

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Reverend Raymond Hahn Pastor
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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

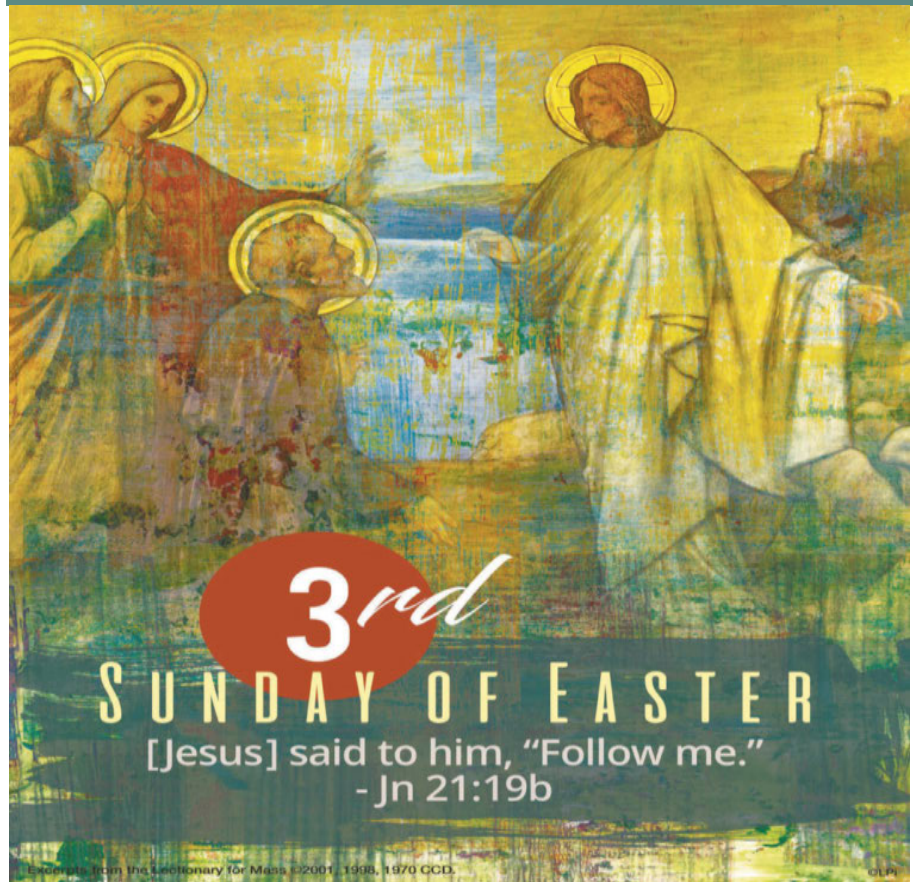
Dave Piotrowicz 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
814 825-4852

Bulletin: Announcements due Monday.

Parish office hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MAY 1, 2022



Parish Contacts

Weekend Assistant Rev. Casimir Wozniak
Deacon Rev. Dr. Frank Pregler
Faith Life Administrator Rebecca Wiest 814 825-7313 Ext. 5
Parish Office Administrator Susan Berdis

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Parishioner Information

MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in **Memory of Jim Scanlon**

Requested by Paul Jennifer and wife

Saturday, April 30th

4:15 p.m. **Marie and Anthony Nieder**

Requested by Nancy and Dennis Nieder

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners**

11:00 a.m. **Vincent Patterson**

Requested by Family

Monday, May 2nd

7:00 a.m. **Richard Rexford and Jonas Wolfram**

Requested by Family

Tuesday, May 3rd

7:00 a.m. **Betty Grise**

Requested Ladies Guild

Wednesday, May 4th

7:00 a.m. **Raymond Wolfe**

Requested by Gene and Patti Jaskiewicz

Thursday, May 5th

7:00 a.m. **Kathleen Nowak**

Requested by Joyce and Dave Andrzejewski

Friday, May 6th

7:00 a.m. **Margaret Dupre**

Requested by Roger Dupre

Saturday, May 7th

4:15 p.m. **Mill Wolfram**

Requested by Family

Sunday, May 8th

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

Requested by John and Joyce Maleski

11:00 a.m. Parishioners

If you would like to have a Mass said for your loved one, please call the parish office.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

As you know, the Catholic Services Appeal supports the mission of the Diocese of Erie to serve the people of northwest Pennsylvania. All CSA funds raised are placed in a designated account and used solely to support the programs and ministries of the Diocese and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Thank you to those who have given thus far. We are grateful for your support. Your **generosity impacts lives**. Never forget the significant impact you can make, whether **you** are giving a few dollars or a few hundred.

Your **generous gift** above and beyond our goal will help us complete projects like expand the drain for the "lake" that forms where our sidewalk meets the parking lot, replace sidewalk at entrance to the parish office and upgrade the church sound system.

Where we are as of May 1st

Pledged \$41,292

Paid \$30,982

Diocesan Assigned Goal \$55,411

Parish Goal \$65,000

Still needed to reach our parish goal \$23,708

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Stitching Ministry
	6:00 p.m.	Knights
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Council
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Church cleaning
	8:00 p.m.	Adult Basketball
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Folk Group Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Confessions
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Rosary

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



PEOPLE FOR LIFE CARNATION SALE

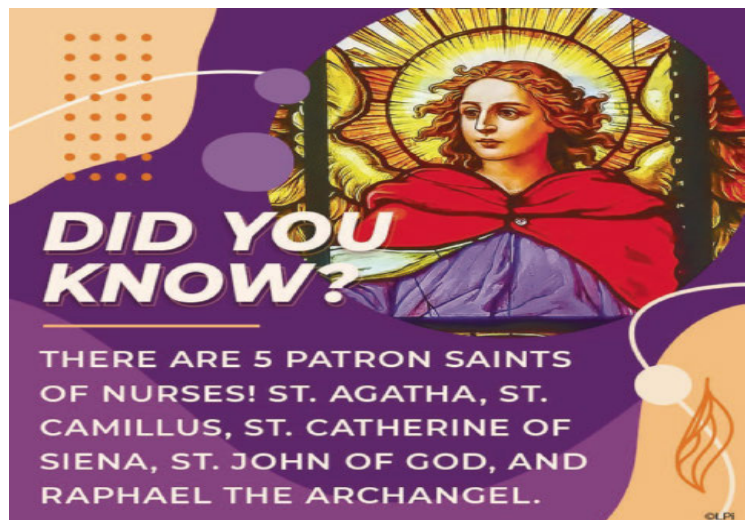
Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available **after Mass next weekend, May 7th and 8th.** Help celebrate Mother's Day by selecting some beautiful carnations for that special mom in your life. **Your donation of \$2 per carnation** will advance pro-life education and awareness right here in north-western Pennsylvania.

Please call the parish office if you know of someone in need of our prayers.

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| Pat Dunn | Ken Kelley |
| Bob Bauer | Rose Mary Kowalczyk |
| Chris McGill | Dennis Stazer |
| Lorrie Holtz | Karen Leo |
| Barb Charles | Rita Trabert |
| Joe G. | Charles D. Payne |
| Toni Jakubowski | Ron Matlock |
| Christopher Pentz | |

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

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| Lois Leise | Don Burick |
| Robert Kapsar | Domenico Tiblandi |
| Greg Helminski | Marjorie Leo |



Parishioner Information

Dear parish family,

This past November, I told Father Ray I would be **retiring as Faith Life Coordinator effective April 24th**. My time as the Faith Life Coordinator has been very special to me. I am honored to have been given a chance to help children grow in their faith. I have been blessed over the years with **phenomenal Catechists!** We have always been a very close team and worked together throughout the ministry, guiding the children through their classes, retreats, events, and Sacraments. Never did I feel that I was doing this alone, as these **beautiful volunteers were** always there for me. As a team, we felt the Holy Spirit with us, and with the support of Father Ray, Father Cas, and Deacon Pregler, the **past years have been fruitful**.

As many of you know, Father asked me to fill in at the parish office at the end of February until he found a replacement. As I began working and **interacting with parishioners**, the Holy Spirit started tugging at my soul, calling me to **embark on a road not yet traveled**. Therefore, I will be transitioning out of ministry and into Administration/Technology **in the parish office**.

Although my job is changing, I will still be involved in the Faith Life program but on a different level. **I love exploring Scripture** with others and using technology in new and creative ways to **share the Gospel**. Encouraging others in their faith and helping them **experience Christ through personal encounters** is something important to me in my ministry. I will **continue offering adult sessions** and can't wait to bring Chosen 2 to OLMC.

As I have said before, I am in awe of the Community at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the openness of our hearts as the Spirit, constantly and unfailingly, moves us to love God and our neighbors ever more deeply. I want to **express my deep gratitude to the many families** I have shared and nurtured faith with for the past thirteen years. I have felt God's presence in our encounters and **consider you all blessings in my life**. I look forward to still seeing you at Mass and when you visit the parish office. I will continue to hold you in my prayers always. You have formed me as a minister, **shown me what it means to be church**, and given me the courage to continue to say yes to God's call in my life. For that, **I am eternally grateful!**

With Gratitude in His Service,
Sue Berdis

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our Knights of Columbus Council at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, has joined all the other councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct a Baby Bottle fundraising drive to benefit the Women's Care Center of Erie for the purpose of **purchasing a mobile ultrasound van**. This medically equipped vehicle will visit rural areas, as well as our five local Universities to provide valuable, lifesaving services.

In 2021, the Knights provided an ultrasound machine to the Care Center, and in less than a year, 63 previously abortion bound women chose life for their unborn children, after viewing them on this state of the art machine. While this is certainly an achievement, we are now focusing on **helping to raise \$250,000** to purchase a mobile ultrasound van. If the Knights along with the other entities is able to achieve this goal, The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in Connecticut **will pay the entire cost of the mobile ultrasound machine**, amounting to about \$45,000.

Baby bottles will be available as you leave church the weekend of April 30th and May 1st. **Envelopes are also available for donations** if you would rather make a donation in place of using the bottles. If you are financially able, we ask you to fill them with change, Currency or checks and **return them on Father's Day**. All proceeds will go to the purchase of the mobile ultrasound van. Please call Greg Penco, (814) 392-3297 with any questions. Thank you, and God Bless!

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Thoughts on the way up Mount Carmel

What a wonderful First Eucharist we had this past Sunday! Many thanks are due to Sue Berdis and **Third Grade teacher, Amy Kehl**. The kids did a great job with the readings and intercessions and were **really attentive** during the entire Mass. **Thanks, too, to the families who helped bring their children** to this point in their faith and supported them in so many ways. It was great to see so many family members and friends at Mass to help the children understand what a **great gift the Eucharist** is and what an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus and stay close to him in the innumerable times they can receive Him into their hearts and lives during the remainder of their lives. It was a day to remember in so many ways (what beautiful weather we had on Sunday!), especially for your pastor being with his **last First Eucharist class at OLMC!**

While we do not have a certain date to end my tenure as your pastor (the Bishop's letter says "on or about July 1"), I do know that the Pastoral Council is planning a modest reception for my final Sunday. It will be great to be with you for these next two months and on the **afternoon of July 3**. But, I would like to be clear: **Please, no gifts!** Cards, notes, emails, etc. would be wonderful and much appreciated. **If you would like** to make a donation to the Foundation for the Future Capital Campaign before it ends on December 31, I would very much appreciate that generous thought as well! And, to those who asked: no, **the Bishop does not ask my permission** regarding my replacement! That's the job of the Personnel Board with the approval of the Bishop. It will be a while before they decide on who that will be.

This past week **I received my ticket and permission to concelebrate at the Canonization Mass** for Blessed Charles Foucauld and 6 others on May 15 in Rome. Blessed Charles' life is the inspiration for the Jesus Caritas Fraternity (a spirituality program for priests) of which I am a member and a number of religious orders. He was martyred in Algeria by an anti-French desert tribe in 1916. Pope Francis will preside at the Mass in St. Peter's Square on that Sunday and Fr. John Jacquel and I (along with many other fraternity **priests** from around the US and the world). **It will be my first (and likely only) time to attend a canonization** ceremony (when a person is proclaimed a saint) and to celebrate Mass with the Pope. I plan to see the inside of the Sagrada Familia Basilica in Barcelona and also the Alhambra, the last Moorish palace in Spain. I will have many pictures and, I hope, a few stories to tell when I get home.

I hope that you are anticipating as much as I am our first **Chiavetta's BBQ chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 22** with pickup from 12:15 to 4:00 at 15 minute intervals. Orders are already coming in quickly so get to our website and place your order. **If you don't do the computer, call or stop in the office** for help with your order. If you want a particular pickup time, you might get your order in soon. There will be **a limit on the number of dinners we can deliver in each 15 minute period**. But we are able to sell as many dinners as we want as long as the orders are received by **Sunday, May 15 at 6:00 P.M.** I got my order in!!

I am happy to announce that this past week I signed a contract with Rebecca Wiest, one of our experienced catechists, for the **position of Faith Formation Director**. Rebecca will direct our K-11 Faith Formation program as we introduce some significant changes being made by the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation. **Welcome Rebecca!** I want to also thank Sue Berdis who has so capably directed our education programs for nearly as long as I have been pastor. **I am very happy to tell you that Sue will be remaining with the parish**. As many of you know, Sue has been substituting in our parish office while we figured out how to manage not just the office, but the multitude of technology jobs (like the new Ministry Platform, the Livestream Mass, our website, Facebook, email communication, etc.). **Sue has agreed to change from "Temporary" to "Permanent"**. Her new position will be Parish Office Manager, Technology Director and Director of Adult Education. This latter means that we will be able to **continue our in-person and online education programs for adults**. There are more Chosen series that we have not yet scheduled. But we will now begin to work on multiple annual Adult Formation programs and Bible Studies. **I am very grateful to both Sue and Rebecca**, knowing that I will be leaving the education programs at OLMC in very good hands.

Finally, please take note of the **Knights of Columbus fundraiser that starts this weekend**. The project will provide a mobile imaging center for pregnant mothers. Pick up a baby bottle and put your coins and bills in it until Father's Day and support this worthy cause. Have a great first week of May! Fr. Ray

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