

September 26, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME!

We are happy to announce **Deacon Cliff Homer** as our new **Pastoral Associate**. Cliff previously served at the newly merged Saints Martha and Mary Parish in Hampton/Richland (the former Saint Catherine of Sweden and Saint Richard Parishes) but is no stranger to our community.

Cliff belonged to Saint Sebastian Parish for many years and he and his wife Gretchen were married there. All three of their sons went to Saint Sebastian School, and their two grandchildren now attend Holy Cross Academy.

Having worked for the U.S. Post Office for more than 30 years, **Cliff has organizational and management skills**, so he will take on the many responsibilities previously handled by Deacon Rick Cessar.

This is a pivotal position on our parish staff because it encompasses almost every aspect of this complex parish, the third largest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Cliff is excited to be a part of our parish community and I know everyone will give him our usual warm welcome as he takes on his new duties beginning Monday, September 27.

And on we merrily go!



IN OTHER NEWS: If you had a chance to view the most recent (9/17) edition of **The Shepherd's Voice** on Flocknote, you now have some idea of our newly expanded **Parish Library**, located on the **middle level (courtyard entrance)** of our **Parish Center**. The Library is open during regular Parish Center hours, **Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm**, and runs on the self-serve-honor-system. You will be surprised at the number, variety, and quality of the books available there. Thanks to Linda Ludwig, her helpers, and our Knights of Columbus who helped to pull this together....Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: "The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It's about what you're made of, not the circumstances."
- *Unknown*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Today is Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday, generally celebrated on the last Sunday in September, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States, and to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International, a worldwide organization of lay Catholics found around the world who are dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations.

As part of this observance, you are asked to keep all clergy in your prayers, especially our parish clergy, and continue to pray for vocations.

Much more information is available online at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/vocations.

Collecting Today for Haiti

In August, a catastrophic earthquake followed by a tropical storm caused immense damage to Haiti.



Reports indicated that more than 2,000 people lost their lives and that thousands of homes were destroyed.

In response to this crisis, today's second collection will support the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund, which helps with the Church's pastoral and reconstruction efforts through local agencies of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA. Please be generous!



October Diaper Drive To Benefit Catholic Charities

Our parish's Pro-Life Committee is holding a diaper and wipe drive during October (Respect Life Month). Please drop off your donations at any of our four churches in the designated boxes or playpen. The most-needed sizes are 3-5. Supporting mothers who choose to accept life is one of our missions. Please call Dianne at 412-366-7869 with any questions.

READINGS / 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Numbers 11:25-29*

The Lord bestows His spirit on the 70 elders.

Second Reading: *James 5:1-6*

James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against Him is for Him.



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Tickets On Sale for CASH BASH, Big Basket Raffle

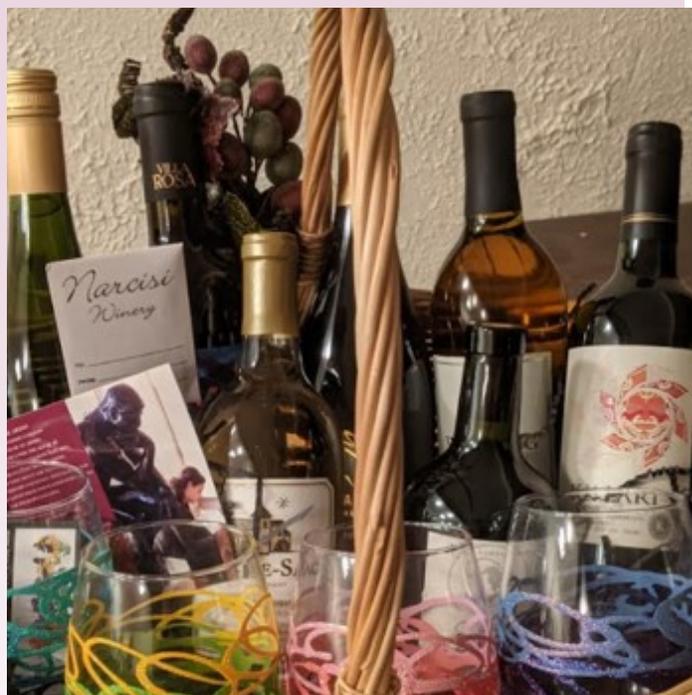
Drawings to take place October 2

CASH BASH

Our Virtual CASH BASH offers 17 chances to win more than \$6,000, including a virtual 50-50 raffle and the Big Basket Raffle. Tickets are available at the Parish Center and via the parish website at www.mountcarmelpgh.org

Big Basket Raffle

Our Big Basket Raffle includes our Money Tree, Wheelbarrow of Cheer and Tower of Beer along with many other fun prizes. Tickets cost just \$5.00 for nine entries and \$10.00 for 19. Virtual 50-50 raffle tickets are also available at \$10.00 for 19 entries. All winners will be drawn at the virtual Cash Bash on October 2.



SEE THE BASKETS IN PERSON!

Baskets will be on display and tickets sold this weekend after the 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the narthex at St Sebastian Church.

Experience Christ, His Disciples
and Mary Magdalene As Never Before.

The CHOSEN

Eight Fridays this fall
through November 12
10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Followed by a discussion.

Schoppol Hall
at St. Teresa of Avila Church

REGISTER AT

www.mountcarmelpgh.org/thechosen



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Financial Stewardship

AUGUST 2021

July Actual Collection - 4 Weeks:	173,942
August Actual Collection - 5 Weeks:	200,941
Total Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/21-8/31/21):	374,883
2021 Parish Share Assessment:	434,575
Actual 2021 Parish Share Collected (through 8/31/21):	518,529
Over (Under) Parish Share:	83,954

As soon as the budget is finalized and approved, budgeted figures will be supplied each month. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Computer Classes Are Coming to the Community Center!



Are your computer skills outdated or even non-existent? Would you like to have better command of your computer? If so, sign up for the BASIC computer classes we'll offer at our Community Center this fall.

It's one of several classes now being offered at our center, located adjacent to St. Athanasius Church at 7 Chalfonte Avenue in West View.

Computer Basics 1

Mondays, Oct. 18 and 25,

Nov. 1 and 8. 1:00 to 3:30

- Computer hardware & mouse use
- Keyboard functions & Windows
- Overview internet, Browsers, Search
- E-mail overview using Google gmail

Computer Basics 2

Mondays, Nov. 15, 22, and 29,

Dec. 6. 1:00 to 3:30

- Microsoft Word Basics
- Microsoft Excel Basics
- Storage Management
- Windows 10
- *Use our Laptops or bring your own.*
- *Maximum: 10 Students*
- *\$20 for both sessions*

Call NOW to register: 412-585-5575

Marian Rosaries Scheduled On Weekends in October

In honor of the Blessed Mother in this month dedicated to her as Our Lady of the Rosary, the Marian Council of our parish is sponsoring the recitation of the rosary after one of the weekend Masses in our parish each week in October.

You are invited to join us. Get the complete schedule at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/devotions.



Hymnal for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gathering Hymn: Send Down the Fire

REFRAIN: Send down the fire of your justice, send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people,
And we shall be people of God.

1. Call us to be your compassion, teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. (Refrain)
2. Call us to learn of your mercy, teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace. (Refrain)

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Gloria: Storrington Mass - # 230 Gather Hymnal

Responsorial Psalm: Words of Everlasting Life

REFRAIN: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Tu tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. (Refrain)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes. (Refrain)
3. The fear of the Lord is pure, abiding forever.
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are, all of them, just. (Refrain)

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Preparation of the Altar: A Place at the Table

1. For ev'ryone born, a place at the table, for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for ev'ryone born, a star overhead. (Refrain)

REFRAIN: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man a system that's fair.
(Refrain)
3. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. (Refrain)

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Distribution of Holy Communion: Taste and See

REFRAIN: Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of God.
(Repeat)

1. Glory, glory to God most high, glory, blessing and praise.
With one voice, O people, rejoice in our God, who hears the cry of all in need. O.. (Refrain)
2. Who has fashioned the earth and sky, who created the deep,
Who exalts the lowly and sets captives free, who opens the door to all those who seek. O..
(Refrain)
3. Oh, the love of God! Become flesh of our flesh, so that we might live in glory. O.. (Refrain)

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Distribution of Holy Communion: For Living, For Dying

1. For living, for dying, Lord, for rising from the dead, we praise you with ev'ry breath we take. We come to you, remember you in the breaking of this bread,
We drink the cup, the promise that you made. (Refrain)

REFRAIN: Nourish us well, teach us to be all that you long for us to be.
Always to live, never to thirst, never to hunger.

2. Communion, community, is what we claim this day. Your body, your Spirit is our grace.
With ev'ry heart, with ev'ry hand, with ev'ry word we say,
Of rich and poor, we welcome, we embrace. (Refrain)
3. For loving us, forgiving us, for sharing in our tears, for laughter, the tenderness you bring.
You call to us, we follow. You guard us from our fears.
Beside you our hearts will always sing. (Refrain)
4. So here we are, a part of you, a part of ev'ryone; a river that flows into the sea.
From east to west, from near and far, from ev'ry time and place,
Around the world, we all join in your feast. (Refrain)

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Sending Forth: Your Grace Is Enough

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God; you wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.
So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, O God.
(Refrain)

REFRAIN: Your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.
(Repeat Final Refrain)

2. Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob; you use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of your salvation, and all your people sing along.
So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, O God.
(Refrain)



Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Rose Turack †	Ernie & Joanne Deutsch
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Sr. Mary Richard Mehelich, SHS †	Sue Horne
	12:30 PM	St. Sebastian	Confessions following the 12 PM Mass	
Tuesday September 28 <i>Weekday/St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Sam & Rose Vazzana †	Daughter: Dolores Vazzana
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Sam Mula †	Jack & Sandy Dziubek
Wednesday September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	John (Jack) Przeklasa †	Barbara Glow
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Living & Deceased of the Ordination Class of 1979	Rev. John Rushofsky
Thursday September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Carol Hyschak †	Dan & Nan Kowalski
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Kerry Aquadro †	Wife: Alma Aquadro
Friday October 1 <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	Richard Sestric †	Jane Sestric
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Paul Stiehler †	Stiehler Family
Saturday October 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Thomas Devlin †	Knights of Columbus #13959
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	50th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Sue Ann Stephans	Sue Ann Stephans
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Philip, Joan & Ken Bancroft †	Family
Sunday October 3 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Mary Cottone †	Mary Ann & Gary Taylor
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Lorraine Geier †	Kane-Mihlfried Family
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	An end to Abortion	OLMC Pro-Life Committee



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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**

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Let us pray...

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required... *“Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8).*

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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!





Ted Rybka

For whoever
is not against us
is for us.

Mark 9:40

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

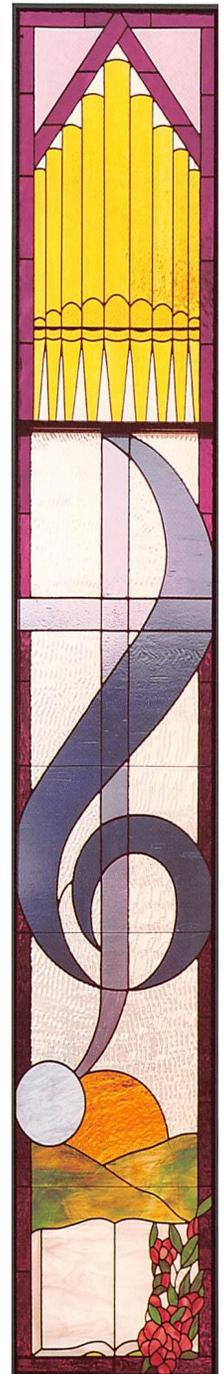
Joshua stands ready to condemn those who prophesy without God's authority, but Moses praises God's generous gift of the spirit, no matter on whom it might come to rest. Jesus similarly tells John that anyone doing mighty deeds in his name **should be welcomed**. "For whoever is not against us is for us." May the Holy Spirit, bestowed on us in baptism, lead us to do great things.

The Importance of Music in Worship (Part I)

Music is an integral part of life. It's something we get exposed to from childhood through adulthood. From the sounds of lullabies from our mothers to the whistle of the wind, down to the pattering sounds from raindrops, there's no limit to the ways we connect to music. How many times a day do we hear music or something musically related and not even realize it? Without music, life as we know it would be profoundly dull. It has the power to change our moods, battle depression, work through grief, or express joy and excitement. There's no limit to the powerful ways music can guide the course of our daily experiences.

The Church is one of the places where music is highly appreciated. We are a gathering of souls from different backgrounds with a common goal, and music is one of the unifying tools usually deployed to cut through all types of possible barriers—and this is *extremely* helpful since we are part of the Universal Church. References are made throughout the scriptures on the importance of hymns and songs, communal worship, and even the use of different kinds of instruments—including drums. Yes, drums. The importance of music in the Church can never be overstated.

Music is one of the most powerful spiritual tools that shape the imaginative faculty of people. Through hymns and songs of praise, people are made to see life and God in a different light. It opens the eyes of believers to the wonders of the universe and its creator. A familiar quote from Saint Augustine, "He who sings prays twice," further underlines music's ability to get us closer to the Creator. David communicated with God quite a bit through music. Saint Paul also highlighted the divine connection and the ability of music in his various apostolic missions. One of God's greatest gifts to us, his creation, was the gift of song. In words and music, our ancestors in faith—Moses, David, Deborah, Paul, Gregory—have taught us how to revel in God's infinite love, proclaim his glory, give thanks for his abounding generosity, and plead for mercy and forgiveness. *To be continued...*





Deacon Bob Koslosky

Faith Formation



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June 19th - June 26th, a group of 27 joined together to travel down to David, Kentucky for our annual Project Hope trip. As previously promised, here is our second installment of photos for you to look through!

This super group had the honor to work on Rhoda's house. Rhoda cares for her two granddaughters and her house needed a lot of love. The super group was able to provide two new decks, a new bathroom, and a new kitchen, as well as some other odds and ends for the house. Take a look at the work and love they poured into this house and family.

Before Photos:



After Photos:





First Grade Fun!

The first graders at Holy Cross Academy are so excited to be back at school! Here are some of the things we are doing:

We pray. We pray in our classroom and we go to Mass every Friday. We even had a tour of the church with Deacon Dave!

We learn. We love working on our Chromebooks! We are reading books at home and at school and are filling up our Reading Tree.



We show kindness. Our class is a family. We are kind to one another and we help each other.

We do service. We are making cards for babies who are baptized in our parish.



We Love First Grade!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) in the North Hills will sponsor their Irish Heritage Golf Classic at the Shadow Lakes Golf Club in Aliquippa on Friday, Oct. 1st. The format is a 4 person scramble with tee-off at 9:00 am. Cost is \$100.00 per player and it benefits our Tuition Assistance Program for Catholic grade schools including Holy Cross Academy. Prize donations, new players and/or tee sponsorships are also welcomed. More info at aohdiv4.org or call Bob Parry (724-933-0427).

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