

August 23, 2020 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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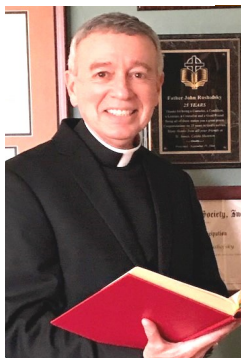
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## Pastor's Perspective

# LIFE IS DIFFERENT....

Last August, as the 2019-2020 school year began, we had **no idea how much things would change** by the beginning of the 2020-2021 year. We were comfortable—perhaps even complacent—in our way of life.

Today it's not just that things are different, it's that **the changes keep coming**, and we're having a rough time keeping up. The new academic year was set to begin the last week of August; now **Holy Cross Academy will begin on September 8**, the day after Labor Day, just like in the olden days when I was a kid.

Some parents want to **send their children to school**, others prefer to **keep their children home** despite the parents' employment demands. We open the churches for Mass, but many prefer to remain home and watch the online Mass. Clergy face the congregation who are wearing masks, so we aren't able to read the faces that give us visual feedback.

I was thinking about much of this whilst sitting on the beach during my recent R&R break. Some of our usual crew understandably were not able to join us this year, and **travel plans were challenging** for those of us who chose to avoid airports and planes.

But life in general is a **never-ending series of changes**. Our vacation group—several of us have been friends since seminary days, more than 45 years—has managed the ups and downs of life reasonably well.

As young priests we used to sit on the beach and gripe about our pastors. As we got older we'd complain about our assistants or our bishop (or both). Later on we began discussing our medications, now we're talking about eventual retirement issues. **But life is still good.**

*And on we merrily go!*

**IN OTHER NEWS:** We have completed all six of our socially distanced **First Communion Masses for 117 students**, and are now looking forward to our three **Confirmation services for 100 candidates** on October 14, 21, and 28. These young people and their families are now blessed with the grace of these two initiation sacraments, and we are grateful for their patience and cooperation as we have rescheduled them....As mentioned above, Holy Cross Academy will begin on Tuesday, September 8. Please remember to **drive cautiously on Saint Sebastian and Holy Cross Academy grounds**....stay tuned for more news....

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see."

- *Henry David Thoreau*

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## Interim Mass Schedule due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Monday thru Friday	12:00 noon at Saint Sebastian
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Registration required</i> <a href="http://www.neighorsnorth.org">www.neighorsnorth.org</a> or 412.219.9254	4:00 pm at Saint Athanasius 4:00 pm at Saint Sebastian 4:00 pm at Saint Teresa of Avila
<b>Sunday</b> <i>Registration required</i> <a href="http://www.neighorsnorth.org">www.neighorsnorth.org</a> or 412.219.9254	10:00 am at Saint Sebastian 10:30 am at Saint Athanasius 11:00 am at Saint Teresa of Avila

### Survey on Mass Times

An interim Mass schedule was developed when churches were allowed to reopen in June of this year. Because this was a new experience for everyone, the interim Mass schedule focused on the most popular Mass times for Saturday evening and Sunday morning. As we approach the Fall, and now that we all have some experience of how to gather for worship safely, consideration is being given to provide more opportunities for parishioners to attend Mass. Your responses to a brief survey will assist in refining the weekend Mass schedule for Our Lady of Mount Camel Parish. To participate, go to <https://forms.gle/XyEAAHr4cm12dqwB9>. **Kindly submit your response no later than Sunday, August 23, 2020.** Paper copies of the survey are also available in the narthex of the churches. Thank you for your participation.



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading: *Isaiah 22:19-23*

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace. Shebna was "treasurer over the house" in the reign of king Hezekiah. Because of his pride he was ejected from his office, and replaced by Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah as recorded in Book of Isaiah.

#### Second Reading: *Romans 11:33-36*

Paul sings praise to God causing us to reflect on the depth of our faith.

#### Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.





# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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## *Registering for Weekend Masses*

The quickest and easiest way to register to attend one of the parish's six weekend Masses is online at our new website: <https://mountcarmelpgh.org/>. You can now register for every week in the month.

For those who are unable to register online, call (412) 219-9254. Please leave:

1. Your Full Name;
2. Your Phone Number;
3. The Date, Church, and Time of the Mass; and
4. The Number of People Attending with you.

Someone will only return your call if that Mass is full. Please show up a half hour early for Mass with a mask and do not come if you are sick. Thank you and God bless. ***Visit us on Facebook: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Pittsburgh***

## *Voluntary Self Quarantine*

Recently, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued the following recommendation: *If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases (see list below), it is recommended that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania.*

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah or Wyoming.

For the safety of others, please consider such a voluntary 14-day "self-quarantine" from attending Mass if you have traveled to any of these states.

## **Mark your calendar!**



September 11, 2020 would have been the 20th anniversary of what had been known as the Saint Athanasius Golf Outing had it not been for the disruption in scheduling caused by Coronavirus. The tradition will continue under the sponsorship of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish on **Friday, September 10, 2021** at the Pittsburgh North Golf Course. Mark your calendar now. We look forward to seeing you!

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish



## Religious Education Registration Form

Due to the Covid Pandemic, the first two cycles (18 weeks) of religious education will be all **homeschooling**. During the second nine weeks, and depending how the virus is impacting our community, families will be surveyed to gauge the readiness to move into a family model with some direct instruction, a fully-fledged classroom instruction for the final nine weeks, or a combination of both. Our deepest hope is that our 2021-2022 catechetical year would return to "normalcy."

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 at Saint Teresa of Avila campus is suspended until further notice.***

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone for *Flocknote* Emergency Text \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Regularly Checked E-Mail Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

School District in Which You Reside \_\_\_\_\_

1. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

2. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

4. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

5. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

***If 2<sup>nd</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, please provide copy of baptismal certificate, unless baptized at a Lady of Mount Carmel Parish church. Please check the church of Baptism:***

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Additional Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Parent Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Allergies/Health/Developmental Issues \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees - Reduced Rates

**This year's registration fee is \$25.00 per student. This is only to help defray the cost of student texts (both tangible and virtual).**



# Liturgy & Music Ministry



## Hymnal for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 August 2020

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Ted Rybka

### Gathering Hymn: Sing a New Church

1. Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,  
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity. (Refrain)  
REFRAIN: Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.
2. Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream a vision promised, sprung from seed of what has been. (Refrain)
3. Draw together at one table all the human family;  
Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free. (Refrain)

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### Responsorial Psalm: The Fragrance of Christ

- REFRAIN: In the presence of the angels, O Lord, may we praise your name,  
May we praise your name.
1. I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. (Refrain)
  2. I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love, beyond all my hopes and dreams.  
On the day that I called you answered; you gave life to the strength of my soul. (Refrain)
  3. All who live on earth will give you thanks when they hear the words of your voice.  
And all shall sing of your ways: "How great is the glory of God!" (Refrain)

Text: Psalm 138: 1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5. Music: D. Haas © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Prayer

Lord, be with us,  
So that we might not look forward in fear to the changes in life.  
We are your very own.  
We believe that you will lead us safely through all things,  
And when we cannot stand it,  
You will carry us in your arms.  
May we not fear what will happen tomorrow.  
You are our everlasting Father who cares for us today.  
We believe that you will care for us every day.

Lord, either shield us from suffering,  
Or give us the unfailing strength to bear it.  
May we be at peace and so put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.  
United with the prayers and example of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Preparation of the Altar: Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

1. Church of God, elect and glorious holy nation chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling, show to all God's mighty deeds;  
Tell of love which knows no limits, grace which meets all human needs.
2. God has called you out of darkness into his most marv'lous light,  
Brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified;  
And all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

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### **Distribution of Holy Communion: You Are Mine**

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.
  2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. (Refrain)
- REFRAIN: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me I will bring you home; I love you and your are mine.
3. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. (Refrain)
  4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now walk, and live! (Refrain)

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### **Sending Forth: The Church's One Foundation**

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.
2. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Text : Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt. Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876



# Sunday Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Gary R. Schmidt †	Wife, Eileen
Tuesday August 25 <i>Weekday/St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Br. Gerard Wunderly, SM†	Wunderly Family
Wednesday August 26 <i>Weekday</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Charles A. Rohleder †	Marie Rohleder
Thursday August 27 <i>St. Monica</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Betty DiBucci †	DiBucci & Lennon Families
Friday August 28 <i>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Elizabeth Klein †	Family
Saturday August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist	11 AM	St. Athanasius	<b>Confessions</b>	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	50th Wedding Anniversary of Chuck & Noreen Heinlein	Family
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Jeff Kramer †	Jim & Karen Kramer
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Henry Fichter †	Cathy Fichter & Family
Sunday November 25 <b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10 AM	St. Sebastian	For the People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	10:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Charles Edward Caye †	Mom & Dad
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Julius Wailand †	Peggy Wailand





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MaryJo Robbins

## Parish Social Ministry



### Answering the Question

As we move through these months of the Corona virus pandemic, perhaps it is helpful for us to ask ourselves not only: How have things changed? but also: How has my view of life changed? Depending on how I answer that question, I may be moved to ask myself if there is anything more that I can do to be of service in my church and/or community. As we hear in the Gospel, Jesus asks: “Who do you say that I am?” so Jesus asks us the same question now. Peter responds out of the gift of faith: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Then Jesus gives him the task of leading His Church. When we respond to Jesus today, he calls us into action, too.

One of the ways women in our parish have been active in serving the spiritual and material needs of parishioners and persons throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area, has been through the Ladies of Charity. Following the example of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Elizabeth Seton, our Ladies of Charity, now gathering from the four former parishes into one group, are carrying forward a variety of ministries to persons in need. These include:

- Ministry to the homebound, including visiting, being Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, providing gifts at holiday times; assisting with immediate and temporary needs when requested by the parish social ministers
- Ross Kane Snack Shop
- Prayer shawls
- Angel Tree Project at Christmas
- Reading Program with preschoolers
- Hosting the Anointing Mass
- Emergency Care fund for the Elderly
- Spiritual Society of the Unclaimed Dead
- Serving as volunteer mentors for the Ladies of Charity Caregiving agency

Also, the Ladies of Charity now sponsor our Junior Ladies of Charity group, whose members are to be installed next Sunday, August 30, at the 11:00 AM Mass at the St. Teresa Church site. If your view of life has changed in these recent months, perhaps the Holy Spirit is calling you to into action with the Ladies of Charity. Your contribution of time, however large or small, can make a difference in someone's life. For more information on how to get involved, please call or email **Sister Pat Mahoney, OSF, Associate Social Minister and Ladies of Charity Moderator**, at 412-364-8999, ext. 8624, or [pmahoney@saintsebastianparish.org](mailto:pmahoney@saintsebastianparish.org).

**Food Pantry Needs:** Juice, peaches, pears, Knorr rice sides (rice only), Uncle Ben's rice, Rice a Roni, hamburger helper, jar pasta sauce, beef stew, Campbell's tomato soup, Progresso Soup, canned carrots, beets, and potatoes, boxed potatoes, egg noodles, brownie mix, jello, condiments, jelly, cereal, paper towels, dishwashing soap and detergent. We have set out a food collection bin outside of Haber Hall at the St. Sebastian site. You can also drop off donations in the narthex at St. Athanasius Church when it is open, or leave in the bin outside of Athanasian Hall. Thank You!



# Faith Formation



Victor Boerio

Who am I? & Who are you?

In the study of law, philosophy, theology, and other disciplines, some time is spent on grasping the meanings of *form* and *substance*. Leaning a little on Aristotle and Plato, form and substance are simply the structure and meaning of something. Using ourselves as examples, we know that our body (structure) holds together our substance (all the inside stuff like feelings, emotions, likes and dislikes), but it does not totally define who we are. Our time and culture prefer that we concentrate on our shell, our outside self, or our structure which at times provides us with false information.

It seems as though our culture is committed to making people comfortable with what many of us call our “false self.” We need to be rebuilt from the bottom up, we must start with the very *ground of our being*. The spiritual path should be about learning where our true ground, our deepest truth, and our eternal life really are. A common phrase for that is “finding your soul.”

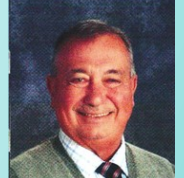
Augustine of Hippo (+430), in *Confessions*, tells us that the discovery of our deepest self and the discovery of God should be the same discovery. That’s why good spirituality and good psychology operate well together.

We will all be asked by Jesus the same question put to St. Peter, “Who do people say that I am?” Kindly remove all catechisms, Bibles, and number 2 pencils. This response must come from the very ground of our being. It is one thing to recognize Jesus anointed by God to save his people. But it is at a greater depth of knowing involved in recognizing Jesus as God, possessing all the transcendent qualities of the godhead, equal in everything to the Father, Son and Spirit.



**How would you  
answer  
this statement?**

JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_.



Deacon Robert  
Koslosky

## Breaking Open the Word: *Matthew 16:13-20*

*On this rock, I will build my church. The new name Jesus gives Simon Peter in today's Gospel, announces Peter as the "rock," the foundation of the Church. Peter is a very human leader with sins and imperfections. Yet, Jesus gives Peter the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.*

### Listen to the Word:

This is a familiar Gospel that we read and hear proclaimed today. Listen with a “fresh” ear. What words or phrases really strike you? What word, phrase or thought lingers in your memory? Did you hear anything new?

### Look into Your Life:

**Children:** Name three things you know about Jesus?

**Youth:** Today’s Gospel relates to human identity – the revealing of Jesus’ true self. How difficult is it for you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

**Adults:** If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?

**Incarnating the Word:** Choose one of the following activities to en flesh this Gospel:

*As a family, brainstorm the many different names for Jesus. (Such as, Redeemer, Prince of Peace, Good Shepherd, Friend, etc.) Make a list from your discussion. Individually choose a name for Jesus that you like best? Explain why? ... Invite your family members to write three sentences which tell something about Jesus. When you gather for family prayer, invite each family member to share one sentence about Jesus... Each day this week pray especially for those who minister in the Church: Pope Francis, David Zubik, our bishop, Father John Rushofsky, our priests and deacons, our lay ministers, and all who serve our parish community.*



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## Holy Cross Academy



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#### **What happens if there is a tie or my team does not win?**

In the event of a tie, the prize money is split evenly between the winning tickets. If a team for any reason does not play, the score from their last regular season game will be used – even if it requires using a score from the prior year's season.

#### **What happens if the NFL season is not held due to COVID-19?**

If the NFL season is cancelled due to restrictions regarding COVID-19, weekly scores from the 3 previous seasons will be randomly selected to determine winners.

#### **Weekly results will be posted on the school's website and Facebook page.**

**Ticket Cost: \$20** This is a joint fundraiser. All proceeds go towards Holy Cross Academy and Blessed Trinity Academy's 2020-21 fundraising goals.

Please direct any questions to Kris Nastal at [knastal@holycrossacademypgh.org](mailto:knastal@holycrossacademypgh.org)

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