

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Catholic Church

*1531 East Grandview Blvd.
Erie Pennsylvania 16510*

February 19, 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) 825-4852

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

Phone (814)825-7313 ext. 1
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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 February 18th

4:15 pm † **Anthony and Lena Scutella**

Requested by Ted Allegretto Family

Sunday February 19th

8:00 am † **Gerald Bohrer**

Requested by Family

Sunday, February 19th

11:00 am **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

Monday February 20th

7:00 am † **Nancy Zimmerman**

Requested by Larry and Debbie Wilczynski

Tuesday February 21st

7:00 am † **William Dzikowski**

Requested by Family

Wednesday February 22nd

7:00 am † **Mary Lichtenwalter**

Requested by Sally and Betsy Mahoney

Wednesday February 22nd

6:00 pm † **Dirk Edge**

Requested by Massing Family

Thursday February 23rd

7:00 am † **Gerald Shrum**

Requested by Charles Wolfram

Friday February 24th

7:00 am † **Megan Elizabeth Becker**

Requested by Family

Saturday February 25th

4:15 pm † **Elizabeth, Gordon, Betsy Mahoney**

Requested by Sally Mahoney

Sunday February 26th

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

11:00 am † **Phyllis Thornbloom**

Requested by Lynne and Dave Yaple

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Ann Marie McKean

Jerry Trott

Joe St. George

Thomas Smyczek

Joe Malina

Pat Dunn

Mary Ann Brennen

Karen Hughes

Carolyn St. George

Jim Kitts

Linda Lafferty

Dorothy Vash

James Wienczkowski

Rose Mary Kowalczyk

Marlene Kuzma

Barbara Edwards

Joseph Saber

Dennis Stazer

Karen Leo

Rita Trabert

Joe G.

Toni Jakubowski

Lorrie Holtz

Florence Sova

Kathy Ishman

Barb Charles

Andy Estok

Doug Trabert

Let us pray for the faithful departed:

Madoline Frantz

Constance Borowicz

Joseph Amann Jr.

Buddy Yurcak

Diane Krysiak

Nancy Zimmerman

Edward Carniewski

Rose Waldemarson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

AROUND THE PARISH

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon., 2/20	6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry
Tues., 2/21	6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild
Weds., 2/22	7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 a.m. Church cleaning 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass 6:00 p.m. Brownies 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball
Thurs., 2/23	9:00 a.m. Pierogi Making 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study MPR 6:00 p.m. Folk Group 6:30 p.m. Choir
Sat., 2/25	3:30 p.m. Confessions
Sun., 2/26	7:30 a.m. Rosary 12:30 p.m. Adoration

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed Thursday, February 23rd and Friday, February 24th.

Remember you can use the **office drop box** outside the front entrance.

PIEROGI MAKING

We have begun making pierogi for our Lenten dinners. Join us this **Thursday, February 23rd**. Meet us in the kitchen starting at 9:00 a.m. and **we will teach you** everything you need to know!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly offertory **February 12th**
Needed each week **\$9000.00**
Weekly offering \$4922.00

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

We are grateful!

CSA

February 19th is **Commitment Sunday for the 2023 CSA**. Only by working together can we make it possible for parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, clergy and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ's teaching.

You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, as members of the Diocese of Erie, **we play an important role in the diocesan activities** of Catholic education, evangelization, promoting justice and serving people in need throughout our diocese. Our diocese has **work to do on behalf of the Lord** and we are all asked to share our gifts to help advance the mission of the church.

Our bishop assures us that donations to the CSA 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.

Your gift is so important. Thank you for giving!



LENTEEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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AROUND THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY

FISH AND PIEROGI LENTEN DINNERS

Our famous fish and pierogi dinners will be here before you know it! Join your fellow parishioners on **Fridays, March 3rd, 17th, and 31st, from 4-7 p.m.**

The menu includes Fried Fish, Pierogi, two sides, rolls, coffee, and ice cream. **Help support Our Lady of Mount Carmel** and enjoy a delicious meal at the same time! Dine in or carry out. The cost is \$15/adults \$7/children.

As always thank you for your support!!

PRAYERFUL PEOPLE NEEDED

If you offer prayers on a daily basis, please **consider joining** the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Prayer Line. It is one of the easiest, yet one of the most important ministries in our Parish. Depending upon your preference, you can be contacted with requests either by email or phone. You simply **include the individuals** and intentions as part of your daily prayers.

Prayer is powerful, and will make help make a difference in people's time of need. **Lent is a spiritually rewarding** time to saying yes to helping others with your prayers. Please call Dave at (814) 528-4971 to join.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Support our neighbors at Saint Stan's on the opposite Fridays in Lent of when OLMC holds their dinners.

February 24th, March 10th, and March 24th from 4 to 7 p.m. at 516 East 13th St., Erie. The dinner includes homemade fish and pierogi and comes with two sides.

Prices are \$15 for adults and \$6 for ages six to 12. Children under five eat for free.

Call 814-452-6606 for more information.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Eighth Annual Catholic Women's Conference in Erie is a little over one month away. **Be a part of it!** The name 1:38 Women is based on the theme of Luke 1:38: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." The conference will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, at St. Jude Parish, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie, PA, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The women from our diocese will **gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired.** The program consists of our amazing speaker, Laurel Phelps, and Mass with Bishop Persico. You will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. **The event is \$20**, College Students \$10, High School Students \$5, and Religious FREE. For more information or to register visit www.1:38women.com or call (814) 455-7364.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Register today for 22:32 Men, a Catholic Men's Conference! Enjoy a **dynamic experience with men** from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The 10th annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, **March 4, 2023**, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and you may attend as follows:

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.

Don't miss this opportunity to **grow in your relationship with the Lord** through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, and reconciliation as well as Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. All you need to have is an open heart!

The event is just \$20. For more information and to register visit the website www.2232men.com or call (814) 455-7364.

AROUND THE PARISH

THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

Dear Friends:

In just a few days, on **Ash Wednesday**, we will hear the call to conversion and enter the holy **Season of Lent**. We all need this time of prayer – asking the Holy Spirit to help us fashion our lives and hearts more closely to God's will. Traditionally, it is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. With all this in mind, I exhort you to embrace the grace of Lent and to consider these opportunities:

- **Ash Wednesday Masses** will be at 7:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- **Days of Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday, All Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older. [Note: This year, St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Friday in Lent. In recognition that St. Patrick is the Principal Patron Saint of the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Persico has dispensed all Latin Rite Catholics from the requirement of abstinence from eating meat on March 17, 2023.]
- **Days of Fasting:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting for those ages 18-58 inclusive.
- **Sacrament of Penance:** In addition to the normal Saturday confession time, Father Cas and I will be available for Confession **after ALL weekend** Masses during Lent. Please take advantage of this great sacrament of Divine Mercy!
- **Daily Mass:** I encourage you to consider attending Mass during the week, here or at any parish. We have 7:00 am Mass at OLMC, Monday through Friday.
- **The Chosen – Season Two:** Each Thursday, we watch an episode of the life of Jesus and His disciples and prayerfully discuss. We begin at 6:00 pm in the MPR and conclude by 7:30 pm.
- **Fish and Pierogi Dinners:** Fridays, March 3, 17, 31, from 4:00-7:00 pm, followed by...
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays, March 3, 17, 31, at 7:00 pm, in the church, led by Deacon Frank Pregler.

Let us enter into the holy season with a **real desire for a change of heart** – that we might become ever more fully his missionary disciples!

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

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. **It all belongs to God.** It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though **all of us came from dust and to dust we will return**, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state.

The only thing we can take with us? **Our hearts and whether or not we loved.**

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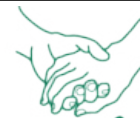
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