In episode two, we see a few different Shabbat meals portrayed. We also get a little more background on the difficulties of being Jewish and living under Roman rule. To prepare for this session, read beforehand: **Luke 14:1-24**.

In episode three, we see a group of kids learning from Jesus. By making children (who usually came last in society) into Jesus' first disciples, The Chosen illustrates one of Jesus' favorite principles: "many who are first will be last, and the last first." The amount of care and attention that Jesus gives to them in this episode is heartwarming. To prepare for this session, read beforehand: **Luke 18: 15-17**.

In episode four, we see Jesus teach about what it means to be fishers of men- and trust that God will take care of us. We will see Simon's wife being the spiritual leader of her household by asking Simon, "Where is your faith?" He does not realize how bitter and jaded he has become. This is a great message for us today. This episode also shows Jesus doing a miracle and relaxing on the beach. To prepare for this session, read beforehand: **Luke 5:1-11**.

With Gratitude in His Service,
Sue Berdis Faith Life Coordinator



THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

As a community of faith, we are brothers and sisters-one family-in the Lord. One of the gifts we can give to one another is to hold each other and our special intentions in prayer. If you have a loved one who passed away recently and is not a parishioner, we will be more than happy to add them as well. We desire to pray for you and your loved ones in your times of need.

Together, let us pray for

Ken Kelley (Bill Macrino's family member recently diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. Pray for healing.

Pray for my son's cancer recovery.

Rose Mary Kowalczyk

Dennis Stazer pray for recovery from serious surgery.

Connor who has a traumatic brain injury and fractured pelvis.

Lisa Christopher pray for cancer recovery

Karen Leo Rita Trabert

Charles D. Payne Ron Matlock

Toni Jakubowski

Christopher Pentz many surgeries & recovery

Together, let us pray for the repose of souls, especial

Ed Siciliano Betty Grise

Betsy Mahoney Dorothy Marshall

Jack Daubert Helen Janosco

MEMORIAL MASS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrating a Memorial Mass for all of those who have died in 2020 and 2021.

Mass will be Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP by January 4th, 2022 by calling 814-825-7313.

STITCHING MINISTRY

The Stitching Ministry will be changing their hours for the Winter months. They will be meeting on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. They will return to their Monday night in the spring.

New members are always welcome to join this group. If you have a little time and like to Sew or Knit or Iron or just want to help in some way, please come and join

Sunday 12/05/21-\$6241.80 Online giving -\$2701.61

Sunday 12/12/21-\$4083.00 Online giving -\$1066.26

Sunday 12/19/21-\$4730.00 Online giving -\$1030.05

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We are truly grateful for your support and generosity to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Please consider Our Lady of Mount Carmel in your estate planning.

CHANGE DURING MASS

Have you noticed a change in where the lector reads the week's announcements at Mass? Have you ever given any thought to the Ambo in our church? Many Catholics don't understand the full significance of the Ambo within the Mass and the reverence which it deserves.

The Ambo is the large wooden stand on the right side of the Sanctuary where we read the Scriptures from. Many people call it the pulpit, lectern, or podium. Our Scripture readings in Mass are liturgical acts. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) tells us: "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel."

Like the Altar reveals Christ physically with His people in the Eucharist, **the Ambo reveals Christ amidst His people in His word.** That makes it much more than just a podium for speeches. The Ambo is the platform from where Jesus speaks and should be revered similarly to how we respect the Altar. That's why our Ambo is designed to match our Altar.

To show the importance of the proclaimed Scriptures, we have made a **small change** that all announcements will occur from Cantor's stand.

You asked, and we listened!! Some of the responses for the survey done in May asked to enhance our Mass experience. We hope with this new small change and explanation; you will more fully embrace the **richness of the Liturgy of the Word.**

LADIES GUILD NEWS

A heartfelt thank you from the **OLMC Ladies' Guild** to all those who supported the **Bake Sale** -- the Guild members and their helpers who made and donated all the baked goods, those who worked behind the scenes packaging orders and working pick-up, and all who ordered the goodies! Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated. We realized a profit of **\$1,768.00** for parish needs!

CURSILLO NEWS

The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo Feb. 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022.

Applications can be found at www.ericursillo.org or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light
has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
(Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
(Ps 72)



SECOND READING

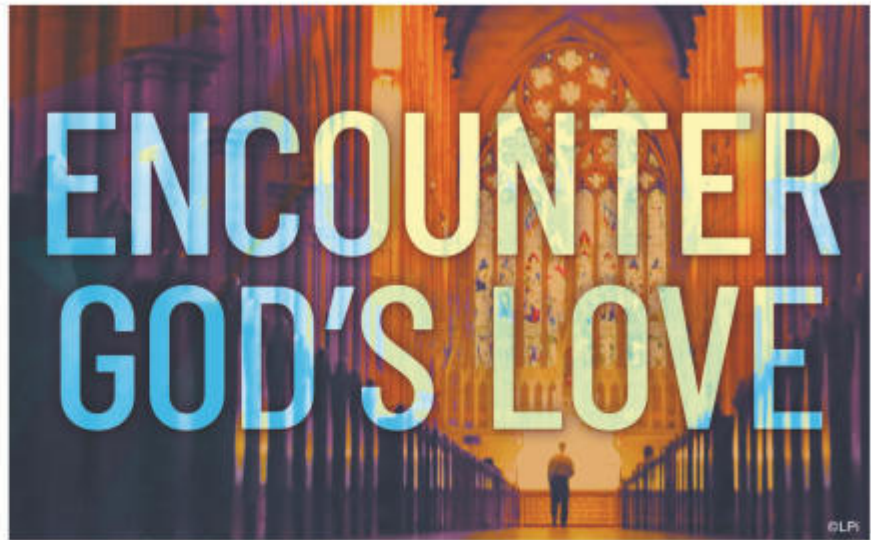
It was not made known to people in
other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by
the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members
of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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