

July 18, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CELEBRATE!

It's time to celebrate! We have come through a **difficult year of isolation and fear**, and although things are not as they were pre-lockdown, we seem to be enjoying life much more than we were a year ago at this time.

Celebrations are necessary because they lift us out of our everyday routine and help us to acknowledge that life can and should be enjoyable. **We deserve these moments of rest and relaxation** that enable us to recharge, make new social connections, and enhance our many existing relationships.

Scripture is full of celebrations, parties, social gatherings, and banquets, so there must be something inherently beneficial about them. In fact, Jesus' first miracle was performed at a wedding, at which he and his mother were both guests.

This weekend we have **much to celebrate**. Our parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel has begun to take root and to establish us as a **significant presence in the North Hills**. We are not only serving the Church and each other, but we are also reaching out to serve the broader community.

More than a year ago, our four parishes came together in a spirit of unity. To be sure, there have been some bumps in the road, particularly an unprecedented pandemic, but we have proven that **we are not to be beaten down or discouraged**.

We celebrate, we bless our beautiful icons of our patroness, we bless our newly refurbished Parish Center, which is not only a place of work, but is also a sign of what we can do together. Rain or shine, we will celebrate. **Come and join us. All are welcome!**

And on we merrily go!

IN OTHER NEWS: As our **Festival** draws closer (August 16-21) and more people are signing up to help, please know that there is a **strict requirement by the Diocese of Pittsburgh** that all those age 18 and over who volunteer to work in any capacity **must have all child protection clearances**. Some people find this an unnecessary burden for a six-day festival, but there can be **no exceptions**. Please contact our **Human Resources/Child Protection Director, Ann Ferguson** (412 367-9001 x8503), for more information....Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

“Two things in life change you, and you are never the same: Love and Grief”
- *Unknown*

Parish Summer Festival News

Auction Donations Needed

Did you receive a Christmas or birthday gift you didn't like? Donate it to the festival auction and get a possible tax write-off. We are also particularly in need of wine/spirits, scratch-off lottery tickets, gift cards and monetary donations. Please drop auction donations off at the Parish Center, 800 Avila Court. Questions? Contact Connie at con926@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Poker/Blackjack Dealers Wanted

We need poker and blackjack dealers and helpers. Never dealt before? We can teach you! Call the Festival Hotline at 412-367-9001, ext. 8570 if interested.

Donate to the Flea Market Flea Market Sort Night 7/21.

You can still drop off your flea market items at the entrance to Schoppol Hall any time. We appreciate it! Items that will not be accepted are particle board furniture, encyclopedias, car seats, exercise equipment, flammable or broken items, console TVs, computers and related equipment.

Plan to join us this Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. Get in on the fun! Volunteers are needed. Just show up and ask for Darlene.

Visit the festival online and contact us at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/festival.



July 22: Eat & Pray at Evergreen Community Park

This Thursday, July 22, our Eat & Pray in the Park summer Mass and meal takes place at Evergreen Community Park at 3430 Evergreen Road in Ross Township. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for Mass followed by dinner and fellowship. Reserve your space at 412-219-9254 or www.mountcarmelpgh.org.

READINGS / 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:13-18*

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:30-34*

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish



Need Prayers? Call Our Parish Prayer Line.

With God, all things are possible. If you need prayer for a special intention, consider placing it on our confidential parish prayer line. Call Patti Smith at 412-766-3723 or Nancy Detrude at 412- 931-0577. Your request will be handled in a discreet manner.

Volunteers, Please Note: Mandatory Clearances Must Be Completed

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, we appreciate all those who volunteer their time and talents. Please note, however, that every volunteer must complete all necessary clearances prior to the event for which they're planning to volunteer. If this is you, PLEASE complete your clearances as soon as possible, as some of them can take up to a few weeks to process. Thank you for your cooperation!



Divine Mercy Devotions Again Meeting on Thursdays

Now that COVID restrictions have eased, our weekly Divine Mercy devotions are again meeting each Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel at St. Sebastian Church.

Also, please note that the Rosary that is prayed every weekday afternoon has moved to the chapel as well.



Father Innocent Onuh Celebrates 20 Years of Priesthood this Month

Father Innocent Onuh, who resides at the St. Athanasius Church rectory, celebrates 20 years of priesthood this month. He will preside at the **5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 25** and the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 25** at St. Athanasius Church. Congratulations, Father Innocent!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Icons to be Blessed At All Masses this Weekend

Our new parish icons have been installed at each of our churches and are being blessed at all Masses this weekend, as we continue our celebration of our patronal feast. Candles and prayer cards are available in the narthex, and you're invited to take one of each home in exchange for a free will donation. The cards feature an image of the new icon as shown at right, along with a prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel on the reverse side.



TODAY at 12:30 p.m. Parish Center Blessing and Open House

We hope you'll plan to join us this afternoon at 12:30 as our Parish Center is blessed. The blessing will be followed by refreshments, tours and an open house. Stop by and see where our clergy and staff work every day!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Music Ministry
proudly announces the return
of the in-person

CASH BASH

**Saturday, October 2, 2021
6:00—10:00 p.m.**

Henninger Auditorium
at St. Teresa of Avila Church

Event ticket: \$40 | Raffle only: \$20

Tickets go on sale July 30 at
www.mountcarmelpgh.org
or in the church narthexes August 7/8

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Gathering Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt. Music: Trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

Responsorial Psalm: Shepherd Me, O God

REFRAIN: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want; I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love; I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (Refrain)
2. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. (Refrain)
3. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. (Refrain)

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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: Mother of the Risen Savior

1. Mother of the Risen Savior, lead us by your holy way.
Draw us closer to the Father, Son and Spirit, day by day.
May our souls proclaim God's glory, may our lives reflect his love.
Through all ages you are blessed, Queen of Peace, enthroned above.

2. God has cast the proud from power and has raised the lowly high.
He has filled the poor with gladness, raining justice from the skies.
By the holy Cross of Jesus, hearts are healed and lives restored.
Intercede for us, O Mary, Mother of the Risen Lord.
3. Nourished at this holy table and empowered by the word
We go forth to be a people of the promise we have heard.
Mother Mary, guide your children, teach us by your loving care.
May we share your gentle wisdom with God's people ev'rywhere.
4. Let this Church shine bright in glory called by Christ, your Saving Son.
May your children now be gathered, may the world be joined as one.
Make us rise to be God's servants 'til His work on earth is done.
In communion with the Savior let the holy Kingdom come!

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Distribution of Holy Communion: Christ In Me Arise

REFRAIN: Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision, open these eyes, showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you. (Refrain)
2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way, taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you. (Refrain)
3. You know my heart and you know my ways, you who formed me in my mother's womb.
I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you. (Refrain)

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Distribution of Holy Communion: 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: O Sanctissima

1. O Sanctissima, Holy Queen of love, dearest Virgin and Mother.
Blest by every nation, every generation: Ora, ora pro nobis!
2. O most beautiful, and most merciful, Gate of Heaven, we hail you.
Star of our salvation, crown of all creation: Ora, ora pro nobis!
3. Mary, Mystic Rose, Font that overflows, Seat of Wisdom, we greet you.
Mother of our Savior, full of grace and favor: Ora, ora pro nobis!

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Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday July 19 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Rev. Robert Coyne †	Rev. John Rushofsky
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Lawrence McGrath †	Mary & Gaetano Morello
Tuesday July 20 <i>Weekday/Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Alma Schran †	Benna Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Mary Ann McDunn †	Kathy Ferri
Wednesday July 21 <i>Weekday/Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Raymond Del Din †	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Deceased of Rebholz & Filak Families †	Marilyn Rebholz & Family
Thursday July 22 St. Mary Magdalene	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	John & Betty Garby †	Daniel & Kathleen DeWald
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Agnes & Dennis Driscoll †	Jack & Sandy Dziubek
Friday July 23 <i>Weekday/St. Bridget, Religious</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	David Wieszorek †	Loretta Wieszorek
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joann Fohl †	OLMC Ladies of Charity
Saturday July 24 <i>Weekday/St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest; BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Paul Wilson †	Richard Brooker
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Gazella Armstrong †	Friends & Neighbors
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Raymond & Magdalene Donatelli †	Donatelli Family
Sunday July 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Deceased of Dax & Hame Families †	Dax & Turack Families
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Teresa Gasbarro †	Friend
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	69th Wedding Anniversary of Barbara & Neil Richey	Cynthia & Thomas Richey



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“For Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs not his To the Father through the features of men’s faces.”

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si,* Pope Francis comments that “...it cannot be emphasized enough how everything is interconnected. Time and space are not independent of one another, and not even atoms or subatomic particles can be considered in isolation. (138) He goes on to say, “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.” (139)

We are reminded by these words of Pope Francis of our high school biology and chemistry classes about our connection with all Mother Earth and all of Creation.

With Saint Kateri let us pray and act in ways that reverence all creation as good, a gift of the divine.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Community Center is Open!

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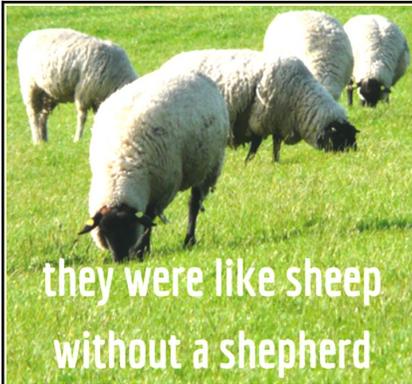
Your donations are always appreciated. Items we need include juice, carrots, beets, jelly, jar and canned pasta sauce, hamburger helper, Uncle Ben’s Rice, Rice-A-Roni, mixed fruit, pears, peaches, and laundry detergent.

Parish Donation Drop-Off Site

- There are two food collection bins outside of Haber Hall at the **St. Sebastian Church** site, as well as one in the church’s narthex.
- You can also place the donations in the narthex **at St. Athanasius Church** when it is open or in the bin outside of Athanasian Hall.
- There are also two food collection bins at **St. Teresa of Avila Church**: one is in the narthex and the other one is at the entrance to Schoppol Hall.



Thank You!



they were like sheep
without a shepherd

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel we hear today, Jesus invites his disciples to take a break and rest a while. He invites us to do the same today. As we rest our minds and bodies, let us listen to God's word. Jeremiah tells his people that one day a king and shepherd will come to bring justice to the land. Paul writes that in Christ walls are broken down and peace established among all peoples. Jesus laments the directionless people massed on the shore. And so he began to teach. May we be eager learners.



Ted Rybka

HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY! HAPPY FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL!

To celebrate this momentous occasion for our parish, we have beautiful **Our Lady of Mount Carmel votive candles and holy cards** available in the narthex of all four churches. We also have a few in the main office at the new parish center. Water jugs have been placed by the votive candles and holy cards for a free-will offering. Both the votive candles and holy cards have been made especially for you and your loved ones.

Following the liturgies, we will **bleed the new Parish Center today (Sunday) at 12:30 PM with our Regional Vicar**. It's sure to be a very festive occasion complete with a huge tent, many delicious catered goodies, and open house tours of the new center. Come and say hello to clergy and staff and enjoy fellowship with your parish family! We hope you can join us at **800 Avila Court** as we celebrate our new parish community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. **Welcome home!**



*O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,
Fruitful Vine, Splendor or Heaven,
Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin,
Assist me in this necessity. O Star of the Sea,
Help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy
Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to inter-
cede for me. There are none that can withstand your power.
O show me herein you are my Mother.
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have re-
course to you. Holy Mother, I place this request in your
hands, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Deacon Bob Koslosky

Faith Formation



Breaking Open the Word: Mark 6:30-34

“They went to a deserted place to rest.” The disciples have just returned from their first missionary journey and Jesus knows that they need rest. The attempt to get away from the crowds is useless because the people are hungry to hear the word of God. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, responds to the people with compassion.

Listen to the Word: When you hear the words of today’s Gospel proclaimed, what clings to your memory? Are there words or phrases that strike you?

Look into Your Life:

Children: How do you keep Sunday as a day of rest?

Youth: Jesus was moved with pity for the people who were gathered. Who are the people you are “moved with pity” for? What can you do to help them?

Adults: Why is rest important? How do you make sure you get enough of it in your own life?

Incarnate the Word: Choose one of the following activities as a way to further “enflesh” the Sunday readings: Ask family members to share their thoughts on the following questions: What are your three favorite teachings of Jesus? Why? In the Gospel reading, Jesus was emotionally touched by the masses of people. As a family, undertake a project of caring for something or someone not being cared for. Jesus offered the disciples rest. What do you do and where do you go when you feel overwhelmed? Find a quiet place, and invite Jesus to join you and rest.

REST FOR A WHILE

Mark 6:30-34

Youth Ministry

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Youth Minister



June 19th - June 26th, a group of 27 joined together to travel down to David, Kentucky for our annual Project Hope trip. While the group was smaller than we are used too, we were still just as mighty. Keep an eye on this space to see all of the exciting projects we worked on over the course of the week! They included new flooring, new decks, a whole new kitchen!, new bathroom, stabilizing housing, jacking up a house to level it and put in new flooring. Your average work week.

We had a great and blessed time away and are so blessed to have the support of a generous parish behind us to help serve the Saint Vincent Mission patrons and the David School.





Holy Cross Academy
Autumn Fest
Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, September 18, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free Admission!
Food Trucks!
50/50 Raffle!
Vendor Raffle!



We will be holding our craft fair outdoors. In the event of rain, the craft fair will be moved inside our gym.
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ckoch@holycrossacademypgh.org for more information.
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