

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Catholic Church

1531 East Grandview Blvd.

Erie PA. 16510

December 25, 2022

Mass Schedule

Saturday; Vigil 4:15 p.m.
Sunday; 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Confessions Saturday; 3:30 p.m. and upon request.

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. 814 825-485

Parish office hours

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

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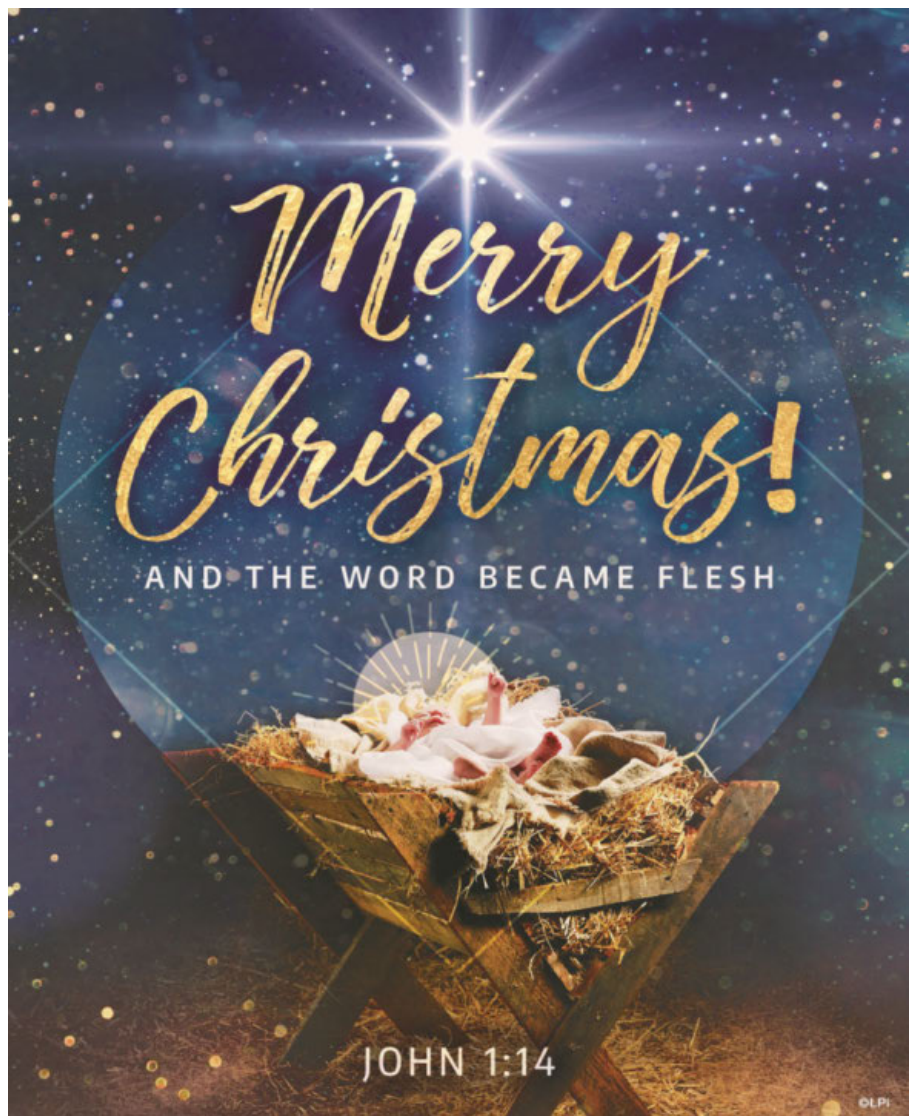
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Baptism

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact parish office one month in advance.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.



Parish Staff

Parochial Administrator — Very Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch, S.T.D., E.V.

Weekend Assistant — Rev. Casimir Wozniak, Ph.D.

In Residence — Rev. Ian McElrath

Deacon — Rev. Dr. Frank Pregler

Faith Life Administrator — Rebecca Wiest

Parish Office Administrator — Susan Berdis

Prayer and Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of † **Joanne Macrino**
Requested by Family

Saturday December 24th
5:00 pm † **Donald and Jeannine Miller**
Requested by Dave and Darleen Wilkinson

10:00 pm † **Bill Sova and Renee Lorei**
Requested by Wife and Family

Sunday December 25th
8:00 am **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

11:00 am † **Betsy Mahoney**
Requested by Nan Janis

Monday December 26th
7:00 am † **Ed Paprocki**
Requested by Knights Chapter 4071

Tuesday December 27th
7:00 am † **Elaine Tuholski**
Requested by Family

Wednesday December 28th
7:00 am † **Richard Meyer**
Requested by Knights Chapter 4071

Thursday December 29th
7:00 am † **Ryan Trejchel**
Requested by Mom and Dad

Friday December 30th
7:00 am † **Herman and Elizabeth Tellers**
Requested by Roger Dupre

Saturday December 31st
4:15 pm † **Carol Renner**
Requested by Scott and Shirley Torrance

Sunday January 1st
8:00 am † **Deceased Members of Rao Family**

11:00 am † **Helen Prizinsky**
Requested by Family

ROSARY

Join us every **Sunday morning at 7:30** a.m. in the church for reciting the Rosary offered for requests on the prayer chain, written in the intention book located in the vestibule.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Carolyn St. George	Marlene Kuzma
Jim Kitts	Joseph Saber
Linda Lafferty	Bob Bauer
Pat Dunn	Ginny Bello
Marleen McCommons	Ken Rettger
Dorothy Vash	Dennis Stazer
Kathy Ishman	Karen Leo
Doug Trabert	Rita Trabert
James Wienczkowski	Joe G.
Andy Estok	Toni Jakubowski
Rose Mary Kowalczyk	Lorrie Holtz
Barb Charles	Florence Sova

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

Jean Farmer	Walter Ore
Elaine Tuholski	Margaret Glover
Anthony Zonna	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Around the Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon., 12/26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry
Wed., 12/28	8:30 a.m. Church cleaning 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball
Thurs., 12/29	6:00 p.m. Folk Group 6:30 p.m. Choir
Sat., 12/31	Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Sun., 01/01	HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHRISTMAS WISHES

On behalf of Father Nick, Father Cas, deacon Frank and the staff at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we sincerely hope that **remembering Christ's birth** brings you much peace and hope. **Thank you for your presence and prayers** for our parish family. Know of our prayers on Christmas and always.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." Luke 2:10-11



GIVE THE GIFT OF CHOSEN TWO

Are you looking for a gift to give to someone **who has everything?** Look no further!

The communities of Saint Boniface, Saint John/Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel will offer the series **"Chosen Two"** that you can give to someone you love this Christmas!

We will **meet Jesus in a new way** through the eyes of the people who walked on earth with him.

This series brings the **story of Jesus to life.** It shows the people he cared about, the problems he faced, and the message he came to earth to give us in a new and compelling way.

No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, this study is for you!

We will begin on **Thursday, February 2nd,** and continue each Thursday through **March 23rd.,** from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Sign up on our website www.olmc-erie.org or call the parish office.

Gift certificates will be available in the back of Church AND parish office for you to wrap and put under your tree.

We look forward to studying God's word together! Deacon Denis Coan from Saint John/ Holy Rosary, Rosanne Jaworski from Saint Boniface, and Sue Berdis from Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

SPOILER ALERT

Chosen three will be offered in the **spring of 2023 at Saint John the Baptist Parish.**

AROUND THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you from the **Our Lady of Mount Carmel 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 an unbelievable **\$2,796.43** for parish needs! Thanks again!!

HELP NEEDED

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been instrumental in the past helping with Our Neighbor's place ministry and they are asking for help with Season 11. Our Neighbor's Place is a seasonal **overflow shelter for adults who are homeless**.

This year the shelter is moving back to St. John the Baptist Church. It will be located in Pastors' Hall which is in the basement of the church. The first session will be **January 11th – January 24th of 2023** and the second will be **March 22nd –April 4th of 2023**.

Volunteers are needed **to work 4 hour shifts, provide bagged meals, and provide donations**.

For more information, **there is a flier on the bulletin board** in the entrance of the gathering space. To volunteer please contact Mary Ellen Lieb via email at melieb4@gmail.com or Mary Hoffman at mary14@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for helping make life a little easier for the homeless in this community!

MONETARY DONATIONS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be once again **making meals for the homeless** shelter this January. We are currently accepting donations to **help defray the cost of meals**. If you are able, please drop donations in the weekly basket or in the parish office drop box. **Thank you in advance!**

HELP NEEDED AT CARING PLACE

Highmark caring Place is a center for grieving children, adolescents and their families. Grieving children and adults come to the caring place after a loved one dies, **seeking the safety and comfort of being with others** who understand because they are going through similar circumstances.

They are in **desperate need of volunteers** and are offering training on the following three dates. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Thurs., Feb, 2nd from 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 4th from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 6th from 5:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

(Attendance is mandatory at all three.)

For more information please contact Kristen Huber at 814 528-0934 or Kristen.huber@highmark.com

CENTERING PRAYER

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville is hosting an **Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat** with Sister Ruth Ann Madera on **Jan. 27th to 29th** at the Bethany Retreat Center, 1031 Germania Rd., in Frenchville.

Six additional follow-up sessions will be scheduled throughout 2023. **Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer** that prepares a person to receive the gift of contemplative prayer. To learn more visit **www.bethanyretreatcenter.org**.

Around the parish

THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

Tis the season for exchanging Christmas cards – it's a wonderful way to stay in touch with family and loved ones and to include a message of faith. I enjoy the great variety of images of the Holy Family, the three kings, the shepherds, the star over Bethlehem etc. One of the **first cards I received this year** included this wonderful passage from the Old Testament which anticipates the birth of Christ, the Word of God:

“When a profound silence covered all things
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven’s royal throne.”
(Wisdom 18: 14-15)

As you gather with your family and loved ones this holy season, **know that as a parish family we hold one another in prayer.** May we all experience Christ bounding from his throne in heaven to the throne of our hearts.

Blessed Christmas to us all!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Pray for us!
Fr. Nick Rouch

P.S. Beginning with the Christmas Masses, I would like to return to the liturgical practice of **ringing bells during the consecration of the Mass.** Although this is optional, recent surveys of American Catholics indicate that we need to be reminded—**Christ becomes truly present on the altar during Mass.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a **beautiful and meaningful part** of our Catholic tradition. As we end 2022, we are still scheduling Mass Intention requests submitted earlier in the 2021 calendar year. **Please be patient** with us as the **requests exceed the available Masses** being said within a month. This creates a backlog. Canon Law does not permit us to keep Mass intentions beyond those we can schedule in a year.

Consequently, **some intentions may have to be sent** to the Chancery or Mission Office for distribution to other priests who will be able to celebrate these Masses promptly.

Father Ian McElrath will offer Masses for the following intentions received at OLMC during school Masses at Mercyhurst Prep. Raymond Wolfe, David Janosky, Doug Baird, Cynthia Sylvis, Nancy Kala. **Thank you for your understanding and patience.**

NEW YEAR'S PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close for New Year's on **Thursday, December 29th** at 1:00 pm and re-open at 9:00 am on **Tuesday, January 3rd.** Remember if you need to drop off envelopes or anything else, you can use the parish **office mail box** outside of the education building. If there is an emergency during this period, please **leave a message** on the parish office voicemail and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Happy New Year!

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

New Year's Eve. 4:15 p.m.

New Year's Day 8:00 a.m.

New Year's Day 11:00 a.m.

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