

October 3, 2021 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### ONGOING UPKEEP

Maintaining four campuses, 13 buildings, and 50+ acres of property is a serious and challenging responsibility. This past summer we have done our best to keep things in working order. Here are just a few of those projects that are either **completed or still in progress**:

Parking lot sealing, refinishing, and painting at Saint Athanasius, Saint Sebastian, and Saint Teresa;

Saint Sebastian Choir area—new lighting and painting;

Sanctuary safety railing in Saint Sebastian;

Henninger Hall rigging and lighting.

Renovation of Saint Athanasius sacristy.

The cost of the above is well over **\$75,000**, but there are two more expensive tasks on the horizon: the **boiler at Incarnation** and the **sound system at Saint Teresa**, both of which have been on the injured list for quite a while, and now we're running out of band-aids and time. We don't yet have a price tag for these two big items because we're in the process of obtaining bids.

In addition, **three repairs** are being made that fortunately are **covered by our insurance**:

The Saint Teresa garage wall, approximately \$8,000;

Holy Cross Academy water leak, about \$5,000;

Storm damage to Saint Sebastian playground backstop and railing, around \$7,500.

**IN OTHER NEWS:** Our **Respect Life** group did a fine job of representing our parish at the recent **Women's Choice Network** annual banquet at the David Lawrence Convention Center a couple weeks ago. Be sure to check out their pro-life display in the Saint Sebastian Narthex throughout the month of October....Stay tuned for more news....



**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** "In the present phase of European history the essential issue is not Catholicism, on one side, and Protestantism, on the other, but between Christianity and Chaos." - *Evelyn Waugh, on his 1930 conversion to Catholicism*

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## Life Chain Planned This Afternoon By Parish Pro-Life Committees

Today, in observance of Respect Life Sunday, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. the Pro-Life Committees of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will participate in a life chain as part of a national event. Participants are asked to meet in the parking lot of the Great Hall, 1003 Perry Highway at 1:45 p.m. The chain will line both sides of the highway and respond to passersby with silent prayer. Please join us if you can. *More pro-life activities on next page.*



## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Knights of Columbus News

### Knights of Columbus Council #14696

#### Collecting in Church Narthexes This Weekend

Knights of Columbus Council #14696 will be collecting donations this weekend following Masses at St. Athanasius, St. Sebastian and Incarnation of Our Lord churches. The funds will benefit the Bishop's Project for the McGuire Home and St. Anthony's School Programs. Please be generous!

### Knights of Columbus Council #13959

#### Plans October Business and Social Meetings

Knights of Columbus Council #13959 will hold its monthly business meeting on Monday, October 11 and its social meeting on Monday, October 25 at the Parish Center. Interested in attending? Call Jay Schmidt at 412-287-7374.

### READINGS / 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *Genesis 2:18-24*  
God creates woman from Adam's rib.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 2:9-11*  
Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 10:2-16*  
Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## DEVOTIONS - OCTOBER 2021

### First Sunday Rosary

Today (Sunday), 12:30 p.m.  
St. Teresa of Avila Church

### Holy Hour, Exposition and Benediction

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Teresa of Avila Church

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday mornings after 8:30 Mass  
St. Athanasius Church

### Spirit Refill Rosary

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Teresa of Avila Church

**Guest Speaker:** Father Steve Neff

**Topic:** *“Looking At the Blessed Mother’s  
Photo Album—No Better Way to  
Get to Know Her SON!”*

### Daily Rosary

M-F, after noon Mass  
St. Sebastian Church

### Weekday Rosary

M-W-F following 8:30 a.m. Mass  
St. Athanasius Church

### Divine Mercy Devotions

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
St. Sebastian Church Chapel

**Marian Rosaries:** 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. Learn more at

[www.mountcarmelpgh.org/devotions](http://www.mountcarmelpgh.org/devotions).

## Additional Parish Pro-Life Activities This Month

### Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection at all Masses on October 9 and 10 will support the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Respect Life Committee. Funds raised help us educate the parish on pro-life issues and more. Please also stop by the Respect Life table, located in the narthex of St. Sebastian Church. It will be in place all month.

### Diaper Drive Benefits Catholic Charities

This takes place throughout October. Please drop off diapers and wipes in the designated boxes or playpen at any of our four parish churches. Diapers sized 3-5 are most needed.

### Praying at Planned Parenthood October 11

Join us on Monday, October 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue, downtown. We will attend noon Mass at St. Sebastian Church and carpool from there. Or, you can just meet us there. Please contact Dianne at [diannem15237@aol.com](mailto:diannem15237@aol.com) so we know to look for you.

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## Blessing of Pets to Take Place Tomorrow

Would you like your dog(s), cat(s) or other pets to be blessed? Bring them to the St. Teresa of Avila main parking lot, where we will bless them under the pavilion tomorrow (Monday) beginning at 6:00 p.m. We do this in celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. All are invited.



## Junior Ladies of Charity Invests Four New Members



On Sunday, September 19th, our parish's Junior Ladies of Charity invested its four new members. Congratulations to Elise Dougherty, Sarah Gill, Madison Hartung, and Joanie Zilaitis, who are now members of the JLOC after demonstrating their commitment to engage in Christian Service on behalf of the Ladies of Charity. Eighth through tenth grade girls interested in more information about joining the JLOC may contact Moderator Mary Ellen O'Boyle at 412-364-0825.

## Join Us Each Week For "The Chosen"

Each Friday through November 12, we are running an episode of "The Chosen," the acclaimed television series about the life of Christ, followed by a discussion about the show. Please join us in Schoppol Hall at 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. You're welcome to join anytime.

If you miss any episodes, you can access them on our parish website following each screening. We also ask that you reserve your seats at [www.mountcarmelpgh.org/thechosen](http://www.mountcarmelpgh.org/thechosen).



*At last Friday's 10:30 a.m. premiere of "The Chosen," episode one in Schoppol Hall, Deacon Dave Witter introduced the series. Following the screening he led a discussion among attendees.*

## Hymnal for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Gathering Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam,  
Sing your praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. And ev'ry one of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and cast on him your care.  
Sing your praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, Sing your praises!  
Alleluia! Praise God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing your praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: *Altissimu, omnipotente bon Signore*; St Francis of Assissi, 1182-1226; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt. Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesange*, Cologne, 1623. harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

### Gloria: Storrington Mass - # 230 Gather Hymnal

### Responsorial Psalm: Blest Are Those Who Love You

REFRAIN: May the Lord bless us, May the Lord protect us,  
All the days, all the days of our life.

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway; you will find what you long for: the riches of our God. (Refrain)
2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home, your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table. (Refrain)
3. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life, may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart. (Refrain)

Text: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 5; Marty Haugen; Music: Marty Haugen, refrain II adapt. By Dianna Kodner © 1987, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

### Preparation of the Altar: For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies: (Refrain)
- REFRAIN: Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)
  3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the hearts and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)
  4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)
  5. For your Church that evermore lifts its holy hands above,  
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore its pure sacrifice of love: (Refrain)
  6. For yourself, best Gift Divine, to this world so freely giv'n;  
Word Incarnate, God's design, peace on earth and joy in heav'n: (Refrain)

Text:: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917, alt. Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7 7 7; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

## Holy, Holy: Storrington Mass— # 233 Gather Hymnal

### Distribution of Holy Communion: We Praise You

REFRAIN: We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are wonderful.  
We praise you, O Lord, for ever is your love.

1. Your wisdom made the heavens and the earth, O Lord; You formed the land, then set the lights; And like your love the sun will rule the day and stars will grace the night. (Refrain)
2. You have chosen Jacob for yourself, O Lord; So tenderly you spoke his name; Then called a holy nation, Israel, to make them yours, you came. (Refrain).
3. You led us out of Egypt with a guiding hand. You raised your arm to set us free. And like a tender vine you planted us to grow unto the sea. (Refrain)
4. The nations fashioned silver idols, golden gods; But none have hearing, speech or sight. Their makers shall be like their empty gods, the Lord alone brings life. (Refrain)
5. O house of Israel, now come to bless the Lord, O house of Aaron, bless his name. O bless the Lord, all you who honor him, and praise his holy name. (Refrain)

Text: Verses 1-5 based on Psalms 135 and 136; Music: Darryl Ducote, b 1945, and Gary Daigle, b 1957. Text and Music ©1973, 1978, Damean Music. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

### Distribution of Holy Communion: Love Goes On

1. Love is patient, love is kind, never ending, never ending;  
Slow to anger, rich in mercy, love goes on beyond all time.
2. Love is faithful, love is true, ever joyful and forgiving;  
Love endures when life is over, love is old and love is new.
3. Love alone has shaped our soul, and our hearts are always restless  
Until love becomes our purpose, new creation to unfold.
4. Love our journey, love our goal. Though our faith may move the mountains,  
Love alone can heal the broken; only love will make us whole.
5. Love, our Savior's one command: "Love the way that I have loved you,"  
With a towel and a basin, washing feet with servant hands.
6. There are three gifts that remain when all other things have perished.  
Only faith, hope, love enduring, and the greatest gift is love.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 13, John 13. Text and music © 2004, 2012, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

### Sending Forth: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us your humble dwelling, All your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure;  
Visit us with your salvation, let your love in us endure.
2. Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore your temples leave.  
You we would be always blessing, serve you as your hosts above,  
Pray, and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your precious love.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887



# Mass Intentions



| Date   | Time            | Location                | Intention                                     | Requested By           |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Monday<br>October 4<br><i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>  | 8:30 AM         | St. Athanasius          | Anita L. Sipes †                              | OLMC Christian Mothers |
|  | 12 PM           | St. Sebastian           | Mary Jane Catanzaro †                         | Friends & Family       |
|  | 12:30 PM        | St. Sebastian           | <b>Confessions following the 12 PM Mass</b>   |                        |
| Tuesday<br>October 5<br><i>Weekday/Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>                                       | 8:30 AM         | St. Athanasius          | Rev. David Johnson †                          | Rev. John Rushofsky    |
|  | 12 PM           | St. Sebastian           | Frank & Emma Miller †                         | Mildred Willamson      |
| Wednesday<br>October 6<br><i>Weekday/St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>                    | 8:30 AM         | St. Athanasius          | Edward Smyers †                               | Smyers Children        |
|  | 12 PM           | St. Sebastian           | Frances Krysmalski †                          | Pat & Bob Mashburn     |
| Thursday<br>October 7<br><i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>   | 8:30 AM         | St. Athanasius          | Phillip C. Hieber, III †                      | Carol Hieber           |
|  | 12 PM           | St. Sebastian           | Richard Tomko †                               | Norma Tomko            |
| Friday<br>October 8<br><i>Weekday</i>  | 8:30AM          | St. Athanasius          | Richard Orr †                                 | Bernadette Orr         |
|  | 12 PM           | St. Sebastian           | Arthur Londino †                              | Linda & Gerry Gaylor   |
| Saturday<br>October 9<br><i>Weekday/St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest; BVM</i> | 11 AM           | St. Athanasius          | <b>Confessions</b>                            |                        |
|  | 4 PM Vigil Mass | St. Teresa of Avila     | The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish |                        |
|  | 5 PM Vigil Mass | St. Athanasius          | Edward Ussack †                               | Dale & Rita Schindler  |
|  | 6 PM Vigil Mass | St. Sebastian           | Rev. Edward Litavec †                         | Rev. John Rushofsky    |
| Sunday<br>October 10<br><b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>   | 8 AM            | Incarnation of the Lord | Gregory Kuntz †                               | OLMC Music Ministry    |
|  | 9 AM            | St. Athanasius          | John Woods †                                  | Chris Woods            |
|  | 10 AM           | St. Sebastian           | Evelyn C. Abbott †                            | Janese Abbott          |
|  | 11 AM           | St. Teresa of Avila     | Alfred, Raymond, Ronald & Daniel Fronzaglio † | Denise Rickenbrode     |



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# Parish Social Ministry

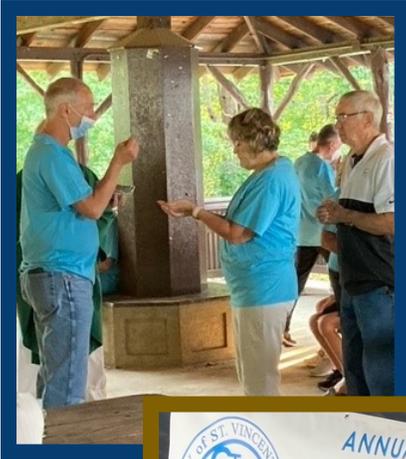


**“For Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs not His To the Father through the features of men’s faces.”  
G.M.Hopkins, SJ**



### Supporters Turn Out for Help Thy Neighbor Walk in North Park

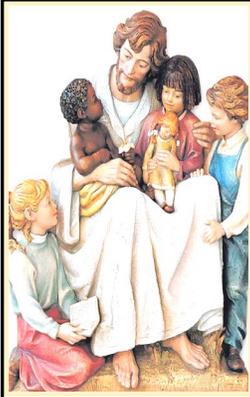
Vincentians and parishioners from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel joined others from parishes throughout the North Hills area in North Park on Sept. 12 to celebrate Mass and participate in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s Help Thy Neighbor Walk. The annual fundraiser supports important works of charity in our area.



**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



## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we travel back to when God created humankind. Realizing that the first human needed a suitable partner, God formed a woman out of the man's own body. In the Gospel, Jesus quotes the line that ends the first reading—that husband and wife are formed as one flesh. He follows the lesson by welcoming children, telling the disciples that one must accept the kingdom of God like a child. May we listen carefully and embrace the wonder of God's creation.

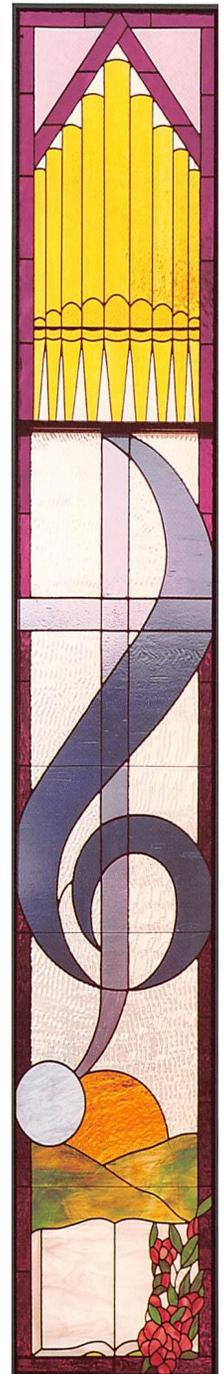
## The Importance of Music in Worship (Part II)

Church music ministry is profoundly biblical. There are several verses in scripture that attest to God's instructions to believers concerning music. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:16), he wrote, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Something similar is also shown in Ephesians (5:19), which says, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord." These two verses show that God wants us to sing and make music in his name.

Mother Church understands this, too, which is why we have been charged with the responsibility of singing at Mass. Yes, you read that correctly. We aren't just invited to sing. **The Church expects us to.** So we can't just stand idly by in our pew and let our neighbor do it for us. We have to do it. We have to sing and worship for ourselves.

People often don't like the sound of their own singing voice. It turns out it's not so uncommon. Many studies have supported this theory for years. If you don't like the sound of your own voice, sing anyway since God is the one who gave it to you. And if you don't like the sound of the voice of the person standing next to you, sing twice as loud (for obvious reasons).

Sacred music teaches us of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the promises inherent in it. It reminds us of the sovereignty of God and all he's capable of doing. It makes us understand that regardless of what we may be going through at any point in life, God's faithfulness remains. We can demonstrate our faithfulness to him by how we use our voice. Psalm 16 says, "In the presence of God, there is fullness of joy." May our voices fully express our joy as we come before God's presence. **Don't be afraid to sing your joy.** Let it come through, and may it shake the rafters.



## Faith Formation



Deacon Bob  
Koslosky



Katie Dorman

### OUR FIDELITY IN MARRIAGE REFLECTS GOD'S FIDELITY TO US.

#### Breaking Open the Word: Mark 10:2-16

*"Let the children come to me." In response to the Pharisees question about divorce, Jesus compares the passage in Deuteronomy, which is simply a concession to human weakness, to the creation story in Genesis, which emphasizes the indissolubility of marriage. Jesus presents the ideal of the marriage bond to stress the truth that in him, sin has no power in the world. In the final passage of today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims that the kingdom belongs to those who receive it as children.*



**Listen to the Word:** Listening now to this reading, what strikes you in particular about Jesus' teaching? What image do you take away from this passage?

#### Look into Your Life:

**Children:** When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it? Do you keep it? Why or why not?

**Youth:** What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

**Adults:** How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? Are you committed to your spouse like this?

**Incarnate the Word:** Choose one of the following activities as a way to further "enflesh" the Sunday readings: Jesus embraced and blessed the children in today's Gospel story. Begin a practice of blessing your children. If you need some help - search our parish library for books of Catholic blessings and prayer. Get out the family photo album/smart phone/DVD and share with your family some memories of family wedding days. Discuss the expectations of marriage and how faith can sustain a couple. Think about TV programs and commercials you watch. How is marriage portrayed in these programs? How is the relationship between husband and wife portrayed? Is your understanding of marriage similar to or different from that portrayed on TV?

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## HOMESCHOOLING UPDATE

Families are welcome to pick up their children's religious education textbooks on Monday, October 4, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and on Thursday October 7, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The book pick up is in the Holy Cross Academy Cafeteria. For families unfamiliar with the Saint Sebastian Campus, the cafeteria is off the lower parking lot down the alleyway between the school and the McKnight corridor. Please make every attempt to procure your children's texts on these days.



## 7th Grade - These are a few of our favorite things!

This year's seventh grade class is super-excited about all of the opportunities they will have - as junior-high students! - to grow in their faith and to step-up to be true leaders of Holy Cross Academy! Our students are feeling especially grateful for all of the things that make our school so special!

Here's what some of our 7th-graders wanted to share:

~ I'm grateful that I am able to go to Mass every Friday with the whole school - I like starting the day with Mass!

~ **Rocco Fischer**

~ I'm grateful for the girl's basketball team - because of the teamwork and friendship!

~ **Lily Zickefoose**

~ My favorite thing about attending Holy Cross Academy as a seventh-grader is that we have so many amazing teachers and administrators who can help us whenever we need help! ~ **Naudia Zotter**

~ As a 7th grader at HCA, I really appreciate that we are treated like young adults!

~ **Addison Crummie**

~ Learning about what Jesus did through the Bible, and all of the stories in the Bible is why I am most grateful for our Catholic education here at HCA!

~ **Benji Bost**

~ I am looking forward to our field trip (fingers-crossed!) to Gettysburg!

~ **Jayna Miller, Shane Schollaert, Kiera Duffy, Gianna Fuller, Naudia Zotter**

~ My favorite thing about our school, as a 7th grader, is a lot of the teachers I have!

~ **Savana McDonald**

~ My favorite thing at HCA is the volleyball teams we have here. I think we're going to have a good season! ~ **Diana Zizan**

~ I'm looking forward to us being the leaders for Field Day! ~ **Evan Stanton**

~ What makes our Catholic school so special is the fact that we learn about God in our classes when public schools do not have that opportunity! ~ **Edison Boehler**

**Mrs. Karen McDunn, 7th grade**



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