



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reverend Raymond Hahn Pastor

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www.olmc-erie.org

January 16, 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

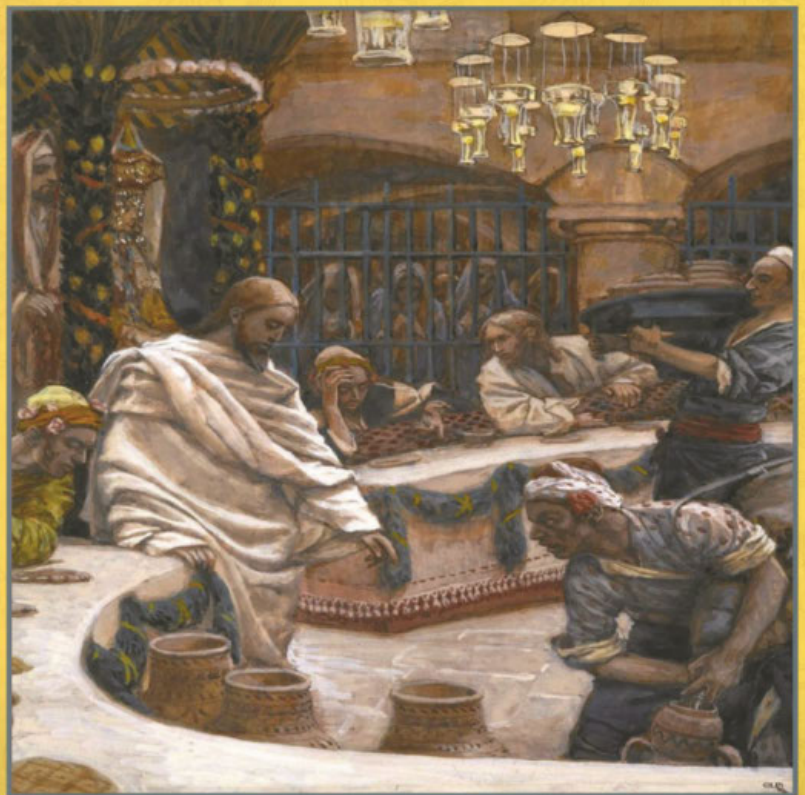
Monday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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.



2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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Parish Contacts

Weekend Assistant Rev. Casimir Wozniak

Deacon Rev. Dr. Frank Pregler

Secretary Lynette Wozniak 814 825-7313 Ext. 1

Faith Life Coordinator Susan Berdis 814 825-7313 Ext. 5

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in Memory of
Ryan Trejchel
Requested by
Mom & Dad

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday January 15
4:15 p.m. **Jim Timko**
Requested by Family

Sunday January 16
8:00 a.m. **For all Parishioners**

11:00 a.m. **Ann Conroe**
Requested by John Mark Gannon Assembly 0943

Monday January 17
7:00 a.m. **Nancy Ostromecki**
Requested by Ron Ostromecki

Tuesday January 18
7:00 a.m. **John Hanisek**
Requested by Family

Wednesday January 19
7:00 a.m. **Joseph Bolmanski**
Requested by Francis & Theresa Bolmanski

Thursday January 20
7:00 a.m. **Dominick Romeo**
Requested by Daughter

Friday January 21
7:00 a.m. **Ken Massing**
Requested by Dave & Sheila Janosky

Saturday January 22
4:15 p.m. **Anthony & Lena Scutella**
Requested by Ted Allegretto Family

Sunday January 23
8:00 a.m. **Kim Brady**
Requested by Val & Pat Wingrove

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

END OF YEAR STATEMENT

If you need a copy of your financial giving for 2021, please call the parish office. Statements will only be mailed to those who call.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday January 17
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (MPR)
5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (Meeting Room)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (MPR)

Tuesday January 18

Wednesday January 19
8:30 a.m. Church cleaning
8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Gym)

Thursday January 20
2:00 p.m. Second Harvest (MPR)
6:00 p.m. Folk Group Rehearsal (Church)
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday January 21

Saturday January 22
3:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday January 23
7:30 a.m. Praying the Rosary

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Observances for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Faith Life "Around the Table"

Welcome to a **new evangelization** and faith formation that is **encouraged by our Holy Father, Pope Francis**. It is a journey that we hope will help us even more **fully live out our parish mission**, one that the Our Lady of Mount Carmel community is well known for! **All parishioners** are invited to participate! We are one community in the one Body of Christ and **lifelong learners** in the Catholic Faith!

Desserts

Have you signed up for our next Bible Fellowship on the video series "The Chosen?" Last week I did a summary of the second and third sessions. Here is a **sneak peek** at the final session five. **You don't want to miss this series!** Register online at www.olmc-erie.org.

On April 2nd, we will watch Episode Seven: "Invitations" and episode Eight: "I am he."

Episode seven starts with a 1300-year flashback to a little-known story of Moses and the Israelites during the Exodus. It includes the portrayal of one of the most famously quoted chapters in the Bible (John 3), the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. We will see Jesus continue to call his followers with various backgrounds and personal issues but are prepared to follow their kind, brilliant, miracle-working rabbi anywhere he goes. To prepare for this session, read beforehand: **John 3:1-21**.

Episode eight begins with a flashback to Jacob's Well. Then the episode Fast forwards to Simon's house for a miraculous visit. We will see Jesus and his disciples leave Capernaum while under religious and Roman authorities, pressure. The apostles are still confused but are drawing together and are anxious for the Kingdom to come. To prepare for this session, read beforehand: **John 4:1-42**.

February menu

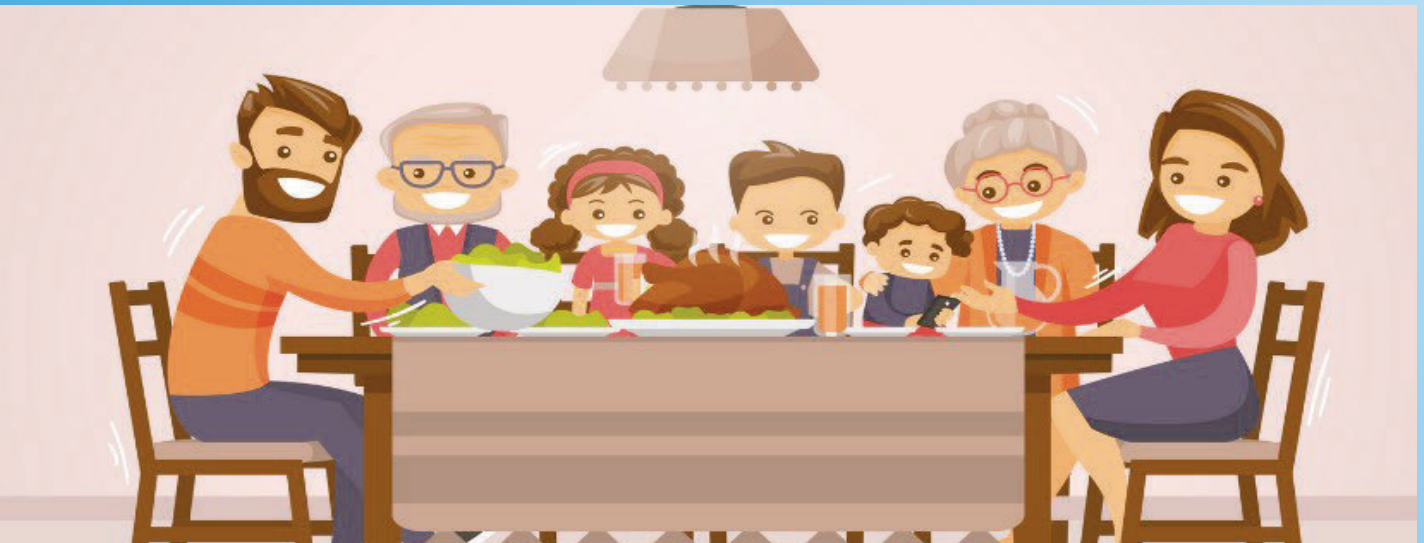
Side Dish

February 13th is the next Side Dish where we will honor Saint Valentine. **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 Valentine on the website under Side Dish.

Main Course

February 20th is the next "Parish Connection."

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

Doris Zawistowski Doug Baird

Betsy Mahoney Joan Prylinski

Robin Carrier Helen Janosco

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUND RAISER

The Knights of Columbus, #14437, St. Andrew Parish, is sponsoring a 50/50 Raffle (\$ 1.00 per ticket), and a Salisbury Steak Dinner; to benefit Michael Lombardozzi. Mike has been dealing with medical issues and is in need of assistance. The 50/50 Raffle tickets are for sale after 11:00 am Mass, and by contacting the Knights. (John Skrzypczak - 814-440-9157, Tom Klemm - 814-323-5222, Pat Nenno 814-812-4238) The dinner will be February 6, 2022, from Noon to 5 pm, at Msgr. Gannon Auditorium, 1116 West 7th Street, Erie, PA 16502; tickets will be available at the door.

Sunday 01/02/2022-\$2681.50 Online giving -\$735.05
Sunday 01/09/2022-\$5291.50 Online giving -\$2946.70
Sunday Online giving -\$
Sunday Online giving- \$

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.

PEOPLE FOR LIFE NEWS

Please consider participating in upcoming People for Life events. The 49th annual march for life will be held in Washington D.C. The buses will depart Erie at 11 P.M. on Thursday, January 20th. The March will be held on Friday, January 21st. The march begins immediately after a rally- around 1 P.M. The group will march peacefully up Constitution Ave. to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. The bus returns to Erie about 1:30 A.M. Saturday, January 22nd. The cost is \$60 per seat. Please contact the People for Life office at (814) 882-1333 or register on their website: office@peopleforlife.org.

If you cannot make the trip to Washington, then consider participating in the Erie March for Life that will take place on Saturday, January 29th. The March will begin promptly at 11 A.M. in Perry Square so please arrive by 10:45. The march will conclude at 12:30 P.M. *Be a voice for the unborn and show your support!*

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The conference will be held on Saturday, February 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and men from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle parish in Erie:
2. Virtually at hosting parishes via YouTube: participating parishes listed on our website, www.2232men.com
3. Virtually via YouTube in your home.

The morning program consists of two amazing speakers, and Mass with Bishop Persico. If you attend at St. Jude's or a satellite hosting parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The event is \$20.00. For more information or to register visit www.2232men.com or call (814) 4557364

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.eriecursillo.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.

THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

It has been quite a while since I last wrote this column. In fact, it was last year! With crazy bulletin deadlines and other interruptions, I put off writing until I could reflect on both Christmas and the New Year.

Let me begin by thanking so many people who sent cards, notes, emails, texts and in-person best wishes for Christmas, New Year's Day and my birthday (the latter being the same day!). Your kindness is very much appreciated! I know that both Fr. Cas and Deacon Frank feel the same way. The many words of support and gratitude and the promise of prayers really make a difference. Thanks for your generous kindness!

Thanks are also due to our church cleaners, volunteer decorators and all who contributed to the preparation of the church for Christmas. And to the volunteers who came this past Tuesday to remove, pack and store all our decorations. What a beautiful church we had this year! I appreciate Florence ordering all the flowers and those whose contributions paid for them and our other purchases this year. Our wonderful volunteers got everything arranged in just a few hours and even got that pesky outside wreath on the right front of church to work this year! What a great job! Your generous contributions also paid for a large order of new bubble-wrap to protect our nativity scene statues. For years, Bob Conroe and the volunteer painters in our Retirees' group have repaired and re-painted our many beautiful statues which have been a fixture of Mount Carmel Christmases for many years. And now we have brand-new bubble-wrap! Here's to many more Christmases for our manger scenes!

Even though our Covid-19 cases have significantly increased in Erie County, the Diocese has given permission for the return of ushers/greeters at our weekend Masses. Understandably, some of our former volunteers have some concerns about returning to their usher/greeter roles at this time. If you would like to volunteer as an usher/greeter (we plan to have a person at the side door, too), please contact the parish office (814-825-7313) and we will have our Coordinator for the Usher/Greeter Ministry, Jim Welka, get in touch with you. Or, call him directly.

We are also prepared to schedule adult Funeral Altar Servers again. A few have already contacted me about serving again. If you would like to be on our schedule for serving funerals, please call the office. I also hope to bring back our weekend Altar Servers once our schools get settled into a regular attendance routine.

I hope that you had a chance to enjoy our Living Nativity just before Christmas. I did! It was inspiring. The kids and those who prepared them did a wonderful job. It was fun and also brought the Christmas Gospel stories to life in a real way. Thanks to all who made this possible.!

Finally, it is the personnel policy of the Diocese for a priest who is contemplating retirement to write the Bishop a year in advance of that intended date. Since I just celebrated my 74th birthday (thanks again for all the birthday greetings and the Facebook post, Tim) and the Bishop would like pastoral changes to occur during the summertime, I wrote my retirement letter and Bishop Persico has accepted my request to take place "on or about July 1st". After my arrival at OLMC early in November, 2008, I have spent nearly 14 years as your pastor. That is only exceeded by Msgr. Scheffner (as is true of so many things here at OLMC). The Bishop has asked me to announce this now so that he can inform the priests of the Diocese about the openings that will be available in the coming months. Though I will have more to say closer to my actual retirement, let me conclude today with gratitude for the kindness, generosity, support and prayers I have been graced with during more than a decade as your pastor. It has been my only assignment as a pastor, but you have made it a wonderful time in my life. With thanks and a promise of my continued prayers for you and OLMC, Fr. Ray

CATHERINE'S CLUB GRANTS APPLICATIONS FOR NON-PROFITS NOW AVAILABLE

The Catherine's Club Giving Circle, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, invites qualified non-profit agencies to apply for grants aimed at initiatives supporting women and children. The Giving Circle promotes the economic self-sufficiency and/or well-being of women and children with needs resulting from limited financial resources, illness or inadequate education. Agencies applying for grants must be located within one of the 13 counties of the Catholic Diocese of Erie. Grant applications are now available by contacting Edie Hudson at 814-824-2516 or ehudson@sistersofmercy.org or by visiting the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse at 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Applications must be postmarked by March 15.

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