



# Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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Mount Carmel  
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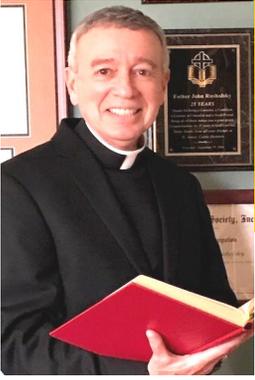
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## Pastor's Perspective

# ORDINARY TIME

After this Sunday's celebration of **The Baptism of the Lord**, we begin the longest liturgical season of the Church year, **Ordinary Time**.

The Church's *Universal Norms* tells us this: "Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time." (#43)

This year, Ordinary Time will continue until **February 17, Ash Wednesday**, as we begin the season of Lent. We will then return to Ordinary Time after **Pentecost, May 23**.

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Here's a wintery picture taken a couple days before Christmas, so the project is much further along by now. As you can see, building an **elevator** is a complicated—and messy—process.

Unless we are tormented by further bouts of bad weather, construction should be completed sometime around the **middle or end of February**.

Interestingly, there are only two current construction projects in the entire Diocese, and both are here at our parish.



**IN OTHER NEWS:** We are planning to **move into our new offices** in our renovated **Parish Center** the third week of January. That is the current plan, but delays have been known to happen. The move will be extensive and **will likely take two or three days** with no phone or computer access, so we are not likely to be available except for emergencies. Details and actual dates can be found on our parish website and on Flocknote....Stay tuned for more news....

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** "A billion here, a billion there—pretty soon it adds up to real money."

- *the late Senator Everett Dirksen*

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish



## Please Note Change in Parish Email Addresses *New mountcarmelpgh.org email domain now in effect parish-wide*

As part of our continuing initiative to communicate that Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is a single parish that encompasses four churches and related buildings and programs, last week, all email addresses for parish clergy, administration and staff transitioned to our new **mountcarmelpgh.org** domain.

Each email address is now represented by the person's first initial and last name@**mountcarmelpgh.org**. Please also note the new contact information that appears on the staff page of this bulletin.

We ask that you update your online address books and email contact information for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish staff at your earliest convenience. This action is important, as it will help ensure that emails you send to parish staff will be delivered promptly. Although the “old” email addresses will remain in effect until the end of March, they will then go away permanently.

Thank you for your attention to this change, and for your cooperation and flexibility.

## Get involved with Youth Ministry!

A new year is a great time to do new things. Why not consider getting involved with Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish? Our program strives to help youth and teens build a stronger relationship with God through fun, fellowship and faith. Our youth groups also offer a safe environment for asking questions, having discussions and sharing your faith journey. Learn more at **mountcarmelpgh.org/youth-ministry**.

### READINGS for The Baptism of the Lord

#### First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Isaiah calls upon the people to return to the Lord.

#### Second Reading: *1 John 5:1-9*

The Spirit of Truth testifies on behalf of Jesus, God's Son.

#### Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:7-11*

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## Special Collection Next Weekend to Benefit St. Anthony & DePaul Schools

CORRECTION: Please note that there is ONE second collection scheduled for next weekend, January 16 and 17. This collection will benefit both the Saint Anthony School Programs and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. In addition, any contribution you may give for these worthy causes are not credited to your Parish Share pledge. All funds received by the Parish are remitted to the Diocese in their entirety, in the same manner as all other Diocesan Second Collections. We apologize for any confusion.

Every child is a gift from God!



These important programs provide much-needed special education for many of the youngest members of our Diocese while also empowering them to become active and contributing members of their communities.

St. Anthony School Programs offers an inclusive education to children ages 5 to 21 with special needs, and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children 14 years of age and younger who have hearing challenges to listen, speak and learn. With your support, we are confident that God will continue to work through these programs to help special needs students succeed and allow St. Anthony School and the DePaul School to continue reaching out to families within the Diocese who are in need of these services.

## March for Life Scheduled for January 29

This peaceful demonstration in Washington, DC near the somber anniversary of Roe v. Wade is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time—legalized abortion on demand. Bus transportation to and from the March is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Art J. Rooney Sr.

Council #9984 in partnership with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Respect Life Committee.

- 5:30 a.m. Mass in St. Bonaventure Church or Chapel
- 6:15 a.m. Bus leaves St. Bonaventure for Washington, D.C.  
*Light breakfast included; bring your own lunch*
- Noon Rally for Life on the National Mall at 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
*After the rally, we will March for Life along Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and Supreme Court, with an opportunity to visit our elected Congressional representatives.*
- 4:00 p.m. Return to bus. We will stop for dinner on the way home.
- 11:15 p.m. Approximate return to St. Bonaventure Church

To reserve a seat on our bus, call or email Dot Lydic at 412-301-0420 or [lydic3@comcast.net](mailto:lydic3@comcast.net).

Space is limited to 28 passengers due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Reservations are on a first paid/first served basis.** Cost is **\$35 per person.**

Please make check payable to: *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Respect Life*  
and mail to Dot Lydic, 203 Prospect Ct., Pittsburgh PA 15229

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## Donating to St. Vincent DePaul

You may have noticed that the St. Vincent DePaul donation boxes in the upper parking lot at Saint Sebastian have been full in recent weeks and even months. Because of COVID, generosity from the community has been overwhelming. At the same time, there has been a decrease in SVDP warehouse staff and drivers to accommodate the increased drop-offs.



If the donation boxes in the upper parking lot at Saint Sebastian are full, please ***do not leave your items on the ground***. Items that have been exposed to the elements are considered unusable by St. Vincent DePaul.

If the bins are full, please take your items to the Saint Vincent DePaul Thrift Store at 415 Chess Street, Coraopolis, PA 15108. They're open Monday-Friday from 10:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



## Men's Retreats Scheduled for January & February at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

The men of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish are invited to take part in our annual Men's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side. This season's retreat theme is *Hope Does Not Disappoint (Romans 5:5) – Finding Hope in an Imperfect World*.

In response to COVID-19 guidelines, the program has been revised to consist of a one-day Saturday retreat in January and two traditional weekend retreats in February—each of which will accommodate a maximum of 35 participants. Dates are:

- **Saturday, January 30, 2021** from 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. (*one day retreat*)
- **Friday, February 5–Sunday, February 7, 2021** (*full weekend*)
- **Friday, February 19–Sunday, February 21, 2021** (*full weekend*)

For more information visit [www.mountcarmelpgh.org](http://www.mountcarmelpgh.org) and click on the Men's Retreat banner, which will take you to the retreat page on the website. There, you will find full details about the retreats and contact information for any questions you might have.

Make your retreat reservation by calling St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center at **412-381-7676**.



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## Gathering Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar.  
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Praises be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest.  
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
Praises be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, mirrored in thy hold Word;  
May we imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be at thy great Epiphany;  
And may praise thee, ever-blessed, God in flesh made manifest.

Text: 77 77 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt. Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; adapt. By Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.

## Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12: With Joy You Shall Draw Water

REFRAIN: With joy you shall draw water from the springs of endless life;  
With joy you shall draw water from the living well of God.

1. God indeed is my Savior, I will never be afraid,  
My strength and courage is the Lord, my Savior and my song. (Refrain)
2. Give thanks and praise the name of God, sing out to all the earth  
The wondrous deeds that God has done, our Savior and our song. (Refrain)
3. Shout with joy, O Zion, for dwelling in your midst  
Is the Holy One of Israel, your Savior and your song. (Refrain)

Text: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 6; Marty Haugen; Music: Marty Haugen; ©1988, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Preparation of the Altar: We Belong to You

Refrain: We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.  
In our daily living, dying and rising, we belong to you.

1. In the waters of your mercy, when the old become the new,  
Souls united in the myst'ry: We belong to you. (Refrain)
2. Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into  
All who seek to find their purpose: We belong to you. (Refrain)

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## Distribution of Holy Communion: Come to the Water

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend you life, except for the Lord?
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:  
All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
4. All let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:  
Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 55:1,2, Matthew 11:28-30; John Foley, SJ, b. 1939; Tune: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939 © 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and OCP

## Distribution of Holy Communion 2: 10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord

REFRAIN: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain)
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing:  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Refrain)
3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending:  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Refrain)

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## Sending Forth: Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98:4-9; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes* 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759; adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.



# Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday January 11 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Mariarosaria & Francesco Pirone †	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Elizabeth Klein †	Family
Tuesday January 12 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Mary Margaret Weber †	Emily Mararra
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Romualdo & Palma Talotta †	Family
Wednesday January 13 <i>Weekday/ St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Joann Slowik †	Rose & Steve Rider
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Paul Ritter †	Wife: Ermalyn
Thursday January 14 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Rita Molinaro †	Paul Rettger
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Paul Klein †	Family
Friday January 15 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	C.J. Rohleder †	Marie Rohleder
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joseph Aland †	Pat Aland
Saturday January 16 <i>Weekday; BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	<b>Confessions</b>	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Jan Kalmbach †	Mike & Maria Darr
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Robert Bauer †	Mr. & Mrs. Pusateri
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Ruth Mullen Geyer †	McDevitt & Gallagher Families
Sunday January 17 <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Eddy Rohm †	Dolores Rohm
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	For the People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Narcis Krist †	Linda Belack
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Tom & Mary White †	Peggy White



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## Charity Continues...

Just because the Christmas holiday is over does not mean that the good works of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish slow down! We receive calls for financial assistance and food pantry requests. Our Ladies of Charity also continue to serve:

Recently, twelve of the OLMC Ladies of Charity responded to a call for help from Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh. Currently, there is a need for sandwiches or meals for those who use the Red Door Warming Station this winter. The ladies organized a delicious hot meal of rigatoni, salad, rolls and Christmas cookies! One of the volunteers then delivered the meal to the Red Door in downtown Pittsburgh. Warming station volunteers served 120 individuals that day. The ladies are providing another meal this month! Thank you to the following ladies for responding to this need in our Pittsburgh community: Alma Aquadro, Barb Doerfler, Peg Gardner, Ann Hoyson, Cindy Jackson, Anne Kaufman, Peg Kirchner, Linda Ludwig, Monica Null, Bobbie Pietropaolo, Lori Walter, and Barb Zygowski.

**Food Pantry Needs:** Dishwashing soap, detergent, juice, and Progresso soup. *We especially need paper products.* We have set out two food collection bins 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!

**Thank You!** For nine years the investment firm Kremer Associates has designated Spark of Hope as the beneficiary of their Christmas fundraiser. Clients of the firm provide financial assistance and donate nonperishable food and hams to Spark of Hope. Many of the hams are distributed to those who receive food from the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Spark of Hope also distributes the hams and other nonperishable food to other organizations that provide food to those in need over the holidays. Despite the restrictions imposed on events and social gatherings, 2020 proved to be Kremer Associates most successful fundraiser. *Spark of Hope sincerely thanks Don Kremer and his firm for their generosity and on-going support.*

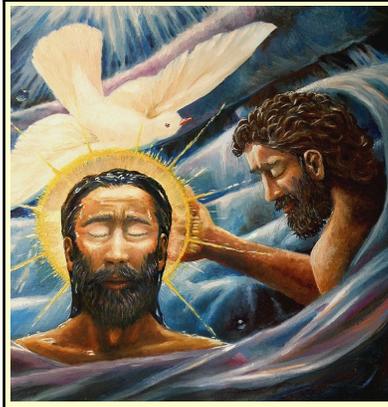




# Worship



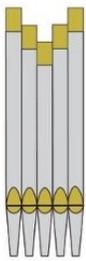
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## Baptism of the Lord

Last week's celebration of the Epiphany revealed Jesus to the world as a king. Today, we hear God's voice revealing Jesus as the Son of God. Both Isaiah and John the Baptist prepare the world for the Lord's coming by describing who he is. But the Lord did not come just to those who recognize these two Jewish men, so when telling a group of Gentiles about Jesus, Peter tells them that God accepts everyone who believes. May we do the same.

### 1920-2020 \* MOVED BY GRACE \* 2011-2021



Last week, I talked about observing the centennial of the pipe organ in St. Teresa church, as well as preparing to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of its installation, by announcing the final phase of the organ project to complete the entire instrument.

Over the past two months, a new chamber wall has been erected utilizing part of the hallway space behind the sanctuary in St. Teresa (located around the corner behind the cantor). You can see it from the pews on the left side of the church. This new chamber will house the majority of the remaining pipes that have been in storage for the past ten years. New windchests will be installed behind the wooden louvers, and the pipes will begin to slowly appear in this new space throughout the months of January and February.

This means that there will now be a total of three chambers in the front of the church. Each chamber of pipes serves a very important purpose in completing the instrument. For example, the three keyboards that the organist plays from during Mass, called manuals, are directly linked to each chamber. The top keyboard or manual is called the swell, and is served by the large swell chamber in the music area. The middle manual is called the great, and is served by the large great chamber directly behind the altar. The bottom manual is called the choir, and will be served by the new chamber called the choir chamber. You may not realize it, but each chamber is positioned in such a way that provides direct support to different groups of people within the church. The swell chamber provides support primarily to the cantor. The great chamber provides support primarily to the congregation, and the new choir chamber will provide support primarily to the different choirs and music groups which will allow them to hear the organ better when singing. *To be continued next week...*





# Faith Formation



*Baptism gives us new life.*

## Breaking Open the Word Mark 1:7-11

Deacon Bob Koslosky

“On you my favor rests.” In all the Gospels Jesus is publicly proclaimed God’s Son at his Baptism. The details of Jesus’ Baptism in today’s Gospel echo the images from the four servant songs. At the moment of his Baptism, Jesus begins his lifework of proclaiming the kingdom of God. Jesus is no longer a carpenter but a preacher of God’s Reign!



**Listen to the Word:** As you hear the story of Jesus being baptized, is there one line or word that touches you? What lingers in your memory after hearing this amazing reading?

**Look into Your Life:**

**Children:** Why does Baptism make you special?

**Youth:** You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this Christian community? How is it a support in your life?

**Adults:** What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

**Incarnate the Word:** Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings: At his Baptism, Jesus was publicly proclaimed God’s Son and then filled with the Spirit. At that moment, he began his life work of proclaiming the kingdom of God on earth. At our baptism, we, too, were filled with the Spirit. How are we called to proclaim the kingdom of God? Celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by having a celebration of Baptisms in your own family. Pull out the “keepsake boxes” and explore the pictures of your baptism. Zoom your godparents for this special occasion. Place the symbols of Baptism given to you on a table in your home. Tell family stories about Baptisms. How does your family help you better live the new life that has been given to you at Baptism?

**WELCOME**

TO THE

**Team**

Mary Jo Robbins and I welcome Ann Walker to her new position with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Faith Formation and Social Ministries. Ann comes to us with administrative expertise. Ann will take on the secretarial responsibilities for these two departments. Ann may be reached either by email: [awalker@mountcarmelpgh.org](mailto:awalker@mountcarmelpgh.org) or by phone: 412.364.8999 X 8529

“I grew up in the North Hills and attended St. Teresa of Avila School along with my two brothers and two sisters. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Duquesne University and taught first and second grades within the Diocese as well as being an Elementary School Librarian in Philadelphia. I have a Master of Arts degree in Student Personnel (with a focus on counseling) from Slippery Rock University. I have held secretarial positions and I am excited that this opportunity allows me the opportunity to return to the ministry of helping people within a Catholic setting. My interests include singing (I sang at two weddings), speaking (I belong to a Toastmasters speaking/leadership group) and writing (My article was published in a Christmas issue of the North Catholic Magazine) as well as spending time with family and friends. I look forward to helping out in the Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry departments.” *Ann Walker*



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Mrs. Osekowski  
Principal

## Pre-Kindergarten and Preschool at Holy Cross Academy

Despite the restrictions of Covid19, the children in our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes are busy making friends, having fun, and learning. We look forward every day to seeing our virtual students on the screen.

Our class families donated items for a Thanksgiving food drive for a local family in need and their generosity was overwhelming. We were able to take some of our donations to Haber Hall and Ms. Robbins showed the children the shelves lined with food and they were surprised at how much was there. We had a Thanksgiving Feast, smaller than usual, but just as meaningful. The children's responses to, "What are you thankful for" are insightful and funny.



The Preschool children look forward every week to Art and Gym class. They are very creative and are thrilled when they are able to play at the playground or in the Gym.

A grandparent of one of the children gave us a special Advent present, a Fisher Price Nativity set. The children enjoyed playing with the characters and it was very sweet to hear them talk about and re-enact the beautiful details of the birth of Jesus.

The children enjoyed making Advent wreaths and counting down the days of Christmas on their Advent trees every day. They made beautiful ornaments for our class tree and then took them home to place on their trees.

Since we were unable to have a Christmas program this year, the Pre-Kindergarten class sang several Christmas songs for a video for their families. (Mr. Levicky, our Music teacher, was kind enough to practice with them.) They had lots of fun practicing and the finished product was sweet.

We are looking forward to 2021 and continuing our wonderful year.

Blessings,

Mrs. Lawlor

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