

# *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

## *Catholic Church*

*1531 East Grandview Blvd.  
Erie PA. 16510*

### *January 8, 2023*

#### **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 office 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

#### **Contact us**

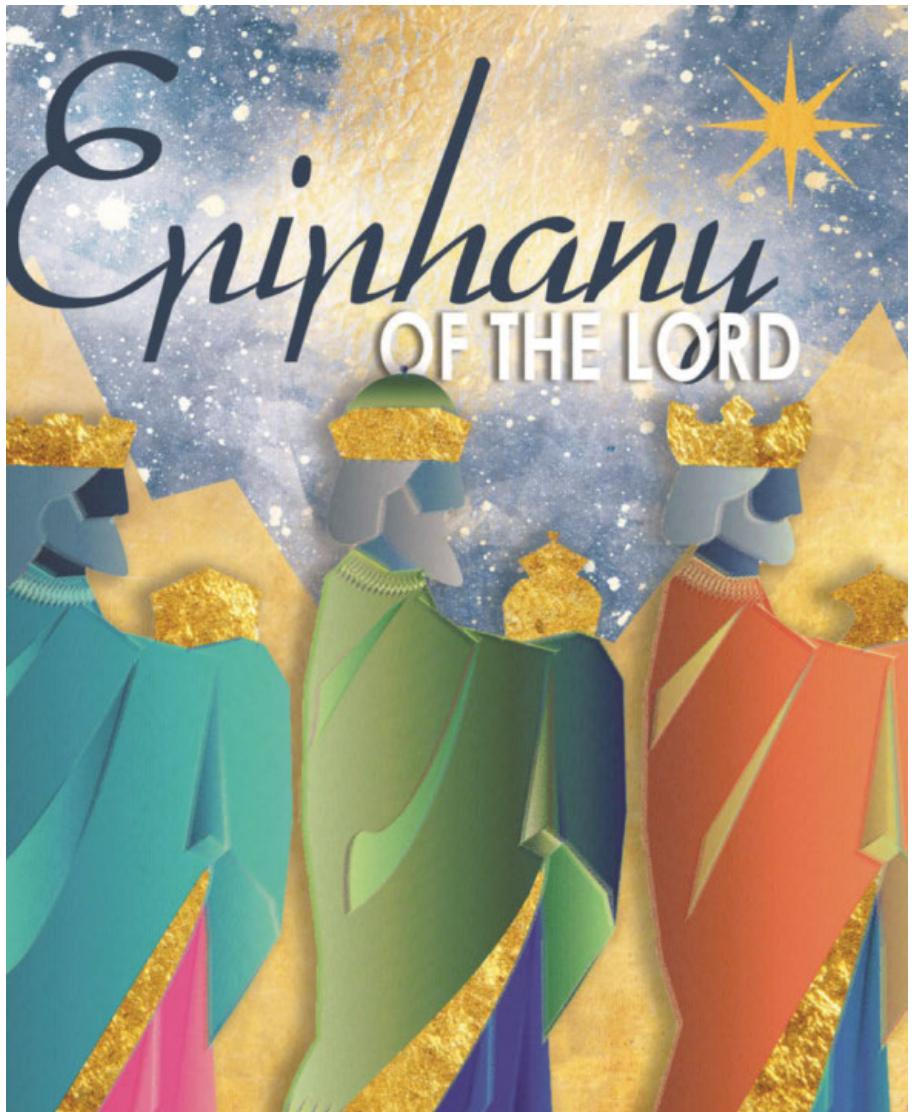
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#### **Baptism**

Usually following 11:00 a.m. Mass.  
Please contact parish office one  
month in advance.

#### **Marriage**

Arrangements must be made with  
the parish office at least 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 † **Brian Manley**

Requested by Michelle, Christopher, Christian

Saturday January 7th

4:15 pm † **Gerald Skolnik**

Requested by Judd and Patty Italiani

Sunday January 8th

8:00 am † **Jim and Fran Wheeler**

Requested by Family

11:00 am † **Carol Renner**

Requested by Frank and Jane Pregler

Monday January 9th

7:00 am † **Thomas Lee**

Requested by John and Joyce Maleski

Tuesday January 10th

7:00 am † **Betsy Mahoney**

Requested by Rosanne Hanisek

Wednesday January 11th

7:00 am † **Nancy Ostromecki**

Requested by Husband

Thursday January 12th

7:00 am † **Carol Renner**

Requested by Martha and Pete Murdock

Friday January 13th

7:00 am † **Greg Helminski**

Requested by Mom, Dad and Family

Saturday January 14th

4:15 pm † **Diane Allegretto**

Requested by Ted Allegretto Family

Sunday January 15th

8:00 am **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

11:00 am † **Ryan Trejchel**

Requested by Mom and Dad

## 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

Jim Kitts

Linda Lafferty

Pat Dunn

Marleen McCommons

Dorothy Vash

Kathy Ishman

Doug Trabert

James Wienczkowski

Andy Estok

Rose Mary Kowalczyk

Barb Charles

Marlene Kuzma

Joseph Saber

Bob Bauer

Ginny Bello

Ken Rettger

Dennis Stazer

Karen Leo

Rita Trabert

Joe G.

Toni Jakubowski

Lorrie Holtz

Florence Sova

Together, let us pray for the repose of souls.

Rose Waldemarson

Walter Ore

Margaret Glover

Jean Farmer

Elaine Tuholski

Anthony Zonna

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

# AROUND THE PARISH

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon., 1/09	3:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry
Tues., 1/10	9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Men's Council
Weds., 1/11	6:00 p.m. Brownies 8:30 a.m. Church cleaning 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball
Thurs., 1/12	4:00 p.m. Legion of Mary 6:00 p.m. Folk Group 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
Sat., 1/14	Confessions 3:30 p.m.
Sun., 1/15	7:30 a.m. Rosary

## CHOSEN TWO

The communities of Saint Boniface, Saint John/Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes will offer the series **"Chosen Two."** 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](http://www.olmc-erie.org) or call the parish office.

**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.

## 2022 TAX STATEMENTS

We will **not mail tax statements** this year unless you request us to do so. Call the parish office.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. **Just be wise enough to know** which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it **wasn't entirely easy** for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, **Herod posed as a friend.** He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a **gnawing sense of doubt** while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. **They probably felt safe.**

The **Magi were lucky enough** to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

## STEWARDSHIP

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY December 25th

Needed each week **\$9000.00**

Weekly offering **\$3972.15**

Christmas Offering **\$2043.00**

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY January 1st

Needed each week **\$9000.00**

Weekly offering **\$5106.00**

Christmas Offering **\$370.00**

**Thank you for your financial support.** Your continued support enables us to operate and maintain both the Church and Education building. **We are grateful!**

# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## 45TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

People for Life's 45th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be **held on Jan. 14** at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. The main speaker will be Patricia Sandoval. She will tell her story of **finding forgiveness** and restoration after three abortions and three years as a homeless drug addict.

Tickets are \$22 for ages over 12 and \$14 for ages 3 to 12. Children under three are welcome to attend at no cost. **Payments can be mailed to People for Life**, P.O. Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to pay by credit card, call 814.882.1333 or go visit the website [www.peopleforlife.org/january2023](http://www.peopleforlife.org/january2023).

## MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Attend the 50th Annual March for Life in **Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20**. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on the evening of Jan. 19 at 11 p.m. and return at approximately 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 21. Students and families on tight budgets are encouraged to inquire about sponsorships arranged by People for Life.

**Reservations should be made as soon as possible.** Send \$65 per seat to People for Life, P.O. Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512. Pay by December 19 and get a \$5 early bird credit (send \$60 per seat). For more information or to use a credit card, call 814.882.1333 or go online to [www.peopleforlife.org/january2023](http://www.peopleforlife.org/january2023).

## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL MISSION

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is hosting a **Eucharistic Revival Mission** in conjunction with the Office for Divine Worship of the Diocese of Erie on **Jan. 22-24 at 7 p.m.** at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 West 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. **All are welcome.**

See the flier on our bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

## DIOCESE OF ERIE CHILD PROTECTION

3 Ways for Teens to Reboot. Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it **hard to fall asleep** or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can **affect everything from their mood** to their sports performance. Here are 5 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning.

- 1.)** Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime.
- 2.)** Turn off your phone when it's time for bed don't just set it to vibrate.
- 3.)** Get in the habit of powering off your devices – especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles.

Blinking lights and glowing screens can **make it harder to fall and stay asleep**. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices **will give your brain** some much needed tech-free downtime. Additional resources are available on the website [www.eriecd.org/childprotection](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection).

## 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](mailto:Kristen.huber@highmark.com)

# AROUND THE PARISH

## THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

I always found the Feast of Epiphany to be a fascinating observance in our Catholic tradition. Not only do **we recall the manifestation of the Savior** to the non-Jewish world (represented by the magi or kings from the East), the Church also **associates the feast with** the Baptism of the Lord, and the miracle at the wedding at Cana. This is made explicit in the Liturgy of the Hours, which complements the celebration of the Eucharist. At first look, these three events are far apart in place and time, and few similarities are readily evident. Yet as we ponder each in the gospels, we can **begin to recognize the common thread** in the mind of the Church – **Each account records an momentous occasion** when the grace of Christ broke into the world in a new way, and He is recognized as the powerful Son of God. It's as if Jesus is crossing borders, and breaking into the human family with saving power and saving wisdom. **We can best celebrate this feast**, then, by opening up the border of our heart, and let Him enter in new ways.

Some of you have expressed your **gratitude for the return of ringing the bells** during the consecration at Mass. Some of you have politely asked, why **bring this back? While it is not required, the** ringing of bells is allowed during the Eucharistic Prayer. A recent national survey has indicated that many practicing Catholics do not fully comprehend an essential truth of our Catholic faith – that at Mass the **bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ**. We have used various terms to honor this reality – The Real Presence, Transubstantiation, the Blessed Sacrament. So it seems to me that an audible reminder (the bells) can help us **consciously affirm** what happens when the priest prays the words of consecration over the bread and wine. He is with us. He wishes to be received by us. **He wants to dwell within us** with His eternal mercy and love. He wants to work through us. A pious custom from Ireland (and other lands) is for the faithful to whisper an acclamation of faith when the Body and Blood are elevated after consecration: “My Lord and my God!” These are the words of St. Thomas as the Risen Christ called him to believe after the resurrection. They can be our words too at every Mass.

Finally, I **thank you for your generosity to the parish** and your kindness to priests and deacon over the Christmas holidays. Be assured of our prayers and gratitude.

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

## 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.**

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