

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Catholic Church

*1531 East Grandview Blvd.
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510*

March 12, 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

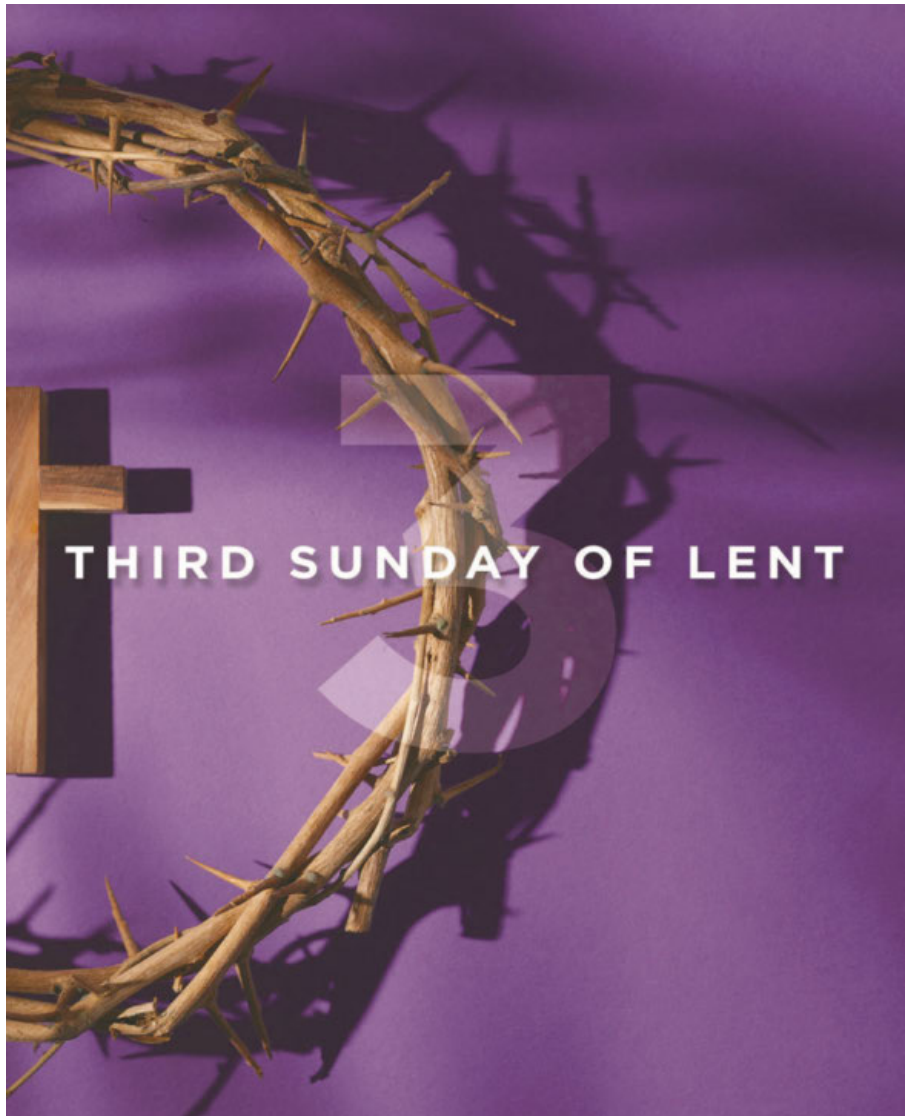
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www.olmc-erie.org

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
† Deceased members Macrino/May Families
Requested by Bill Macrino

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

Monday March 13th
7:00 am **† Ed Siciliano**
Requested by Bill and Jane Hilbert

Tuesday March 14th
7:00 am **† Dorothy Marshall**
Requested by Jim and Kathy Stuczynski

Wednesday March 15th
7:00 am **† Daniel Kostovick**
Requested by George and Cindy Kolivoski

Thursday March 16th
7:00 am **† Greg Helminski**
Requested by Mom, Dad and Family

Friday March 17th
7:00 am **† Emery and Angeline Young**
Requested by Gloria Harcourt

Saturday March 18th
4:15 pm **† Don Burick**
Requested by Burick Family

Sunday March 19th
8:00 am **† Elizabeth, Gordon/Betsy Mahoney**
Requested by Sally Mahoney

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

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.

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| Pam Zirolli | Patty Wingrove |
| Don Roth | Joe St. George |
| Ann Marie McKean | Marlene Kuzma |
| Thomas Smyczek | Dennis Stazer |
| Pat Dunn | Karen Leo |
| Mary Ann Brennen | Rita Trabert |
| Sandy Smith | Joe G. |
| Karen Hughes | Toni Jakubowski |
| Carolyn St. George | Lorrie Holtz |
| Jim Kitts | Kathy Ishman |
| Linda Lafferty | Barb Charles |
| Dorothy Vash | Andy Estok |
| James Wienczkowski | Doug Trabert |
| Rose Mary Kowalczyk | Jerry Trott |

Let us pray for the faithful departed:

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| Neal Hammill | Robert Brzezicki |
| Robert E. Fox Sr. | Joseph Malina |
| Daniel Kostovick | Madoline Frantz |
| Constance Borowicz | Diane Krysiak |
| Nancy Zimmerman | Joseph Amann Jr. |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

AROUND THE PARISH

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Mon., 3/13 | 3:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry |
| Tues., 3/14 | 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry |
| Weds., 3/15 | 8:30 a.m. Church cleaning 7:00 p.m. Knights 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball |
| Thurs., 3/16 | 9:00 a.m. Fish dinner prep. 6:00 p.m. Folk Group 6:30 p.m. Choir 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study MPR |
| Fri., 3/17 | 4:00 p.m. Fish & Pierogi Dinner |
| Sat., 3/18 | 3:30 p.m. Confessions |
| Sun., 3/19 | 7:30 a.m. Rosary |

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.

Monday of Holy Week

Daily Mass 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday of Holy Week

Daily Mass 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week

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.

FISH AND PIEROGI LENTEN DINNERS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish would like to thank **everyone who supported** our first Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinner. It takes **tremendous work** to make the dinners successful, and we couldn't do it without all of our wonderful volunteers. We want to say **thank you for your dedication** and help.

We wish to express our sincere GRATITUDE to **Florence, Lynette, and Jon**, who worked tirelessly over the past two months behind the scenes ensuring everything was done. **Your efforts do not go unnoticed!** On behalf of the parish community, THANK YOU!!!

Plan to join us at our **next dinner on Friday, March 17th** from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly offertory **March 5th**

Needed each week **\$9000.00**

Weekly offering \$4345.00

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

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. 122 Families out of 466 have pledged **\$46,850.00 so far.**

Our goal is \$52,011. Anything beyond that will be used for the parish project of re-sealing the parking lot.

AROUND THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY

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.”

70TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join the Sacred Heart community for their 70th annual spaghetti dinner. **Sunday, March 12, 2023** 12-5pm in the auditorium. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 and under.

Dinner includes their **famous sauce,** spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and butter and dessert. Sit down and Take out. Quart of Meatballs and sauce available for purchase of \$10. There will also be Theme Baskets, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Bake Sale!

ERIE DIOCESAN CEMETERIES.

Tom Duska has recently been appointed by the Diocese of Erie to oversee all pre-needs for burial.

For **further information** about pre-planning with the Erie Diocesan Cemeteries give Tom a call at 814 838-7724.

LADIES GUILD

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 21st** at 6:30 PM in the MPR. We will celebrate International Night by serving Reubens, Rachels and pizza. **Please bring a dessert to share.** As always, we welcome all ladies of the parish to join us!

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!**

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Just two more weeks until 1:38 Women - register now! **Join women from across the Diocese of Erie** and beyond for the Eighth Annual 1:38 Women's Conference. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth is open to women of all faiths. The 8th Annual 1:38 Women's conference will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023,** from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm live in-person at St. Jude's Parish, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie, PA. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speaker, Laurel Phelps and opportunities for prayer and reconciliation, as well as **Mass with Bishop** Lawrence Persico. All you need to bring is an open heart!

The event is \$20, College Students \$10, High School Students \$5, and Religious FREE. **For more information** and to register visit www.138women.com or call (814) 455-7364.

AROUND THE PARISH

THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

Dear Friends:

As Lent continues, I encourage all parishioners to **seek God's mercy** in the Sacrament of Penance. Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the priests are available on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00pm, and during Lent we will be in the confessional after each Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. In addition, we will once again **"leave the light on for you"** Wednesday, **March 27, 5:00-7:00pm**, when Fr. Cas and I will be in the confessionals. We all need the grace and mercy which Christ grants in this sacrament.

Bishop Persico is initiating the process for **pastoral planning and parish restructuring** in various deaneries (regions) around the diocese, including Erie County. Pastors and representatives of **all parishes in Erie County** have been invited to attend a meeting on March 30. I anticipate that the presentation will include a review of current demographics and trends, as well as a **proposed plan** for parishes in the county. I have said to many of you in conversations that we have too many parishes and parish buildings in Erie County for the current life of the Church. We are no longer living in the boom of the late 50's and 60's when many parishes were established. **So we need to help our Bishop** make prudent and wise decisions. I don't know what the future holds for our parish, but let's trust the **Church will always be here for us.**

Finally, please review the **schedule of Holy Week** liturgies in the bulletin. I encourage you to participate as much as possible. Holy Week is the great week of prayer for the Church. Each liturgy is unique and highlights some aspect of **Jesus' paschal love** for us. Fr. Cas, Deacon Frank and I will be leading these beautiful liturgies. Each liturgy **feeds our souls** and illuminates our journey of faith.

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

ENVELOPE UPDATE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

We have one more month of no envelopes from the envelope company. I was worried it would be challenging and time-consuming to look up envelope numbers before posting weekly donations. Watching the **creative ways** you are helping with this task has been fun. I have seen old CSA envelopes, regular weekly unused, old designated collections, and plain envelopes with your donation number in the corner. I **am impressed by the parishioners** who know their numbers!

Thank you for your understanding and patience during the past month. **I am grateful!**
Sue Berdis

SAINT MARK CARD PARTY

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and rejoice over each new seminarian, but is there more we can do to **support our seminarians?** The answer is yes!

Saint Mark Seminary Auxiliary will host its **annual card party on Thursday, April 20th.** They will be selling raffle tickets the weekends of March 18th and 25th following all Masses. The card party is the **only fundraiser** each year to support our seminarians.

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