

September 5, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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AN HONORED GUEST

We had a surprise visitor at our Festival a couple weeks ago. **Ernest Gubser**, age 92, was a **Swiss Guard** during the pontificate of **Pope Pius XII**. We had a wonderful conversation as he spoke about his experiences and the honor of being a member of the elite Swiss Guard.

Ernest and his wife Rita are members of the former Saint Cyril Parish, now Christ Our Savior Parish on the North Side, and they have friends here in our parish who invited them to our Festival.

Pictured here on the left is Ernest, along with yours truly, and on the right, his picture during his time as a Swiss Guard, protecting the Holy Father many years ago.



IN OTHER NEWS: **Happy Labor Day to all!** For many people, Labor Day marks the end of summer and a return to the school year and back to work. But **labor is a blessing**, as many discovered during last year's lockdown. Honest labor brings a dignity to our life, and it is mentioned many times in the Bible as both **desirable and valuable**.....Per our usual holiday schedule, there will be only one Mass on Monday, September 6: **9:00 am at Saint Teresa**....Stay tuned for more news....

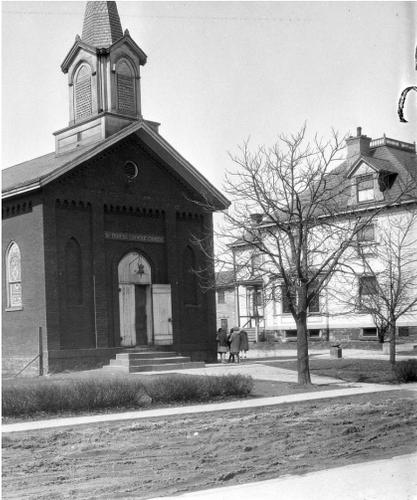
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: "I have offended God and mankind because my work did not reach the quality it should have."

- *Last words of Leonardo da Vinci*

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COVID Precautions Continue

As the COVID Delta Variant continues to spread, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish continues to develop and implement measures to keep our churches and other buildings clean and safe, and to minimize risks for all clergy, staff and parishioners. Stay up to date by visiting www.mountcarmelpgh.org/covid-updates.



Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, with roots dating back more than 150 years, is a vibrant Catholic family of word, sacrament, prayer, and service.

Centered in Jesus Christ, we strive to live and proclaim the Good News, building a community worth sharing.

With Mary as our example and patron, we seek to deepen our faith and holiness, bringing help and hope to all.

Parish Library Now Open

Thanks to the hard work by our parish Knights of Columbus and the hard work of several volunteers under the direction of parishioner Linda Ludwig, our parish library is now open. The library, located on the lower level at the Parish Center, was created by merging the former parish libraries at St. Teresa, St. Sebastian and St. Athanasius churches. Parishioners can visit the library at any time Monday through Friday during Parish Center office hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) We also accept donations of books that are of a spiritual nature. Please stop in, browse and enjoy!

READINGS / 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

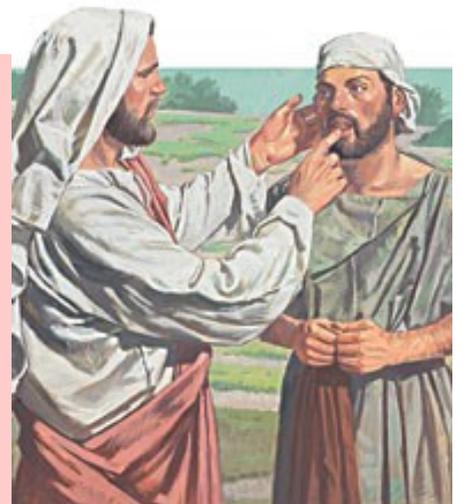
Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

Second Reading: *James 2:1-5*

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 7:31-37*

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.



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This year we return to a VIRTUAL

CASH BASH

Regretfully, the increasing presence of the new COVID Delta Variant and the rising numbers of cases has made it necessary to return to the virtual format again this year, rather than presenting the in-person event we'd previously announced.

The Virtual CASH BASH offers 17 chances to win more than \$6,000, including a virtual 50-50 raffle and, of course, our Big Basket Raffle. TICKETS are available at the Parish Center

Note: If you have already purchased a \$40 ticket to attend the event, you will receive a second ticket and number. You will be contacted soon to make arrangements to receive your second ticket. We sincerely thank you for your understanding.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Knights of Columbus News

Council #13959: Upcoming Meetings

The Knights of Columbus Council #13959 will hold its next business meeting on Monday, September 13th and its next social meeting on Monday, September 27. Both meetings will take place at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, and all members are welcome. Non-members interested in attending are asked to please contact Jay Schmidt at 412-287-7374.

Andrea Bocelli Concert Raffle Still in Progress

The Knights of Columbus Council #13959 is still selling raffle tickets for a block of tickets for the concert by Andrea Bocelli on Saturday, December 4 at PPG Paints Arena. To purchase raffle tickets contact Carl Dozzi (412- 370-3111) or Jay Kerr (412-527-8573).

Council #14696 to Collect Funds for Bishop's Project Next Weekend

Knights Council #14696 will collect funds for the Bishop's Project next weekend at St. Athanasius, Incarnation of the Lord and St. Sebastian churches. This initiative assists Bishop Zubik in his support for the McGuire Home and St. Anthony School programs.

Steelers Ticket Raffle

Council #14696 invites you to win two tickets for three of the Steelers' regular season home games: Section 508, Row P, Seats 17 and 18. Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Rich Dovi (412) 425-7512 or rcdovi@verizon.net for tickets.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, visit
www.mountcarmelpgh.org/groups-organizations

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Learn Basic Italian at the Community Center This Month

Learn the basics of Italian customs, culture, and language with a great teacher. Materials will be provided. At least 10 participants are necessary to offer this 10-week class, which is scheduled to begin on September 16 and run each Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Call 412-585-5575 to let us know of your interest. A discount will be offered for anyone whose previous classes were cancelled due to COVID.

Baptism Preparation Workshop This Wednesday

The next Baptism Preparation Workshop will be an in-person class on Wednesday, September 8 at Saint Sebastian Church. It will take place near the Baptismal Font at 7:00 p.m. Please call Mary Ann at 412-367-9001, ext. 8419 or email mcooper@mountcarmelpgh.org to register.



Parish Legion of Mary Offers Pilgrim Virgin Statue To Help With Prayers

The Legion of Mary is an international organization founded in 1921 as a Roman Catholic Marian Lay Apostolate. Its members are primarily engaged in serving our clergy, parishioners, and neighbors through the performance of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a blessed, 28-inch tall replica of our Lady of Fatima. It is a traveling sacramental offered by our parish's Legion of Mary for installation in your home to create a prayerful, sanctifying space where family and friends to pray the Rosary, and meditate on the mysteries.

By request, the Legion of Mary members will transport the statue and pray welcoming prayers with you. The statue may remain in your home for at least two weeks. At the end of the visitation, Legion of Mary members will retrieve the statue and pray farewell prayers with you.

All parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish are welcome to request the statue. Contact Araceli Victoria at 570-234-5775 or Jane Sestric at 412-841-3923 to welcome our Mother Mary into your home.

Hymnal for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gathering Hymn: Risen Lord We Gather Round You

1. Risen Lord, we gather round you, drawn by words forever new.
“Come, my people, all are welcome; share the feast prepared for you!”
Empty hands and hearts that hunger, Christ, we bring to you today.
Here you feed us with your Body, gift of love for which we pray.
2. Sisters, brothers, stand beside us, called from ev’ry land and race.
One the Bread of Life that feeds us, one the Cup of brimming grace.
Form us, Lord, a single body, free from enmity and strife.
Jesus, by your resurrection, fill us with the Spirit’s life.
3. By the Loaf and Cup you offer, strengthen us to follow you.
By your Body, risen, given, heal us, Christ, and make us new.
Help us hear your urgent summons, cutting through our fear of loss:
“Go, my people! Be my servants! Bear with me the waiting cross!”

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Responsorial Psalm: I Will Praise the Lord

REFRAIN: Alleluia, alleluia. I will praise the Lord all my days.

1. It is God who keeps faith forever, who is just to those oppressed.
It is God who gives food to the hungry and sets the captive free. (Refrain)
2. It is God who gives new vision, and who raises those bowed down.
All whose hearts are just God will cherish; the stranger is in God’s care. (Refrain)
3. God upholds the widow and orphan, but spoils the plans of the proud.
God’s reign will last for all time, Zion’s God from age to age. (Refrain)

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Preparation of the Altar: Open My Eyes

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.
5. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

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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. Thirsting for you, my God. Knowing your truth within me.
When can I see you as you are, God of my life? (Refrain)
2. Tears have become my bread, tears every night and morning.
Questioning voices all day long: Where is your God? (Refrain)
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. 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: Let Us Be Bread

Refrain: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more. (Refrain)
2. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends. (Refrain)
3. See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you. (Refrain)
4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. (Refrain)

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Sending Forth: Healing River of the Spirit

1. Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,
We discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.
2. Wellspring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring release,
As we gain our selves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your church enact your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see our Savior's face.
3. Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your pow'r.
All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us, guide our winding human course,
Till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our Source.

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Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday September 6 <i>Weekday</i>	9 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Dolores Ward †	Betty Borgo
Tuesday September 7 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Carlo Lattari †	Antionette Lattari
	12 PM	St. Sebastian		
Wednesday September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Brian Burke †	Mom & Dad
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Mary Hess †	Michelle Hess
Thursday September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Brian Edward Burke †	Paul & Marcy Burke
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Christine Crocker †	Anna Mae & Lou Caracciolo
Friday September 10 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	Raymond Ostronic †	OLMC Music Ministry
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Carol Sargent †	Maria & George Shaheen
Saturday September 11 <i>Weekday/BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Thomas Scherer †	Tom & Lois Serwatka
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Kay, Willard & Clark Braun †	Carol Braun Kunz
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Victor & Thelma Saveikis †	James & Sandra Saveikis
Sunday September 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Antonio Angeles †	Sylvia Angeles
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Carol McMillan †	Cook/McMillan Families
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Ronald P. Caye †	Family



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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.”

G.M.Hopkins, SJ



In the introduction to his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (Sisters and Brothers All), Pope Francis writes, “Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation. We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together. By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together. Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.”

Pope Francis can be speaking to each and everyone of us. The fact that you are reading this parish bulletin, hopefully means that you are interested in being a part of opportunities that Our Lady of Mount Carmel provides us. Many of you reading this already are involved. Numerous individuals make the parish run, and numerous individuals “see the face of Christ in ten thousand places!”

Some of them are noted below as well as throughout this bulletin.

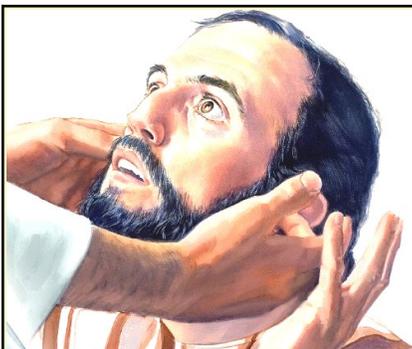
- **HELP THY NEIGHBORS WALK** Join us on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at Harmar Grove, North Park. Mass begins at 9:00 followed by an optional one mile walk. All donations support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. “Join the crowd!”
- **Zumba!** We will begin offering Zumba dancing at 6:00 on Tuesday evenings at the Community Center beginning September 7th. It joins several other programs and classes in which parishioners and community members are now participating. To register call 412-585-5575.
- **Learn all things Italian - Beginners Class** Learn the basics of Italian customs, culture, and language with a great teacher. Materials will be provided. At least 10 participants are necessary to offer this 10-week class, which is scheduled to begin on September 16 and run each Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Call 412-585-5575 to let us know of your interest. A discount will be offered for anyone whose previous classes were cancelled due to COVID.

Learn more about all that's offered at the Community Center at

<https://www.mountcarmelpgh.org/community-center-1>



Ted Rybka



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our God is a transformative God, bringing life to the wasteland and giving hope to people who appeared to be abandoned. Isaiah, the prophet and poet, spoke to a society that equated deficiency with sinfulness, prophesying that God would transform the deaf, the blind, the disabled, and the mute. Jesus does just that in the Gospel. In between, James call us to change the way we judge strangers we encounter. Listening to today's readings, note the transformations we witness.

THREE CHURCHES NOW OPEN FOR DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER

The past year and a half has had many challenges. Trying to keep at least some of our churches open as much as possible during the pandemic has also been challenging. The good news is that you can now visit three of our four churches during the week for private prayer or to light a candle except on holidays. Here is the regular Monday through Friday schedule:

St. Athanasius Church—Open M-F from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM for private prayer.

St. Teresa of Avila Church—Open M-F from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for private prayer.

(Our new Parish Center is also open M-F from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on the same campus.)

St. Sebastian Church—Open M-F from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for private prayer.

**Churches cannot be kept open throughout the day on holidays due to staffing schedules.*



Our parish will gather for one Labor Day Mass this Monday, September 6th, at 9:00 AM in Saint Teresa of Avila Church.

**Please note the regular 8:30 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses are cancelled for the holiday, and there will be no confessions on Labor Day.*

Here are the winning numbers for our weekly \$100 "Money Monday" 300 Club winners for the entire month of July and the first two weeks of August:

July 5th - # **241**

July 12th - # **177**

July 19th - # **184**

July 26th - # **079**

August 2nd - # **035**

August 9th - # **105**

Remember to keep checking your mailbox as our weekly cash drawings continue until March 2022. Good luck!





Deacon Bob Koslosky

Be Open to the Powerful Presence of Jesus!

Breaking Open the Word: Mark 7:31-37

“He makes the deaf hear!” Today’s Gospel story portrays Jesus’ healing as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. The deaf man with the speech impairment who is brought to Jesus is a Gentile. The man is healed when Jesus touches the parts of him that are weak and impaired.

Listen to the Word: As you heard the gospel proclaimed, what lingers in your memory about this reading? What word or phrase strikes you?

Look into Your Life:

Children: Do you shun others whom you don’t like? What do you do? Why?

Youth: Who are the “unnoticed” people in our world today? What could you do to help them?

Adults: In what ways do you discriminate in your heart against those whom you judge less than fully worthy?



Incarnate the Word: Choose one of the following activities as a way to further “enflesh” the Sunday readings: The more we are open to Jesus in our lives the more we understand our need for him. Take a moment of silence this week and ask God to open your ears, eyes, mind and heart to the power of Jesus. Jesus opened the ears of the deaf and cured the mute so that they could speak. Whom do you know who might feel separated or lonely because of a disability? Discuss, as a family, how you can reach out to the person. Prejudices can be subtle such as jokes told about people of a certain ethnic or national heritage. Discuss as a family how you can respond to this kind of humor.

A Prayer for Labor Day

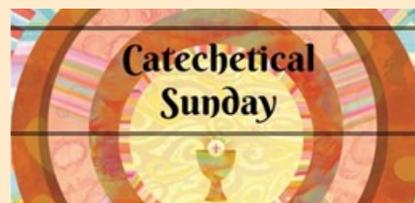
Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that
You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.

“Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed.”

Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2021 is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each of us play, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. **Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. If you are a parent, coach, teacher, youth ministry leader, chaperone, and volunteer,

Thank you for your witness and sharing your gifts.





Holy Cross Academy



Holy Cross Academy
2021-22 NFL Football Fundraiser



Ticket Cost: \$20 This is a joint fundraiser. All proceeds go towards Holy Cross Academy and Blessed Trinity Academy's 2021-22 fundraising goals. Cash or checks (payable to Holy Cross Academy) are accepted.

To purchase tickets: Contact any current HCA school family, call the school office at 412-364-7171 or email Kris Nastal at knastal@holycrossacademypgh.org

ALL TICKET STUBS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

**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**



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