

# *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

## *Catholic Church*

*1531 East Grandview Blvd.  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510*

### *March 5, 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**

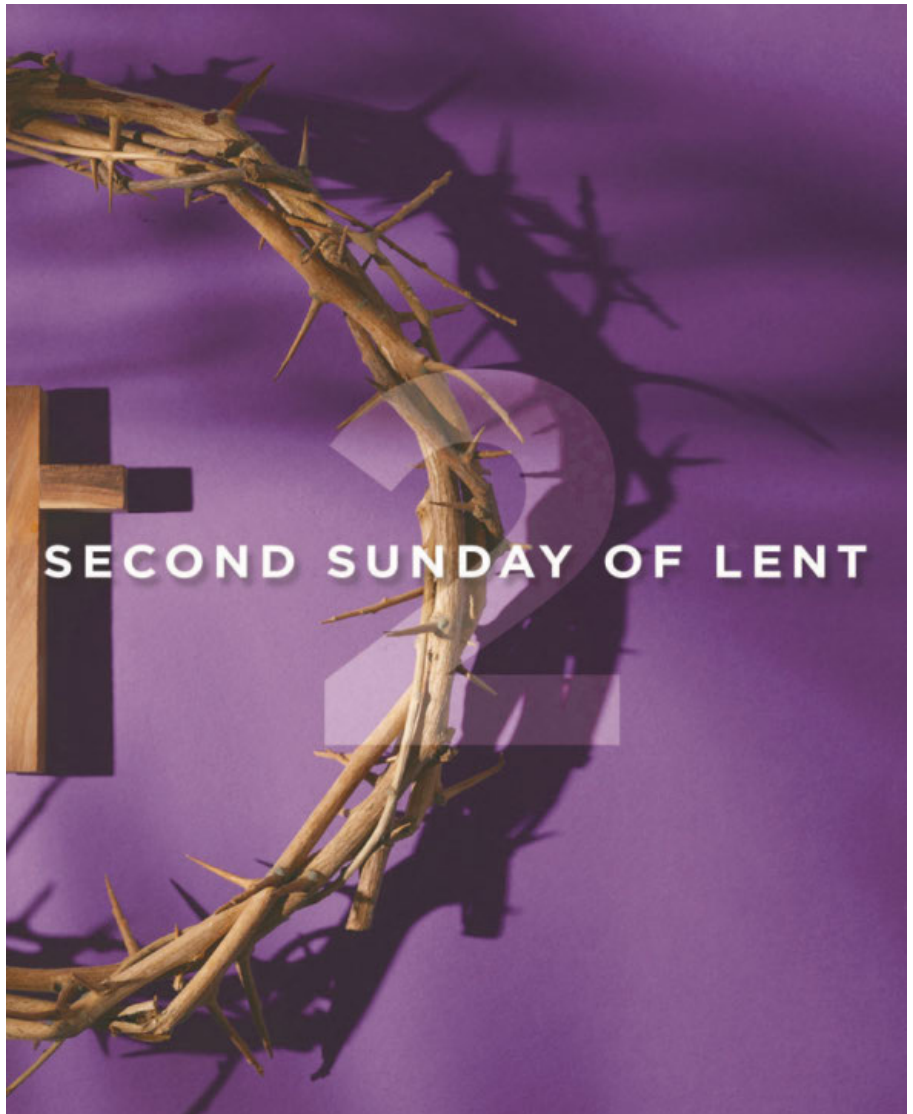
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#### **Baptism**

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 † **Ryan Trejchel**

Requested by Mom and Dad

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

Monday † March 6th

7:00 am **Edward Carniewski**

Requested by Judy Hart

Tuesday March 7th

7:00 am † **Carol Renner**

Requested by Martha and Pete Murdock

Wednesday March 8th

7:00 am † **Bob Kapsar**

Requested by Alice Fuhrman

Thursday March 9th

7:00 am † **Betsy Mahoney**

Requested by Frank and Jane Pregler

Friday March 10th

7:00 am † **Al Aducci**

Requested by Family

Saturday March 11th

4:15 pm † **Jane Fedorko**

Requested by Ted Allegretto Family

Sunday March 12th

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

11:00 am † **Carol Renner**

Requested by Val and Patty Wingrove

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pam Zirolli

Don Roth

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

Jerry Trott

Joe St. George

Marlene Kuzma

Barbara Edwards

Dennis Stazer

Karen Leo

Rita Trabert

Joe G.

Toni Jakubowski

Lorrie Holtz

Kathy Ishman

Barb Charles

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

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## 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

Mon., 3/06 6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry  
Tues., 3/07 7:00 p.m. Men's Council  
Weds., 3/08 8:30 a.m. Church cleaning  
6:00 p.m. Brownies  
8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball  
Thurs., 3/9 6:00 p.m. Folk Group  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
6:00 p.m. Chosen Study MPR  
Sat., 3/11 3:30 p.m. Confessions  
Sun., 3/12 7:30 a.m. Rosary

## CSA

Our 2023 Catholic Service Appeal continues! Your response so far has been **very encouraging**. You too can help "Fuel the Mission" with your participation in this appeal. 107 Families out of 466 have pledged **\$39,905** so far.

Our goal is \$52,011 so we are **over half way** there!! Anything beyond that will be used for the parish project of re-sealing the parking lot.

## FISH AND PIEROGI LENTEN DINNERS

Thank you to all who supported our first Fish and Pierogi Lenten dinner this past weekend.

Please plan on joining us for our second dinner on **Friday, March 17th 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.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday April 1st 4:15 p.m.

Sunday April 2nd 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### Holy Monday

Daily Mass 7:00 a.m.

### Holy Tuesday

Daily Mass 7:00 a.m.

### Holy Wednesday

Daily Mass 7:00 a.m.

### Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00 p.m.

### Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 2:00 p.m.

### Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 8th 8:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

Sunday April 9th 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly offertory **February 26th**

Needed each week **\$9000.00**

Weekly offering \$3936.00

**We are grateful!!**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join Faith Life students and families for a parish connection pancake breakfast in Scheffner Hall on **April 2nd, Palm Sunday**, following 8am Mass.

Come together as a parish family for food and fellowship! **This event is open to all parishioners**. Please register by March 26th, so we know how many people to expect. Registration forms are in the back of the church. **Hope to see you there!**

# AROUND THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY

## MERCY HILLTOP CENTER

On Tuesday, **March 7th** Mercy Hilltop Senior Center is holding a fundraiser at Stick and Bricks Wood fired pizza ALL DAY. 20% of every dollar spent goes to help support the center. **Dine in or take out orders.**

Sticks and Brick 1301 East Grandview Blvd.  
Phone in your order at 814 315-1650.

## JESUS, EUCHARIST AND GREAT COFFEE

Our Lady of Mercy Church is holding a parish mission on Sunday, March 12.

All are invited; **there is no cost.** Fr. Chris Singer who currently serves as Chancellor and Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese of Erie, and confessor/spiritual director for St. Mark Seminary in Erie will be the presenter. His favorite hobbies are amateur astronomy, hiking and **drinking coffee.**

Session #1 will be at 4:00 and Session #2 at 6:00. **Between the sessions,** there will be a break for a simple supper in Sperry Hall.

In the midst of the national Eucharistic Revival, this mission **will explore Emmanuel** – how “God is with us” through the themes of the Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons. God came into the world, and He stayed. He has stayed with us.

**So pour a great cup of coffee** as together we refocus our eyes on Jesus in the Eucharist, who is “God with us.”

Call Our Lady of Mercy with questions.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

## BINGO

Holy Trinity Parish in Erie is hosting a cash bingo on **March 5** at the Polish Falcons Club, 431 East 3rd St., Erie.

**Doors open at 12 p.m.** with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$25 which includes one pack. Additional packs cost \$5. Call 814.456.5300 to reserve a seat.

## 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.

## 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:

Last Sunday afternoon, Deacon Frank and I had the joy of being present at the Cathedral for the **Rite of Election**. It's a simple ceremony held during Lent for those who wish to enter the Catholic Church (by Baptism, or by entering into full Communion) to be **formally welcomed by the Bishop**. It was encouraging to see young and old, from nearby and from distant counties, all stand and witness to their hope to enter the Church, and to hear Bishop Persico's warm and wise words of welcome. We're happy to acknowledge that **Deborah Slomski** was one of the Catechumens seeking Baptism and full membership in the Catholic Church. Deacon Frank has been meeting with her regularly for catechesis and spiritual formation. **Let us keep Deb in our prayers** as she prepares for the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil here at Mount Carmel.

This Tuesday, the priests of the diocese will assemble for a Lenten Day of Recollection. It's an **opportunity for us to pray together** (Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours), get to Confession, listen to insightful speakers, and have time for fraternity. Our speakers will address the theme: **Metanoia: Change of Heart amidst a Changing World**. While Jesus calls us to repent, to turn our hearts back to Him, and to change our ways from sin to virtue... it remains difficult for all of us. The speakers will help us see how **faithful servants of the Lord respond** to the graces embedded in the challenging circumstances in which they find themselves.

We can't ignore so much change in our world, our Church, and our community. It's often troubling and disorienting. Yet we know that **"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever."** Our stability comes from Him, from our faith in what He taught and the Sacraments He provides for our spiritual good. As Jesus says to the man who doubts, **"Fear is useless, what is needed is trust."** Let us continue to gather for Sunday Mass to encourage each other and depend on His grace at work within us and our community of faith.

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

## KNIGHTS NEWS

It is an honor for the Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to serve our Parish and the surrounding community. *Below are the highlights of our contributions over the past year.*

### Fundraisers

Baby Bottle Fundraiser  
July 4th Liberty 10k/5k Race and Walk  
Christmas Wreaths  
Erie Diocese Charities Calendar project  
COAL tickets/Football Sweeps

### Activities

Cooking at St. Paul's Soup Kitchen  
Coats for Kids  
Mount Carmel Chicken Dinner  
Feather Party/Pro-Life Activities  
Men's Conference Retreat

### Donations

Sisters Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network  
Second Harvest Food Bank  
City Mission/ Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
St. James/ Upper Room/OLMC Faith Formation  
Maria House Project/Habitat for Humanity  
Erie Cursillo/Erie Cancer Wellness Center  
Salvation Army/People For Life

Catholic men aged 18 years of age or older, are **invited to join the Knights of Columbus**. You can help make a difference in our church and community. Contact Greg (814) 392-3297 to join and be a part of a personal and **spiritually rewarding organization**.

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