

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 6, 2021

Welcome to ...

*Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Parish*



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ICONS OF OUR PATRONESS

In last week's *Shepherd's Voice* you probably saw one of our new icons of our patroness, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, as shown below. There are four of them, one for each of our church buildings, and each one done by hand, 54" high and 40" inches wide. They are spectacularly beautiful and we will be very proud to see them in our churches. **New Guild Studios** in Braddock, who was commissioned five or six years ago to do the Saint Sebastian icon that you see in the narthex of Saint Sebastian Church, has done a magnificent job on these new icons of our patroness.

An icon is a representation of Our Lord or one of the saints that is **meant to be spiritual rather than photographic**. An icon is said to be *written* rather than painted, because it is a form of prayer rather than art. An **iconographer** prepares to write an icon by periods of prayer and fasting, and needs permission from his or her bishop or religious superior before beginning.

We will **need your help** paying for these icons, as they are \$4,200 each. If we are fortunate enough to collect excess funds, we will begin to provide **new and appropriate signage for our campuses**, which is now more necessary as our ministry becomes an important presence in the North Hills community. See Flocknote or our website for more information.



IN OTHER NEWS: Now that our 25 parish staff members have settled in to their new offices in the Parish Center, we have noticed an inordinate amount of **traffic that cuts through our property to avoid the traffic light** at the Perry Highway/Lindley Road intersection (including one rogue school bus). It appears that most of these racecar drivers are not parishioners. This not only puts wear and tear on our property, but **has become dangerous** as several of our staff have had close calls. We will be periodically blocking off this thruway to discourage further abuse....Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: "Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Help Us Keep Your Family Information Updated

Do you have adult children living with you, or those who have moved out of your home and are living on their own now? Have they completed their own Our Lady of Mount Carmel registration forms?

Help us keep your family information updated. If you have adult children (or need to register yourself), go to www.mountcarmelpgh.org, click "Join Our Parish" and complete the online form.

If you don't have access to a computer, call Nancy Koslosky at 412-367-9001, ext. 8536 and ask to have a registration form mailed to you.



Summer Series Begins June 10

Beginning on June 10 at Evergreen Community Park and continuing every Thursday evening throughout the summer, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will offer a 6:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by one of our parish priests, followed by a meal at local parks.

Bring a lawn chair, neighbor or friend and an appetite for faith, food and fellowship! In the event of rain, Masses will take place at St. Athanasius Church. Full details: www.mountcarmelpgh.org

Adoration and Holy Hour During Summer Months

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, followed by Benediction and Reposition, on scheduled Wednesdays and Fridays this summer. Get full details on our website at

www.mountcarmelpgh.org/adoration

READINGS / The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading: *Exodus 24:3-8*

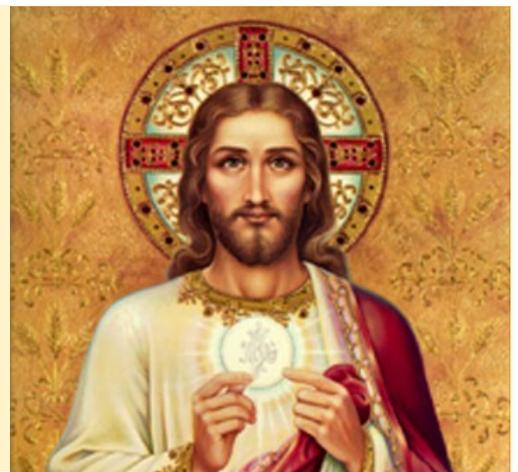
The covenant is established between God and the people.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 9:11-15*

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.



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Special Collection This Weekend: Mission Cooperation Sunday

Mission Cooperation Sunday takes place on June 5 and 6. Normally, a missionary comes to visit our parish and speak during homily time at mass. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place at the time this was planned, there will be no in-person talks. The mission group of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers - Nagpur Province in India and the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi have a challenging mission among the tribal people living in the mountainous terrain of the northeast border. They still live a very primitive way of life. Though the people are poor and uneducated, they are very open and eager to know Christ.

Their apostolate mainly consists of evangelization, pastoral and education ministries, providing hostel facilities for students, and engaging in socio-charitable works among the poorest people. The Pallottines began their Mission in the African country of Zambia in 2005. The Zambian mission most of all needs your prayers and financial support. Please realize that while the appeal is not in person the need is greater than ever, as the poor have been hit especially hard by the pandemic. So please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Summer Festival Volunteers Are Needed



Volunteers are needed for this year's Summer Parish Festival, which takes place August 16-21. Please contact us as soon as possible at volunteer@mountcarmelpgh.

Flea Market Planning Meeting Set for This Wednesday

You are invited to attend a planning meeting this Wednesday, June 9 for the Festival Flea Market. Bring friends, your creative ideas and, most important, yourself! We will meet in Schoppol Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

June 13th Rosary Evening to Feature Presentation by Fr. John Marcucci

Plan to join the Spirit Refill Team at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish on June 13 at 7:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary, then listen to an inspiring presentation entitled "Mary, Refilled with the Spirit of Pentecost, Becomes Mother of the Church" by Father John Marcucci. All are invited, and masks are required for those not fully vaccinated. Registration is not required, but you are asked to please bring your Rosary.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Thank You, First Communicants!

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the 2021 First Communion Class of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish for their donations of gift cards to restaurants in our area and cash for food items for the pantry. The pantry clients are enjoying the donations given to them from your class.



Our Landscape Committee is looking for someone to adopt a garden. It is on even ground in partial sun. It has been cared for and is in good shape. You may work at times that fit into your schedule. Please call Dianne at 412-366-7869 or email her at diennem15237@aol.com for more information.

Faith Direct Enables You To Make Offerings Online

Tired of remembering to write a check every week and dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it to the Parish? Please consider enrolling in Faith Direct, our on-line giving provider. It's easy for you—no more writing a check or spending money on postage each week. It's also easy for us, as donations are deposited directly to our account and downloaded automatically to your giving record.

Go to www.mountcarmelpgh.org and access the “Connect” button from the “Giving” heading. When you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email for you to review and keep for your records. If you do not have access, please call Mary Ann in the parish business office at 412-367-9001, ext. 8419, and an Enrollment Form will be mailed to you.

As a reminder, the Vanco and Our Sunday Visitor programs previously used by two of our parishes were discontinued at the end of November. If you participated in either of these two, you would have had to enroll in Faith Direct if you wished to continue donating on-line.





Hymnal for the Most Holy Trinity



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Gathering Hymn: Table of Plenty

REFRAIN: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love. (Refrain)
2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life. (Refrain)

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Responsorial Psalm: The Name of God

REFRAIN: I will take the cup of life, I will call God's name 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)

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Preparation of the Altar: O God beyond All Praising

1. O God beyond all praising we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the-eternal seed is sown,
Though small in mortal stature to heaven's garden grown.
For Christ, the man from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory!
3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still,
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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Distribution of Holy Communion: We Come to Your Feast

1. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white: the weaving of our stories,
The fabric of our lives; the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future: our needing and our nurture lie here before our eyes. (Refrain)

REFRAIN: We come to your feast, we come to your feast:

The young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast

With the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.

2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread: the gift of field and hillside,
The grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed. (Refrain)
3. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine: the fruit of human labor,
The gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,
His dying and his living, his leading and his giving, his love in cup outpoured. (Refrain)
4. We gather round your table, we pause within our quest, we stand beside our neighbors,
We name the stranger "guest". The feast is spread before us, you bid us come and dine:
In blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover your substance and your sign. (Refrain)

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Distribution of Holy Communion: O Sacrament Most Holy

1. O Jesus, we adore you, who, in your love divine,
Conceal your mighty Godhead in forms of bread and wine. (Refrain)

REFRAIN: O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving be ev'ry moment thine!

2. O Jesus, we adore you, our victim and our priest,
Whose precious blood and body become our sacred feast. (Refrain)
3. O come, all you who labor in sorrow and in pain;
Come eat this bread from heaven, your peace and strength regain. (Refrain)
4. O Jesus, we adore you; come live in us we pray,
That all our thoughts and actions be yours alone today. (Refrain)

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Sending Forth: Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this gracious God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace, and guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin, till heaven we possess.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reigns in highest heaven,
Eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: 67 67 66 66; Sirach 50:22-24; Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; adapt. By Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847, alt.



Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday June 7 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	James Schwarzmeier †	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Steve Demetriadis †	Ron & Flo Wittig
Tuesday June 8 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Robert Benna †	Pat Benna
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joseph J. Chnupa †	Eileen & Joe Chnupa
Wednesday June 9 <i>Weekday/St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Georgiann Schaefer †	Barbara & Jay Kerr
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Larry McGrath †	Dot & Harry Lydic
Thursday June 10 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Richard Graf †	Julie Stiehler
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Helen Bird †	OLMC St. Vincent de Paul
Friday June 11 <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	Walter Pasewicz, Sr. †	Annie Pasewicz
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Margaret Kraft †	William F. Kraft, Jr.
Saturday June 12 <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Ross W. Crosby †	Donna Prevost
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Robert Shannon †	Wife: Regina Shannon
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Philip, Joan & Ken Bancroft †	Family
Sunday June 13 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Corazon Jael †	Sylvia Angeles
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Robert Mascari †	OLMC Music Ministry
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Daniel Geyer †	OLMC Music Ministry



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Mondays	11:00 to Noon Senior Exercise
Tuesdays	9:00 a.m. to Noon Mah Jongg 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Organ Lessons
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Needle Threaders 11:00 a.m. to Noon Senior Exercise
Thursdays	9:00 a.m. to noon Cribbage 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Needle Threaders

Please note that the Community Center's new phone number is 412-585-5575.

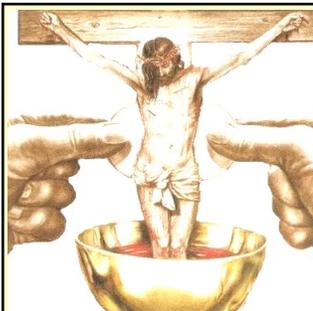
Support the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Your donations are always appreciated. Items we need include juice, carrots, beets, jelly, jar and canned pasta sauce, hamburger helper, Uncle Ben's Rice, Rice-A-Roni, mixed fruit, pears, peaches, and laundry detergent.

We have set two food collection bins outside of Haber Hall at the St. Sebastian site, as well as one in the church's narthex. 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. There are also two food collection bins at St. Teresa Church, one in the narthex and one at the entrance to Schoppol Hall. Thank You!



Ted Rybka



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Blood was used by Moses and the Chosen People to seal the covenant God made with them. Centuries later, Jesus used his own blood to seal the new covenant he made with those in need of redemption (all of us). In today's psalm, we sing together one of my favorite settings of Psalm 116, "I will take the cup of life. I will call God's name all my days." As we deepen our appreciation of the blood we share, let us commit to taking the cup Jesus offers us and calling upon the name of the Lord. *O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!*

Taking Up the Offertory Gifts

I can't think of a better day to reinstate the offertory procession than today. Traditionally, those who bring up the Eucharistic gifts are the same folks who offered the Mass intention for their loved one. **If you are having a Mass said, please check with one of the ushers to see about bringing up the gifts at the offertory.** We would love to have you participate more fully, especially if the Mass is being offered for your loved one. Please see an usher on the day of your scheduled Mass to participate.



Our Resurrection Choir will begin singing for all funerals again on Thursday, July 1st. If you are interested in participating, please email Kathy McLane at kmclane@mountcarmelpgh.org, or call her at 412-367-9001 x 8518. There are very strict guidelines for choral singing in place by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Center for Disease Control. **Everyone must adhere to the singing requirements before participating.** Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, June 30th, from 1:00-3:00 PM in St. Teresa of Avila Church.

Thank You, Handbell Choir!

Thanks to Jim Rossetti and our wonderful Handbell Choir who have spent the last month trying to pull everything together so quickly for today's Eucharistic procession at St. Athanasius Church. We appreciate your willingness to share your extraordinary gifts and talents. It's such a blessing for us to carry our Eucharistic Lord in procession throughout the neighborhood!





Deacon Bob
Koslosky

Mark Your Calendars!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 2021

Vacation Bible School



Holy, Hoppin' Alleluia!

Join in the fun! **VBS** is the week of **August 2-6, 2021** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon @ Saint Sebastian Campus Gym (HCA)**

WHO? Children four years old through 4 grade (*Completed 6/2021*)

HOW MUCH? Cost: \$ 20 per child or \$ 50 per family Please make checks payable to "OLMC Parish"

HOW? Register on Parish Website or Flocknote. Space is Limited. No Registrations will be taken at the door.



June 12-13 Loose Change Collection to Benefit Project H.O.P.E.

Project H.O.P.E., which was originally a program at St. Sebastian Parish, is a faith-based mission trip that has helped the people of eastern Kentucky for more than 50 years. The group concentrates its



Ms. Katie
Dorman

work in low-population-density impoverished regions through the Saint Vincent Mission and performs construction work on homes that ranges from installing handicap ramps and decks to full-sized additions and roof work. This year, the mission trip will take place from **June 19 to 26.**

On Saturday, June 12th and Sunday, June 13th, there will be a **Loose Change Collection** from which all proceeds will be donated to Project H.O.P.E.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare for the trip!

Youth Group News:

High School Youth Group: No Youth Group on 6/9

Middle School Youth Group: No Youth Group on 6/10



Mrs. Osekowski
Principal

Our Eighth Grade Graduates

Let us unite our hearts in prayer
and entrust to the hands of the Lord
those who will be graduated tomorrow.

May God who began this good work in you
carry it through to completion,
enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

May God give you the grace to make wise choices
and to be faithful to your commitments,
always confident in the support of those who love
you.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice,
oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that you will work for justice, equality, and
peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who
suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,
so that you will reach out your hand
to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think
that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you will do the things
which others tell you cannot be done.

May your integrity be a gift to the world
and may the Spirit of God be with you always.

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