

September 6, 2020 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor's Perspective

MAKING PROGRESS

We've had a rough spring and an unusual summer, so it's hard to believe that **Labor Day** is upon us and **fall will begin in only two weeks**. The days and especially the nights will be noticeably cooler, the daylight hours will become shorter, and the shadows will grow longer. Meanwhile, our churches have been open less than three months after the lockdown, so **here are some numbers** that may interest you.

Our **Mass attendance numbers** have grown from a low of **537** (total of all churches) in June to **854** in late August, an indication that some people are becoming more comfortable with our safety precautions. (On page 5 you can see the **new Mass schedule** based on the survey.)

Even still, many (especially the elderly and medically vulnerable) are opting to **remain home and watch our online Mass** from our Incarnation Church, which we will offer as long as the Bishop continues to remove the Sunday obligation. Our figures show that the average number of "hits" per Mass is around 725 per week with an average of at least 2 viewers per hit, so a total of **around 1,450 viewers per Mass**. Not surprisingly, Easter Mass had about 4,500 viewers. Also, on a sunny Sunday the number of viewers is only around 1,200, higher on rainy days. Finally, many turn off at Communion time, thus **missing any announcements**.

Meanwhile, we are catching up on some things that had to be put on hold. Since June 13 we've had **19 baptisms** and **4 weddings**. We also have had **49 funerals**, which included 3 memorial Masses for those who died during the quarantine, 8 blessing services, and 38 funeral Masses.

Our **collection is down about 20%**, including drop-offs and mail-ins, although some of our expenses are down a little as well, yet paying bills and meeting payroll remains a challenge.

IN OTHER NEWS: You will be finding new **signs on the floors** of all four church buildings marking the **places to stand** in order to maintain correct social distancing. We have noticed that those who are lined up in the aisle to receive Holy Communion are tending to clump together, so we are hoping that these **visual reminders** will help us all keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. We are grateful for your cooperation with all of our efforts to establish a **comfortable atmosphere for worship**....stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

"Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered."
- *Hebrews 5:8*

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Interim Mass Schedule due to Covid-19 Restrictions

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

This schedule remains in effect until September 26/27. See page 5 for the new Mass Schedule.



Beginning **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**, an additional *weekday* Mass is being added to the schedule. The Mass will be at **8:30 am** and celebrated at **Saint Athanasius church** since this is the church building already open for private prayer on weekdays. The front section of the church would be reserved for this Mass, while the back section of the church would be closed during Mass. After Mass, the front section of the church would be closed and the back section would be reserved for private prayer. Sanitizing of the entire church would occur after the close of private prayer at 3:00 PM.

READINGS for the 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel. He is to be the mouthpiece for God and to speak God's word to the people.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

The law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.



Rite of Reconciliation of Individual Penitents

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturdays at Saint Athanasius church from **11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** with two confessors.



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for our 100 candidates at Saint Teresa of Avila church on three consecutive Wednesdays, October 14, 21 and 28.

The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the Bishop so that there is a clearer reference to the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. After the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, they themselves transmitted the Spirit to the faithful through the laying on of hands. Thus, the reception of the Holy Spirit through the ministry of the Bishop shows the close bond that joins the confirmed to the Church and the mandate received from Christ to bear witness to him before all.

For a grave cause, as is the case due to the present pandemic, the Bishop can delegate priests to administer the Sacrament. It is preferable that the priests who are so invited are the pastors of the places where Confirmation is conferred. Therefore, Father Rushofsky has been designated by Bishop Zubik to administer the Rite of Confirmation this Fall for the candidates from our parish.

Please keep the candidates in prayer as they make final preparations to receive the sacrament.



Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant...

The positions of six part-time employees came to end as of September 1, 2020. The eliminations of these positions were precipitated by the changing needs of our new parish, compounded by the impact of the Covid-19 virus. Affected were Victoria (VJ) Bartek (part-time receptionist since 2003), June Boyle (weekend receptionist since 2017), Judy Burns (weekend receptionist since 2017), Ruth Moore (part-time receptionist since 2011; Ruth continues to be employed as the cook for the priests in residence at Saint Teresa), Geraldine Seidl (secretary since 2005) and Dena Sutermaster (part-time receptionist since 2016). The countless tasks of these employees—some seen, many unseen—have always been in service to parishioners. But most especially, they have been servants of Christ and His mission. Scripture admonishes us not to forget to show hospitality for, by so doing, some people have unwittingly entertained angels. We have been richly blessed by these “angels” of welcome and service. May God bless them richly.



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, however registration closes at 9:00 pm on Friday for Masses on the upcoming weekend.

For those who are unable to register online, call (412) 219-9254. Registration by phone closes at 4:00 pm on Friday for Masses on the upcoming weekend. When you call, 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.

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New Interim Mass Schedule

Creating a Mass schedule for a parish is a challenging task at any time. There is much to consider—the availability of priests and all the necessary liturgical ministers, available parking and the traffic flow, people’s needs and preferences (which often conflict!), ensuring the number of people in attendance is sufficient to create a spirit of vibrancy given the size of the nave of the church. Creating a Mass schedule for a *new parish with four churches in the midst of a pandemic* stretches the imagination and patience of the most sturdy.

The Clergy Team learned much from the recent survey. Parishioners want Incarnation open for a Mass on Sunday; they want a Mass option for people that work weekends; they want an earlier Sunday morning Mass. And then there are practical considerations. Churches must be sanitized after every event and before the next event. Scheduling for Saturdays can be especially challenging with Confessions, the possibility of one or more funerals and/or one or more weddings, plus the anticipated Masses for Sunday. After weighing all these issues and more, the Clergy Team has recommended the schedule below to go into effect the weekend of September 26/27, 2020. Is it perfect? No. Will it satisfy every parishioner? No. But it is the fruit of careful and compassionate listening and then deciding wisely. **Ad maiorem Dei gloriam.**

New Covid-19 interim Mass Schedule Effective 9/26-27

Saturday	4:00 pm at Saint Teresa of Avila 5:00 pm at Saint Athanasius 6:00 pm at Saint Sebastian
Sunday	8:00 am at Incarnation 9:00 am at Saint Athanasius 10:00 am at Saint Sebastian 11:00 am at Saint Teresa of Avila

Reminder



The end date to respond to the 2020 Census is **September 30**. It was moved up one month, so if you have not yet responded please do so and encourage others to do so as well! It’s easy, safe and important. Census data informs federal funding for more than 100 programs affecting our community, including school lunches, hospitals, and fire departments. Respond today either online by visiting 2020census.gov or by calling 1-844-330-2020.



Liturgy & Music Ministry

Hymnal for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6 September 2020



Ted Rybka

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Gathering Hymn: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: (Refrain)

REFRAIN: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)
3. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 TUNE: TW OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

Responsorial Psalm: If Today You Hear God's Voice

REFRAIN: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.
If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord, hail the rock who saves us, let us come now before our God, with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come, let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before God who made us, for here is our God, we the people, the flock that is led by God's hand.
3. O that today you would hear God's voice, "Harden not your hearts, as on that day in the desert when your parents put me to the test."

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Preparation of the Altar: A Place at the Table

1. For ev'ryone born, a place at the table, for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for ev'ryone born, a star overhead. (Refrain)

REFRAIN: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

2. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. (Refrain)

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Distribution of Holy Communion: As the Deer

REFRAIN: As the deer yearns for water, so have I longed for you,
Only in you, the living God, resting my whole life through.

1. 1. Thirsting for you, my God. Knowing your truth within me.
When can I see you as you are, God of my life? (Refrain)
2. 2. Tears have become my bread, tears every night and morning.
Questioning voices all day long: Where is your God? (Refrain)
3. 3. Why so cast down, my soul? Why do you groan within me?
Hope in God and praise him still, Savior and God. (Refrain)
4. 4. Every new day you send me all your loving kindness.
Through every night I sing your praise, God of my life! (Refrain)

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Distribution of Holy Communion 2: Christ Be Our Light

1. 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (Refrain)

REFRAIN: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

2. 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)
3. 3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)
4. 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, wall made of living stone. (Refrain)
5. 5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

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Sending Forth: Let Justice Roll Like a River

REFRAIN: Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away;
Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us,
Come now, and make us anew, that we might live justly like you.

1. 1. Take from me your holy feasts, all your off'rings and your music;
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an everflowing stream. (Refrain)
2. 2. How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,
The day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth? (Refrain)

Text: Amos 5:21-24; 8:4, Micah 4:3-4, 6:8, Joel 2:12-14; Marty Haugen, b.1950; Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.



Sunday Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday September 7 <i>Weekday/Labor Day</i>	9:00 AM	St. Athanasius	Edmund & Virginia Hoelker †	Kowalski Family
Tuesday September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	John & Mary Schuler †	Daughter, Judy Schuler
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Frank & David Zelik †	Rita Schindler
Wednesday September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	David Miller †	Janet Platek
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Lawrence Kozar †	Wife, Mildred Kozar
Thursday September 10 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Richard Hietsch †	Wife, Kathleen
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Brian E. Burke †	Mom & Dad
Friday September 11 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Ronald Caye †	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Mary Hess †	Michelle Hess
Saturday September 12 <i>Weekday/ The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Ernie Mikec †	VJ
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Victor & Thelma Saveikis †	James & Sandra Saveikis
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa	Thomas Scherer †	Lois Serwatka
Sunday September 13 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10 AM	St. Sebastian	David Anfang †	Patricia Anfang
	10:30 AM	St. Athanasius	For the People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Harry J. Walker †	Eileen G. Walker



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MaryJo Robbins

Parish Social Ministry



Junior Ladies of Charity

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish recently completed formation of its first Junior Ladies of Charity (JLOC) chapter. Leading the efforts were Ladies of Charity (LOC) members Mary Ellen O'Boyle, Moderator, and Co-Moderators Ann Hoyson and Rhonda Matt.

An Investiture Ceremony was conducted on August 30, 2020, during our 11:00 am Sunday Liturgy. Celebrant Father Michael Zavage and Diocesan LOC representative Mary Diaddigo led the formal altar initiation ceremony in which six high school girls were invested. Each girl received a blessed LOC cross, followed by the gifting of a single flower. Newly invested JLOC members are Katelyn Baker, Caileigh Duffy, Emily Koman, Brenda Fay Kunkel, Olivia Marché and Katharine Rose McGoey.

JLOC members engage in Christian Service on behalf of their parish's LOC. Although the pandemic has added challenges to meeting the JLOC mission, all six newly invested girls, along with Madison Grace Hartung (future investee), recently donated thirty-five home-crafted photo/card holders to Vincentian Home. These holders will likely be distributed as prizes to game winners.

Our JLOC plan to continue their service efforts and invite other interested OLMC ladies (in eighth grade or higher) to contact Mary Ellen O'Boyle at 412-364-0825 for more information.

Congratulations to our new Junior Ladies of Charity!

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. *Please do not leave any perishable items.* Thank You!

Flu Shots: Rite Aid pharmacist will be in the **narthex** at St. Sebastian Church on Sunday, September 27 after the 10:00am Mass. For those attending Mass, instructions will be given to you on how to proceed back to the narthex after others have exited the church. Should you want to come just for the flu shot after Mass, please wait at the entrance doors. The ushers will direct you, assisting with maintaining social distance. Most insurance plans cover flu shots at no charge (Medicare, UPMC, Highmark, Aetna, Cigna and many more). Please bring your insurance card with you. Thank you to our Parish Nurses and Rite Aid for making this so convenient!



Youth Ministry



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Youth Group News:

Your emails have definitely missed me.
We will make a come back nice and soon....

Where have we been?!

(At home.)

I know we have all had the burning question of 'Where did the youth ministry go?!' during the COVID time. Even though we have been far apart, here is what we have been up to!

- During the school year, daily Zoom lunches with wildly interesting conversations, to say the least.
- After the cancellation of our 2020 rendition of 'City of Man', we contacted every single person, company, or business that donated money to our cause and ended up being able to fundraise over **\$20,000** to donate to Project H.O.P.E. (our youth ministry mission trip), the Chimbote Foundation, and make a special donation to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.
- Had an online auction of 'City of Man' Memorabilia to fundraise even more
- Once summer hit and schools let out, we swapped to weekly Zoom meetings.
- Roll on the wild events that took over the news, we turned our discussions into an in depth look at racism and how it pertains to us.
- Some of us got summer jobs, some of us got tans, and all of us have been patiently waiting to see what this new school year provides.

Several months later, we took a wild ride and are hoping to come out the other end of this stronger.

~ If you have a teen or pre-teen who is interested in joining our CYO, visit mountcarmelpgh.org/youth-ministry to sign up! We have some good times with bon fires, volunteering, musicals, outings, friendships, and a nice sprinkle of Jesus.~

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Mrs. Osekowski
Principal

Welcome Back

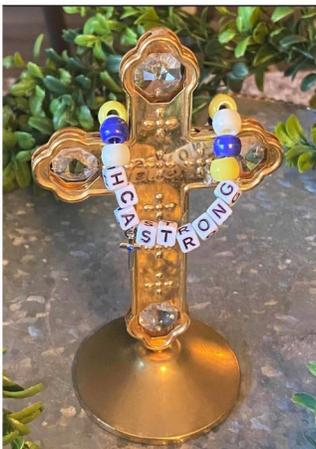
We are excited to begin another school year here at Holy Cross Academy! Although our year last year did not end the way that any of us expected at this time last year, our staff, students, and parents did a superb job of pulling together to give the best virtual educational experience possible.

With the start of this year, we knew that many safety features and changes would be put into place. This includes social distancing, wearing masks, and including our virtual learners! Once again, this requires a different way of operating - but we are up to the challenge. Just some of the changes that our staff and students have this year are 40-inch tv's in every classroom (generously donated by a school family), temporal thermometers in every classroom and a thermal imaging thermometer at the bus door to scan larger groups of students as they arrive (also generously donated by a school family), Ultraboard barriers on every desk K-8, Classroom signs in the hallway for first responders, and the list goes on!

I am sure that you have seen the beautiful entrance signs from the 8th grade class of 2018-2019 and 9 Chromebooks from the 8th grade class of 2019-2020! We would also like to congratulate our 5th grade teacher, Debbie Brungo, who won the prestigious Golden Apple Award from the Diocese! We are blessed to have the support of so many school families and the parishioners at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish as we begin this school year!

God Bless!

Mrs. Osekowski



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