

2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT



February 28, 2021

Welcome to ...

*Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Parish*



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Jesus took Peter,
James, and John
and led them up
a high mountain
apart by
themselves. And
he was
transfigured
before them,
and his clothes
became dazzling
white.

Mark 9:2,3

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Pastor's Perspective

INCENTIVES!

If you were able to come to any of our churches for Mass last Sunday, you heard me speak about this year's **Parish Share** collection, which is a little different from all previous years. **Here is the unique *twist* that will benefit us considerably.**

Bishop Zubik is aware that many people—and parishes—are struggling financially, so he decided to do something that has never been done before in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He has introduced an **Incentive Program** to make things easier on everyone. Here's how it works.

First, there is the advantage that parishes have always had: Keeping every penny over the 17.6 % assessment amount, and then not having to pay any assessment on that overage. But now there's an **additional bonus**, called **Incentives**.

If a parish collects between 80 and 89 % of their assessment, they get a 1 % reduction; if they collect between 90 and 94 %, they get a 2.5 % reduction; if they collect between 95 and 100 % they get a 5 % reduction.

Based on our calculations of this year's assessment, we will be able to **chop \$21,729 off this year's assessment**, in addition to **keeping the entire excess amount**.

Our **assessment this year is \$434,600**, which is considerably less than last year's amount of \$471,103. Why is it less? The pandemic has reduced our income, and that makes our Parish Share less.

That would reduce this year's assessment even more, to \$412,871, more than **\$58,000 less than last year**. It's a win-win!

IN OTHER NEWS: Here's an update on a couple projects that are currently in progress: The **gym in the Parish Center** has been painted and is looking good. Now it just needs a thorough cleaning....The **elevator** in Saint Teresa Church is basically done, except for the car. It was expected to arrive last Monday, February 22, but since it's coming by truck from Texas, the weather in the south has caused an unavoidable delay. Nevertheless, we are hoping for a **completion date sometime in late March**....Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: "A law is something which must have a moral basis, so that there is an inner compelling force for every citizen to obey."

- Chaim Weizmann

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

40 DAYS OF LENT

Join Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish this Lenten season for a full schedule of Masses, Stations, Penance services, Adoration TIMES and more. Please remember to pre-register for all Masses and other services as required, at www.mountcarmelpgh.org or by phone at 412-219-9254.

Our Complete Lenten Schedule is Available Online at www.mountcarmelpgh.org

Lenten Evenings of Adoration and Reflection (LEAP)

Wednesdays, March 3, 10 & 17
7:00 to 8:15 p.m.
St. Athanasius Church

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will present *Lenten Evenings of Reflection and Praise* (LEAP), a series of programs at St. Athanasius Church. Each program—which will include reflection, adoration, music, prayer, and a guest speaker—will also be recorded on video and posted online the following Monday. Guest speakers and dates are shown at right. *Pre-registration is required.*

Learn more at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/lentenleap



March 3:
Father Tom Sparacino



March 10:
Dr. Jo Ann Paradise



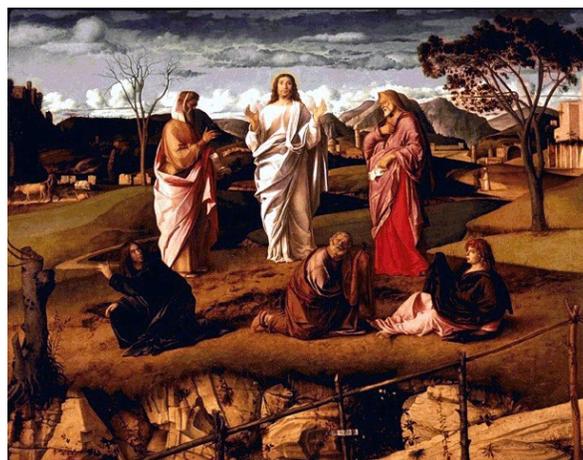
March 24:
Bishop David Zubik

READINGS / Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: *Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18*
Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:31b-34*
God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 9:2-10*
Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday / April 1, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Athanasius Church

*7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Sebastian Church

*7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Teresa of Avila Church

Please note there will not be a church walk on Holy Thursday this year due to the sanitization of churches. Churches will be closed following Mass.

Good Friday / April 2, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Athanasius Church

*12:00 noon Stations of the Cross at St. Athanasius Church

*12:00 noon Stations of the Cross at Incarnation of the Lord Church

*2:00 p.m. Passion Liturgy at St. Sebastian Church

*2:00 p.m. Passion Liturgy at St. Teresa of Avila Church

Holy Saturday / April 3, 2021

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Athanasius Church

11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. Teresa of Avila Church

*8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Sebastian Church

Easter Sunday / April 4, 2021

*8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa of Avila Church

*8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Athanasius Church

*9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Sebastian Church

*10:00 a.m. Mass at Incarnation of the Lord Church

*11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa of Avila Church

*11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Athanasius Church

*12:00 noon Mass at St. Sebastian Church

**Indicates that registration is required.*

How and When to Register

Registration will open on March 1, 2021

Online: mountcarmelpgh.org

By Phone: 412-219-9254

Registration for all of Holy Week (*Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday*) will **close** on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (phone line) and at 5:00 p.m. (online).

Please be sure to register for all of Holy Week in order to be guaranteed a seat each day.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Stations of the Cross Based on the Pandemic to be Prayed Each Friday During Lent

Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
St. Athanasius Church

Each Friday during Lent we will pray the *Stations of the Cross Based on the Pandemic*, written last year by Father Mike Zavage.

This is a special Stations of the Cross that was very well-received last year during Lent, and we look forward to sharing this blessing with our parish family again this years.

Not familiar with it? View a video from last year's Stations and download a text copy of the service online. Just go to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel website and click on the Stations picture on the home page. www.mountcarmelpgh.org

Registration is not required.



It's "Drive-Thru" Parish Fish Fry Time!

This year's Drive-Thru Fish Fry is now underway from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent. It takes place at our St. Teresa of Avila campus. Just drive up, place your order and have it delivered to your vehicle.

This year, our menu includes fried fish, baked fish and fried shrimp dinners. Cost: \$10.00 per dinner. We also have limited quarts of homemade cole slaw that are available for \$5.00 each.

Get full details at: www.mountcarmelpgh.org/fish-fry



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Gathering Rite: Sacred Silence

1. Sacred silence, holy ocean, gentle water, washing over me;
Help me listen, Holy Spirit. Come and speak to me.
2. God my Father, Christ my brother, Holy Spirit, sanctifying me;
Lord, I'm sorry, please forgive me. Come and set me free.
3. Holy Mary, gentle mother, God's pure vessel, praying for me;
Saints and angels, all in heaven, come and be with me.
Come and be with me. Come and speak to me.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Name of God

REFRAIN: In the land of the living, I will walk with God all my days.

1. How can I make a return for the goodness of God?
This saving cup I will bless and sing and call the name of God! (Refrain)
2. The dying of those who keep faith is precious to our God.
I am your servant called from your hands, you have set me free! (Refrain)
3. To you I will offer my thanks and call upon your name.
You are my promise for all to see. I love your name, O God! (Refrain)

Text: Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16, 17-18; © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.; Music: © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

REFRAIN: Glory to You, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! (Repeat after verse)

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Preparation of the Altar: Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Three one.
3. Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: 10 10 10; ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's, *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt. Music: Trad. Irish melody; adapt. fr. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

Distribution of Holy Communion: Christ, Be Our Light

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. 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. 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. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)
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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Distribution of Holy Communion 2: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. (Refrain)

REFRAIN: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:24, John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration; Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 9 9 10 7;
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Sending Forth: 'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past! Promise of things to be!
We hail your body glorified, and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright, and make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: SM; based on Luke 9:32-33; Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt., Esme D. E. Bird. Music: Johann M. Speiss, 1715-1772; adapt. By William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.



Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday March 1 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Mark Gruber †	Sister: Mary Carol Horvath
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	John D'Amato †	Wife
Tuesday March 2 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Rev. William Cheetham †	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Fred Donatelli †	Deloris Donatelli
Wednesday March 3 <i>Lenten Weekday/St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Sally Torba †	Karen & John Moore
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	John Przeklasa †	Joan Hummel
Thursday March 4 <i>Lenten Weekday/ St. Casimir</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Cecelia Orr †	Bernadette Orr
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Thomas Maloney †	Ann Francis
Friday March 5 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	Intentions of Regis & Kathy Rapp	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Judy Trudeau †	Tom & Ginny Patsilevas & Family
Saturday March 6 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	William Rowen †	Wife: Suzanne Rowen
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Katherine Senge †	Switalski Family
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	For the People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
Sunday March 7 Third Sunday of Lent	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Marie Panno †	Tim & Dorothy McClelland
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Joe & Betty Kaule †	Kaule Family
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Edward Penco, Sr. †	Vince Penco
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Judy Fuscaldo †	Marcy & Pete Fuscaldo & Family



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Mary Jo Robbins

Fratelli Tutti Prayer from Pope Francis

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth.

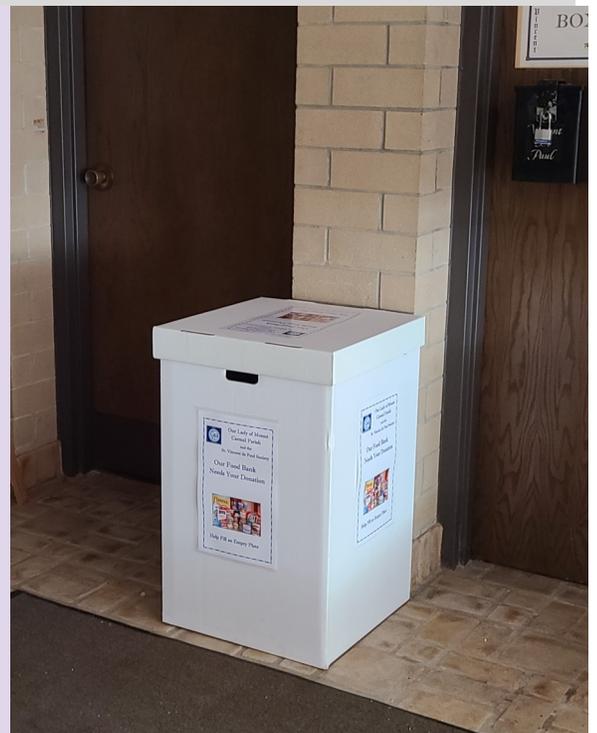
May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus, forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen

For more information or to read the encyclical visit the Vatican website: humandevlopment.va

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Recycling: We want to thank all the people who have been collecting aluminum cans for our recycling program. For the 2020 year, we increased the amount collected by almost 30% over 2019. This year's total collected amounted to 690 lbs. (approximately 22,000 cans). This success can be attributed to the help of parishioners from all four churches who recognize this worthy cause. The Knights of Columbus use the money to support their many charitable projects. We ask that all consider participating in this worthwhile cause. It is very easy and costs nothing. Just deposit your empty aluminum cans in the **tan collection bin** located in the upper parking lot of St. Sebastian Church.

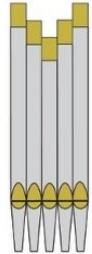
Food Pantry Needs: Juice, Progresso soup, Campbell's tomato soup, oatmeal (not packets) egg noodles, carrots, beets, baked beans, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, teabags, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, Uncle Bens rice, Rice A Roni, canned chicken and pears. We have set two food collection bins outside, 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. *Also, we have recently put collection boxes at St. Teresa Church in the narthex and lower level.*

Thank you! We could not serve our community without your continued generosity.





Ted Rybka



PSALM 116:9

**I will walk
before the
Lord in the
land of the
living.**

I Will... Will You?

Second Sunday of Lent

When God called out to Adam in Eden after he had eaten the forbidden fruit, Adam hid himself from the Lord. When God called out to Abraham in today's difficult first reading, Abraham's first words are, "Here I am!" Adam's disobedience leads to his unwillingness to face God. Abraham's obedience is displayed by his immediate eagerness to respond to God. Abraham could not have imagined why God was asking him to sacrifice his only son any more than Adam could have imagined why he could not eat the fruit of the tree. But unlike Adam, Abraham placed his trust in God and responded obediently. So too did Jesus. May we do the same.

Adult Choir and Contemporary Choir Merger

Several months ago, I printed an article addressing the restructuring of the music and liturgy departments, including staffing for the worship department, and addressed who would do what with some of the various choirs and groups. Because of the downsizing of the some of the staff, it was announced that I would direct the Cherub Choir and Contemporary Choir moving forward. It was also announced that the Adult Choir and Contemporary Choir will eventually merge when it is safe for our choirs to return. I would like to talk about that a little so that choir members will have a better understanding of what to expect when they return.

First, I need to be abundantly clear. This merger of the Adult Choir and the Contemporary Choir is *not* one choir simply merging into the other. It is not the end of one choir while the other continues. Quite frankly, **it is the end of both choirs and the creation of a brand new Adult Choir to serve the entire parish.** The Adult Choir in any parish serves as the primary choir within that particular faith community. It is eclectic in nature, encompassing everything from classical and traditional to contemporary and gospel. There is both organ and piano. There are spirituals and chant. There is English and Latin. The Adult Choir serves as the primary choir of a parish because it is supposed to represent the diversity of the *entire* parish. It offers a little of everything so that there is something for everyone. Our new choir will, too.

So, who gets a seat? The two choirs separately had close to eighty members, and since space is obviously an issue, who is in and who is out? I need to be abundantly clear about this, too: **Everyone is in, and no one is out.** We will bring everyone together for rehearsals in a larger space if necessary. That's the beauty of owning so many buildings. We have lots of churches and auditoriums and church halls, etc. that will fit our needs. And when it comes time to sing for Masses, we will all fit together in at least two of our churches. When we visit the other two churches, we can split up with half of the choir singing one Mass at one building while the other half sings at another building. We often do this with the Resurrection Choir when we have multiple funerals happening simultaneously, so we can do it with the Adult Choir, too, when and where we need to. We'll make it work because we will do it together.

To all of the choir members, I say this: Keep hanging in there. It won't be much longer until we're all home again. And please be sure to come back because this *is* your home. Don't worry about forming a new choir. **I've already saved you a seat.** It even has your name on it.



Deacon Bob
Koslosky

How do I Experience & See Jesus

Breaking Open the Word: Mark 9:2-10

"He was transfigured before their eyes!" The story of Jesus' transfiguration is full of symbolism. The images of cloud and mountain suggest God's appearance at the covenant-making on Mount Sinai. Moses, the major figure in Exodus and Sinai covenant, represents the law, and Elijah, great ninth-century prophet of Israel, represents the prophets. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Listen to the Word: What words or phrases capture your imagination from this familiar story today, what words or phrases strike you? What touches your heart? Is there one image from Mark's Gospel that lingers in your memory?

Look into Your Life:

Children: Name or draw a picture of a time you knew that Jesus was with you.

Youth: The disciples had a very intense experience of Jesus on the mountain. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like for you?

Adults: In what ways does Jesus speak today, ways in which you can truly "listen to him?"

Incarnate the Word: Choose one of the following activities as a way to "enflesh" the scripture reading into your life: The transfiguration is a manifestation of God. After reflecting on that statement, share your thoughts on these questions: Can you name a moment in your life when you felt God was present to you? What effect did that experience have on your life? ... Share with your child stories of how your faith in Jesus has helped you... Go on a treasure hunt. See how many places you can find signs of Jesus' presence. ... Use the responsorial prayer for this week as your family prayer: "I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living."



Spreading the Word of God with our Youngest Members

Children's Liturgy of the Word has not resumed due to Covid-19. **Each week on Flocknote**, the Faith Formation Department is providing children worksheets to help the Word of God come alive for our youngest parishioners. Each week there will be a downloadable copy for you to use at home, as you participate in our live streamed Mass or join our community faith live at one of Our Lady of Mount Carmel churches.



Children as young as five and adults of all ages will enjoy the colorful, engaging film. The film features eleven different stories that introduce children to this humble priest's spirituality and ministry. Solanus Casey never received permission to hear confessions or preach a sermon! He celebrated the Eucharist each day and carried on his apostolic work not in a pulpit or confessional but as a friary doorkeeper. Solanus spent his life in service of people.

Available on the FORMED.ORG Platform!

Register with Our Lady of Mount Carmel 15237 on the Formed Website





Mrs. Osekowski
Principal

Giving Wall

Please visit the Giving Wall in the back of church and take an envelope. Our goal is to fill all 200 envelopes and raise over \$20,000 for the school! Put the amount of money in that equals the number you took and return to school in the self-addressed envelope provided inside. (For example: if you take envelope #23, you are pledging to donate \$23 to Holy Cross Academy and will send \$23 to the school; If you take envelope #113, you are pledging to donate \$113 and will send \$113 to Holy Cross Academy.)



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