

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Catholic Church

*1531 East Grandview Blvd.
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510*

March 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

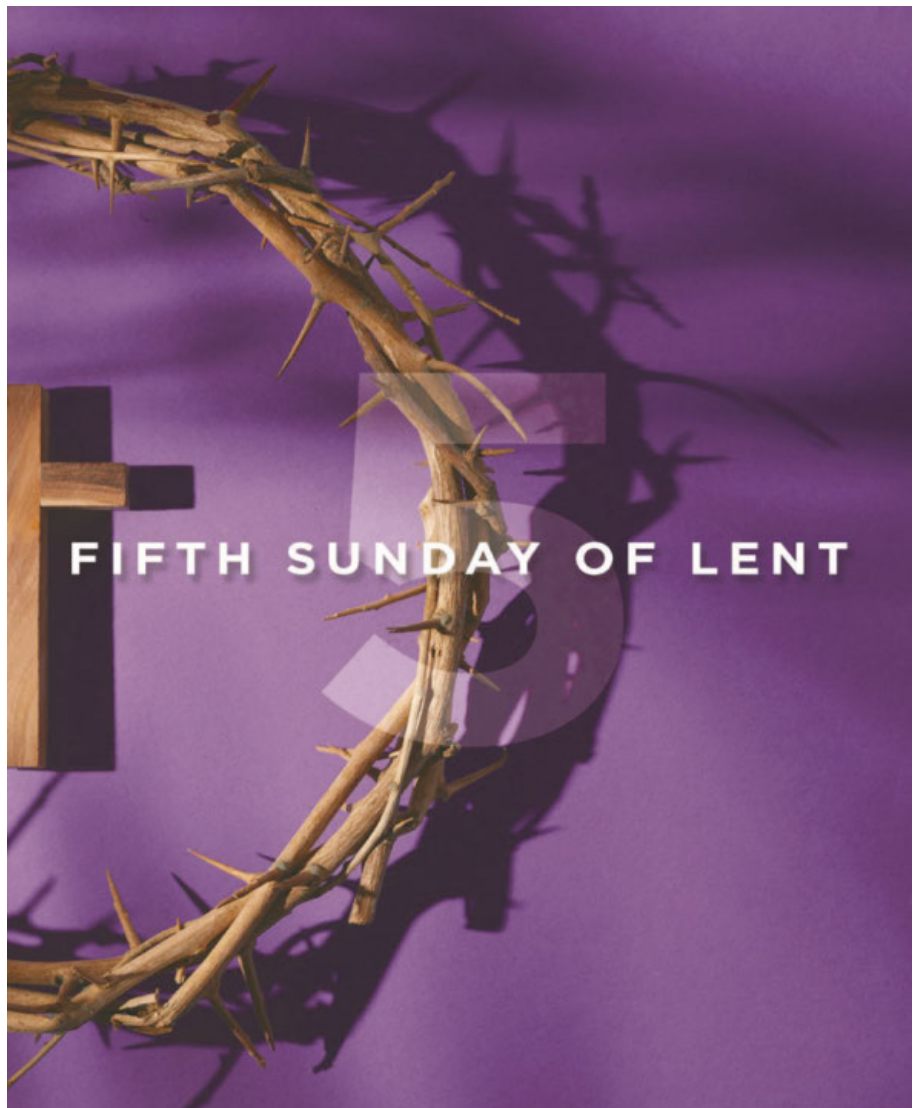
Phone (814)825-7313 ext. 1
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Baptism

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 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 Henry and Judy Henry

Monday March 27th

7:00 am † **Ernest Dupre'**

Requested by Roger P. Dupre'

Tuesday March 28th

7:00 am † **Don Roth**

Requested by Rao Family

Wednesday March 29th

7:00 am † **Frank and Lena Pregler**

Requested by Frank and Jane Pregler

Thursday March 30th

7:00 am † **Sophie Dzikowski**

Requested by Family

Friday March 31st

7:00 am † **Neil Moravek**

Requested by Mom and Dad

Saturday April 1st

4:15 pm † **Jim Fuhrman**

Requested by Alice

Sunday April 2nd

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

11:00 am † **Jelsomina Carey**

Requested by Sister Alice

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:

Jack Jordon

Don Roth

Robert Brzezicki

Neal Hammill

Constance Borowicz

Thomas Kornacki

Florence Sova

Robert Fox, Sr.

Joseph Malina

Joseph Amann, Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

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., 3/26	7:30 a.m. Rosary 12:30 p.m. Adoration
Mon., 3/27	3:00 p.m. Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Stitching Ministry
Tues., 3/28	9:30 a.m. Food Pantry
Weds., 3/29	8:30 a.m. Church cleaning 5-7 p.m. Confessions 8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball
Thurs., 3/30	9:00 a.m. Fish Dinner Prep. 6:00 p.m. Folk Group 6:30 p.m. Choir
Fri., 3/31	4:00 p.m. Fish/Pierogi Dinner 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat., 4/1	3:30 p.m. Confessions
Sun., 4/2	7:30 a.m. Rosary

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 **this 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, 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.

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.

Chrism Mass at St. Peter Cathedral 1:00pm

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 19th**

Needed each week **\$9000.00**

Weekly offering \$4007.30

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

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. 141 Families out of 466 have pledged \$54,605.00 **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 this weekend of following all Masses.

SPIRITUALITY AND ART

Interested in connecting your faith with the process of making art? Register for the spring session of Spirituality and Art: All Verdant Greening offered **March 24 to 26** at Bethany Retreat Center, 1031 Germania Road., Frenchville.

The spiritual approach to creating art does not focus on producing an outcome/product but rather is about the **sacred creating and re-creating** of our inner selves and our awareness of such verdant greening through deep reflection on the art-making process.

Visit www.bethanyretreatcenter.org to register or call (814) 263-4855.

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.

DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has **policies and procedures** in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments.

All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a **Code of Conduct**.

To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html.

For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Lawrence Persico, together with the priests of the Diocese of Erie, will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass on **April 3 at 1 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral**, 230 W. 10th St., Erie.

During the Mass, the holy **oils to be used for sacraments** will be consecrated and blessed for distribution to the parishes of the diocese. **The public is encouraged to attend.**

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

THOUGHTS ON THE WAY UP MOUNT CARMEL

Dear Friends:

Palm Sunday is next weekend. Each Mass will begin at the **main doors of the church** for the blessing of palms. When you arrive at church, please take the palms you need. You are **free to stay at the entrance for the blessing**, or go directly to your pew. Later that day, please remember to place the blessed palm in a safe place in your home – near a crucifix or other sacred image - or possibly in your car. **Blessed palms remind** you that Christ is welcome in your home, your family, your heart.

You have heard my encouragement to come to **Confession** at some point during Lent – it's the **best way to prepare** for Easter. Fr. Cas and I will be available **this Wednesday** in the church confessionals, anytime **between 5:00-7:00pm**. If it's been a long time since your last confession, or if you don't remember exactly how to do it – don't worry at all. Just let the priest know and **we will walk you through** it very patiently. Other churches are participating – see the list in this bulletin.

Finally, I invite you to consider attending the **Chrism Mass** at St. Peter Cathedral – **Monday, April 3, at 1:00pm**. This Mass happens once a year, during Holy Week, usually at the Cathedral. Bishop Persico blesses the holy oils which will be used this coming year in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination of Priests, and Anointing of the Sick. In addition, all the **priests of the diocese renew the promises** of their ordination. It's a wonderful liturgy – more and more lay faithful are attending. The music will be beautiful.

This Friday will be the third and final **fish dinner**. The first two have been a great success. **I'm impressed** with all the volunteers and helpers, and the **food is excellent!**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Pray for us!

Fr. Nick Rouch

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the **feast of Divine Mercy** has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun, Saint Faustina began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, **speaking a message of mercy and love** for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to **remind the Church of the mercy of God**. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the **second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday**, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.” ©LPi

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