

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Catholic Church

*1531 East Grandview Blvd.
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510*

March 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

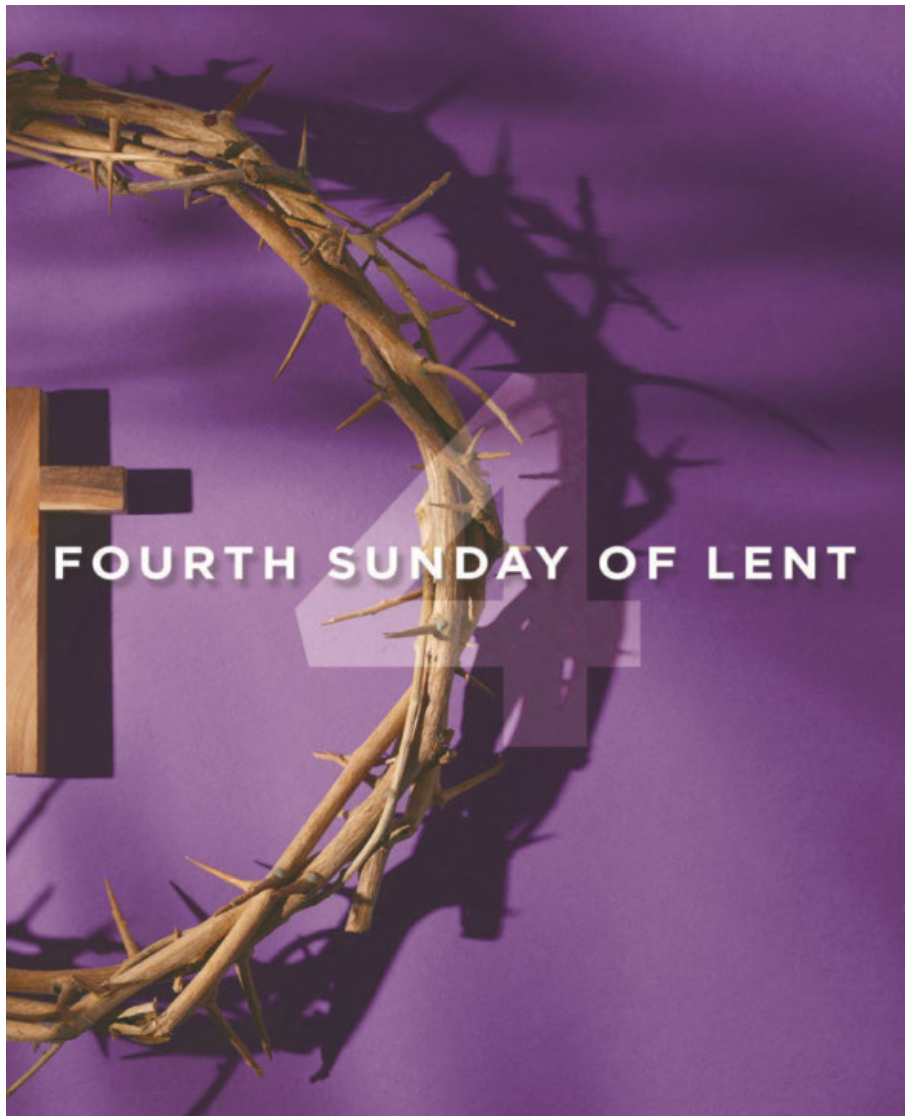
Phone (814)825-7313 ext. 1
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Baptism

Usually following 11:00 a.m. Mass.
Please contact parish office 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 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**

Monday March 20th

7:00 am **† Mary Lichtenwalter**

Requested by Sally and Betsy Mahoney

Tuesday March 21st

7:00 am **† Connie Borowicz**

Requested by Ladies Guild

Wednesday March 22nd

7:00 am **† Florence Sova**

Requested by Wed. morning cleaning group

Thursday March 23rd

7:00 am **† Amy Massing**

Requested by LaDonna Bola

Friday March 24th

7:00 am **† Bud and Henriette Rinderle**

Saturday March 25th

4:15 pm **† Deceased Members of Rao Family**

Sunday March 26th

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

11:00 am **† Nancy Kala**

Requested by Mike and Judy Henry Family

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.

Pam Zirolli

Ann Marie McKean

Thomas Smyczek

Pat Dunn

Mary Ann Brennen

Sandy Smith

Karen Hughes

Carolyn St. George

Jim Kitts

Linda Lafferty

Dorothy Vash

James Wienczkowski

Rose Mary Kowalczyk

Jerry Trott

Pat Wingrove

Joe St. George

Marlene Kuzma

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:

Don Roth

Neal Hammill

Robert E. Fox Sr.

Daniel Kostovick

Constance Borowicz

Florence Sova

Robert Brzezicki

Joseph Malina

Madoline Frantz

Joseph Amann Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

AROUND THE PARISH

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon., 3/20 6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry

Tues., 3/21 6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild

Weds., 3/22 8:30 a.m. Church cleaning
6:00 p.m. Brownies
8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

Thurs., 3/23 6:00 p.m. Folk Group
6:30 p.m. Choir
6:00 p.m. Chosen Study MPR

Sat., 3/25 3:30 p.m. Confessions

Sun., 3/26 7:30 a.m. Rosary
12:30 p.m. Adoration

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU 2023

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will participate in "The Light is On For You," which is an effort on the part of the diocese to **highlight the importance** of the Sacrament of Confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of **God's mercy and healing love.**

Father Cas and Father Nick will be available to hear confessions on **Wednesday, March 29th, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** in the church confessionals. Below are other parishes in the diocese who are also participating on the same day and time:

All Saints, Waterford, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross, Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady of the Lake Sacred Heart, St. Boniface, St. Francis Xavier, St. George, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community, St. Jude the Apostle, St. Julia, St. Lawrence, St. Luke, St. Peter Cathedral.

LADIES GUILD

Our next meeting is this **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!

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—April 8

Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday—April 9

Easter Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly offertory **March 12th**

Needed each week **\$9000.00**

Weekly offering \$4351.00

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. 138 Families out of 466 have pledged \$52,955.00 **so far.**

We have reached our goal diocesan goal of \$52,011. Anything given from this point forward will be used for the parish project of re-sealing the parking lot. **THANK YOU!**

AROUND THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY

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!

The annual St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party will take place on **April 20 at 6 p.m.** in the St. Mark Catholic Center gym, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. A light meal will be served and there will be many prizes. The event generally sells out, so call **Betsy before April 10 for reservations** at (814) 504-2720. The card party is the **only fundraiser** each year to support our seminarians.

Someone from the auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets the weekends of **March 18th and 25th** following all Masses.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Final call: register today for the 2023 Catholic Women's conference! The 8th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference for women in the Diocese of Erie, is **scheduled for this coming** Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish students, Joshua and Sophia Haycock, who met all the requirements to receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on March 19th.

This is an **important milestone** on their journey of faith! Please remember them in your prayers.

ENVELOPE UPDATE

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

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!**

PILGRIMAGE TO LANCASTER

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is hosting a pilgrimage to Lancaster from **June 13-15** to the Sights and Sounds Theatre to see Moses.

The package includes two nights of lodging, two breakfasts and dinners, and several other events, Masses and tours. **RSVP by April 6.**

See the poster on our bulletin board in the gathering space for more information.

AROUND THE PARISH

THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

As so many of you know, the parish lost one of its **most dedicated volunteers** – Florence Sova died last week and her funeral Mass was celebrated this past Thursday here at Mt. Carmel. Florence joined the parish during the time when Fr. Scheffner was founding pastor, and she has served **faithfully since** then in a great variety of roles. She's probably known most widely for her organization of the Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinners, which she began at the request of Fr. Tom Fialkowski. Even **in her 90's** she was part of the church decorating and cleaning crew, helped with liturgical preparations, and was active in Pastoral Council, Ladies Guild and Stitching Ministry. **(I'm sure much more!)**. In gratitude for her remarkable dedication to the parish and with recognition of her great love for her family, **let us entrust her to the mercy of God.**

We're putting the Holy Week schedule in the bulletin each week with the hope that you will participate in as **many of the liturgies as possible**. Each one is unique and focuses on one or more aspects of Christ's sacrificial love for all humanity and each one of us. Please arrange your schedule so that you can be with the Church in prayer as much as possible.

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

A LETTER FROM YOUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each Good Friday, as we recall the passion and death of our Lord in the liturgy, we pray in the Solemn Intercessions: **"Let us pray, dearly beloved,** for the holy Church of God that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world..." Perhaps nowhere in the world does this petition find a greater echo in the holy days of the Easter Triduum than in the Holy Land. In the very places where Jesus was born, taught, healed, suffered and died, the Church is enduring constant hardship, and struggles to survive.

On Good Friday, April 7, Catholics throughout the world are asked to **give generously** to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you **join with Catholics around the world** in standing in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Your support means that the Church there can conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers.

As our diocesan family prepares to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, I **encourage you to participate** in the events of Holy Week. Know that you are in my prayer. Please know also of my gratitude for your generous response on behalf of the Christians of the Holy Land. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week, this Easter, and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL

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