

# *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

## *Catholic Church*

*1531 East Grandview Blvd.  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510*

### *February 26, 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**

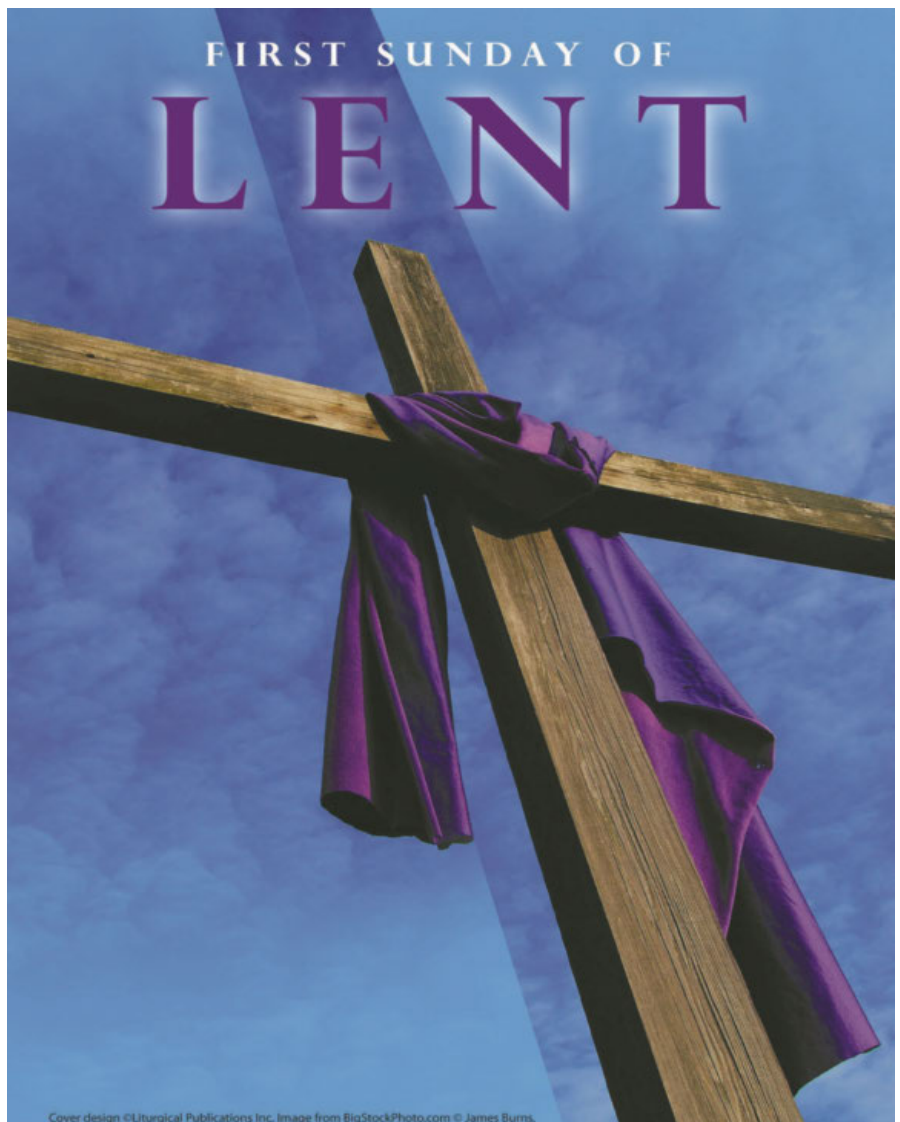
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#### **Baptism**

Usually following 11:00 a.m. Mass.  
Please contact parish office at least 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 † **Ed Siciliano**

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 Dave and Lynne Yaple

Monday February 27th

7:00 am † **Joseph Amann Jr.**

Requested by Harry and Palma

Tuesday February 28th

7:00 am † **Robert E. Fox Sr.**

Requested by Mike Fiscus

Wednesday March 1st

7:00 am † **Dorothy Marshall**

Requested by Mark and Annie Jaskiewicz

Thursday March 2nd

7:00 am † **Joan Prylinski**

Requested by Beverly Kimet

Friday March 3rd

7:00 am † **Buddy Yurcak**

Requested by Cindy Patterson

Saturday March 4th

4:15 pm **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

Sunday March 5th

8:00 am † **Michael J. Krawczyk**

Requested by Ben and Dorothy Pamula

11:00 am † **Nancy Wasielewski**

Requested by Vera Ditch

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pam Zirolli

Ann Marie McKean

Thomas Smyczek

Pat Dunn

Mary Ann Brennen

Karen Hughes

Carolyn St. George

Jim Kitts

Linda Lafferty

Dorothy Vash

James Wienczkowski

Rose Mary Kowalczyk

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Karen Leo

Rita Trabert

Joe G.

Toni Jakubowski

Lorrie Holtz

Kathy Ishman

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Andy Estok

Doug Trabert

## Let us pray for the faithful departed:

Robert E. Fox Sr.

Madoline Frantz

Constance Borowicz

Joseph Amann Jr.

Buddy Yurcak

Joseph Malina

Diane Krysiak

Nancy Zimmerman

Edward Carniewski

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**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

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## 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.

# AROUND THE PARISH

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun., 2/26	12:30 p.m. Adoration
Mon., 2/27	6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry
Weds., 3/01	8:30 a.m. Church cleaning 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball
Thurs., 3/2	9:00 a.m. Fish Dinner Prep 6:00 p.m. Folk Group 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Chosen Study MPR
Fri., 3/3	4:00 p.m. Fish Dinner 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat., 3/4	3:30 p.m. Confessions
Sun., 3/5	7:30 a.m. Rosary

## CSA

February 19th was Commitment Sunday for the 2023 CSA, however, **you can still make a pledge** to support our parish and the diocese. **As of February 22nd \$29,330.00** has been pledged of the \$52,011 goal so we are half way there!! Anything beyond that will be used for the parish project of re-sealing the parking lot.

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. **Your gift is so important.**

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly offertory **February 19th**  
Needed each week **\$9000.00**  
Weekly offering \$4304.00

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

## FISH DINNER PREP

Volunteers are needed to **help prep** for the March 3rd fish and pierogi Lenten dinner.

We will meet in the kitchen **starting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2nd.** If this is your first time helping, no problem, we will show you what to do. Remember, **many hands make light work!**

## FISH AND PIEROGI LENTEN DINNERS

Our famous Lenten fish and pierogi dinners begin this **Friday, March 3rd 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.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## 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.

# AROUND THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY

## FINAL CALL MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 10th annual 22:32 Men's Conference for men in the Diocese of Erie, is scheduled for **this coming Saturday, March 4, 2023**, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$20.

### 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](http://www.2232men.com);
3. Virtually via YouTube in your home.

Hear inspiring **national speakers**, Fr. Larry Richards and Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck.

**For more information** and to register, visit [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com) or call (814) 455-7364.

## MARCH ENVELOPES

Our envelope company will **NOT be mailing March envelopes**. Please use the envelopes at all entrances to the Church for your donation. **If you know your envelope number**, marking it on your donation would be helpful. You will receive your April-May packet at the end of March.

**Thank you for understanding!**

## 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** and to register visit [www.1:38women.com](http://www.1:38women.com) or call (814) 455-7364.

## CALL FOR SINGERS

The Erie Diocese Music Directors' Choir is looking for singers to **join the Cathedral Choir** for diocesan functions such as the Chrism Mass and ordinations.

If you are interested or for more information, **visit the Saint Peter Cathedral website** and Erie Music Directors' Choir on the main page.

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Harborcreek is hosting a **free multimedia presentation**, Eucharistic Miracles, by neuropsychologist Dr. Jaci Phillips on **March 8** at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek.

The event **begins after 5:30 p.m. Mass**, with soup being served at 6:10 p.m. Jaci will begin her presentation at 6:45 p.m.

**All are welcome!**

## LENTEN FISH DINNERS

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

**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.

# AROUND THE PARISH

## THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

Dear Friends:

Personally, I need the season of Lent. I need the call to conversion. I need to be **humbled before God's great mercy**. I need to re-set my priorities. I need to listen to Jesus, really listen. And while we often think of this liturgical season in terms of "what I'm doing for Lent," and this has its place, it's important to also consider this season as what God is ready to do for me, if I let Him. **Remember, a good Lent starts anywhere...** wherever you are at... simply say, "Here I am Lord, I want to do your will. Help me."

Over the past two weekends, many of you have submitted your pledges to the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), and **I'm grateful for your response**. So far, we have received pledges totaling \$29,330.00, on a goal of \$52,011. We're making good progress. For those who have not yet made a pledge, I ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment. **Anything over our goal stays and the parish**—hopefully enough to re-seal the parking lot. As Roman Catholics, we are members of the Diocese of Erie *and* of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Your CSA offering supports both the important work of our diocese and of the parish. Please see your offering as part of **Lenten almsgiving**. We're in this together.

During Lent, Father Cas and I are committed to being available to you for the **Sacrament of Penance**. After each weekend Mass, one or both of us will be available to hear your Confessions. It is such a powerful, life-giving sacrament. Please take advantage of His Divine Mercy. No matter how long since your last Confession... **He is ready forgive**.

This Friday is our **first Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinner**, from 4-7pm. Thanks to all the volunteers who have prepared the meals and who will help serve. Please come by for a great dinner and fellowship. Deacon Frank will lead the **Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm** in the Church.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you – Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Pray for us!

Fr. Nick Rouch

## SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Mindful. What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you **really start reflecting**, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is **still there** waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the **life of a disciple** trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the **temptations we never actually see**. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but **we miss him** because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for **how and when** God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, **we will miss** those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, **God may need** us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. **We need to stay awake**, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even **miss the pathway** out of that desert when it presents itself. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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