

October 31, 2021 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

Our **2021 Festival** was a success on all levels, thanks to those of you who spent your time or your money—or both—to make it happen. In particular, Dave Eifler, Connie Stewart, and Darlene Hommer “pulled a rabbit out of a hat” by forging ahead against all odds. With less than half the usual preparation time—we only received permission for a festival in April—they managed to gather the troops and give us the great festival we had, with (as far as we know) the **highest gross income** of any festival of the four previous parishes, well over \$200K.

It has taken a couple months to get all the bills paid and tally the results, so the **full financial report** will finally be available in next week's bulletin (November 7).

Because of this year's success, plans are already being made for **next year's Festival**, probably August 15-20, 2022. And this brings up a point that is important for all of us. A parish festival is a massive undertaking that doesn't happen all by itself. It requires much preparation, organization, and hard work, many months in advance. Making it a big success—as it was this year—takes a lot of people working together. We are now looking for some who will step up and take on a few **leadership positions**. I ask that you take some time over the winter months to discern if God is calling you to this manner of serving your parish.

As I've said a number of times, **our success was not merely financial**. Watching the cooperation and interaction of all those who participated in any way was something any pastor would be proud of, and indeed I was—and still am. Pastorally speaking, we are beginning to function as though we are a parish that has been established for many years. This is not to say that we don't still have some bumps in the road, but they are little ones that we can manage.

And on we merrily go!

IN OTHER NEWS: Today (Sunday) is **Halloween**, and although it has become a very popular secular celebration in this country regardless of the religion of those who participate, we should not forget that it has its roots in the Solemnity of the following day, November 1, the feast of **All Saints**. For many centuries, **All Hallows Eve** has been a time to recall all those who have gone before us in faith, the ones the Church has officially acclaimed, and those whose sainthood is known to God alone. **Who is your favorite saint?....**Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: “Our world is not divided by race, color, gender, or religion. Our world is divided into wise people and fools. And fools divide themselves by race, color, gender, or religion.” - *Nelson Mandela*

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COVID Update: Please Mask Up

In the Scriptures, Jesus commanded His followers to care for the sick and to bring physical and spiritual healing to everyone.

We are taking this continuing pandemic extremely seriously and hope that you are as well. It's known that you can contract and spread the virus whether you've been vaccinated or not. For our health, and for the health of those around us, it's imperative that each of us does everything we can to reduce the chance of spreading the virus when we are gathered together.

PLEASE Consider getting vaccinated and masking up when you're at Mass.

Full-Time, Salaried Youth Minister Position Open

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is seeking a full time, salaried youth minister. The youth minister is responsible for organizing and implementing programs that support the formation of adolescent members of the parish.

This role recruits and empowers youth to engage in their faith and to serve others, manages the annual musical and sports teams and must be familiar with fundraising.

Learn more and apply at
www.mountcarmelpgh.org/employment.



Second Collection this Weekend Benefits Spark of Hope

This weekend's second collection benefits our parish Spark of Hope Program, which collects food and distributes it to food banks and soup kitchens throughout the North Hills and North Side six mornings a week. Beginning as an outreach from the St. Sebastian St. Vincent de Paul, the Spark of Hope has evolved into an interdenominational Christian organization.

READINGS / 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 7:23-28*

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 12:28b-34*

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

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to access this weekend's readings on your Internet-connected mobile device from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's website.



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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON RICK CESSAR

My Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you well. I have spent the last several weeks since retiring from my work and my diaconal assignment at Our Lady of Mount Carmel figuring out how to "do retirement" and to "stay out" of my dear wife's way. I have also spent time with my 93 year old father, finding my way around my new diaconal assignment at St. Catherine Laboure parish, as well as writing thank you notes to so many of you for your retirement good wishes.

Because I cannot personally write to everyone in the parish, I send this message thanking each and every parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for the opportunity to serve the parish and to gratefully acknowledge the respect, love, and personal relationships I have shared with so many of you over the years. Please know that Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, and all of you, will be in my daily prayers.

Blessings!!

Deacon Rick

Join Us Each Friday For "The Chosen"



Each Friday through November 12, we are running an episode of "The Chosen," followed by a discussion about the show. Please join us in Schoppol Hall at 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

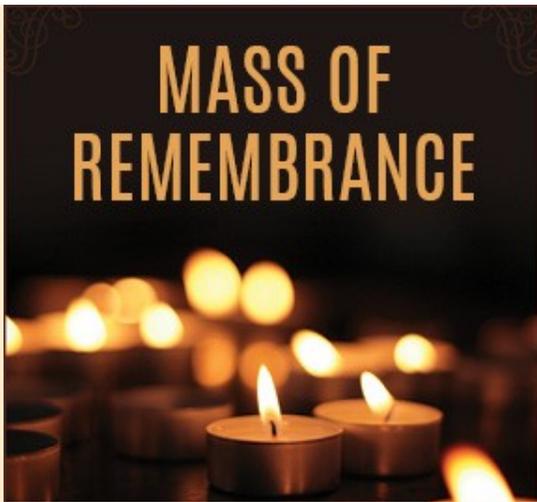
If you miss any episodes, you can access them at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/thechosen.



Before You Plan Your Next Meeting, Please Reserve It On the Parish Calendar

Planning a meeting or event? It is imperative that you reserve your intended space(s) in advance by contacting Julie Stiehler, who will ensure that it's placed on our parish calendar. Contact Julie by phone at 412-367-9001 or via email at jstiehler@mountcarmelpgh.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

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All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance Takes Place on Tuesday

As in past years, we will gather to prayerfully remember those who have gone before us in faith over the past year. The names of our beloved dead will be read aloud as candles are lighted during this beautiful liturgy. Please join us Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius Church.

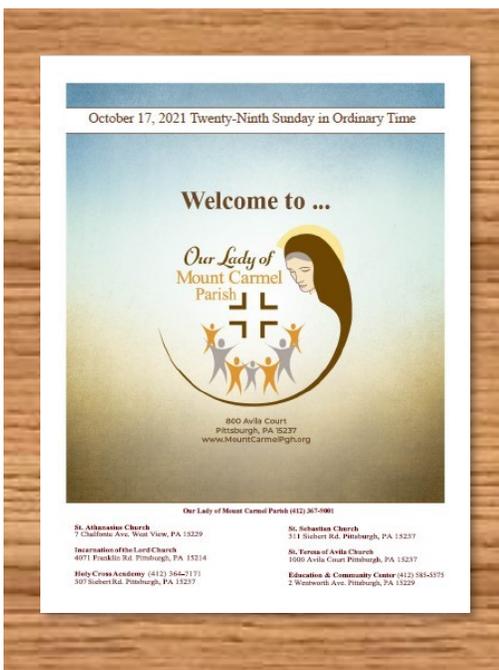
Pick Up Your Personal Icons at the Parish Center

Several weeks ago, after we announced that smaller versions of our parish icons would be available in three sizes, many of you placed orders for icons that you could display in your home or work space or give as gifts. The good news is that they're now at the Parish Center, ready for you to pick up. Just stop by on any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and let Julie Stiehler at the front desk know that you placed an order. She will be glad to provide you with your icon(s).



How to Submit Items for the Bulletin

- **Deadline:** Items must be received by Monday at least two weeks prior to publication date. All parish-related items are considered equally and fairly.
- Realize that priority is often given based on date.
- Know that your submission is subject to editing based on available space.
- Please include who, what, when, where, and why, and include contact information.
- Photos, art, logos, etc. are *always* welcome.
- Send submissions to jfries@mountcarmelpgh.org.



Hymnal for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gathering Hymn: Risen Lord, We Gather Round Thee

1. 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.
2. 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!"
3. "Go where lives are bruised and broken; Go where children waste and blight.
Go among the lost, forgotten; Be for them my healing Light.
Take the Bread of Life I give you; Share it with a world in pain.
Go, my people! I am with you till on earth my love shall reign!"

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. 1923-2007, alt. Tune: GREENSBURG, 8 7 8 7 D; Bob Moore, b. 1962; © 2002, GIA Publications, Inc.

Gloria: Storrington Mass - # 230 Gather Hymnal

Responsorial Psalm: 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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Preparation of the Altar: We Belong to You

REFRAIN: We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.
In our daily living, dying and rising, we belong to you.

1. In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new,
Souls united in the myst'ry: we belong to you. (Refrain)
2. Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into
All who seek to find their purpose: we belong to you. (Refrain)
3. When we share the bread you've broken with the many and the few,
We are blessed and we are broken; we belong to you. (Refrain)
4. We are called to share your word, Lord, in all we say and all we do
As our journey moves us onward, we belong to you. (Refrain)

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Eucharistic Acclamations: Storrington Mass # 233, 235, 237, 238 Gather

Distribution of Holy Communion: Ubi Caritas

REFRAIN: Ubi caritas est vera, est vera: Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return. (Refrain)
2. In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace. (Refrain)
3. May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ. (Refrain)
4. For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life. (Refrain)
5. May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face, rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise. (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)

Text: Donna Pena, b. 1955; Tune: Donna Pena, b. 1955; acc. By Paul Gerike ©1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

Sending Forth: Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
3. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: 55 7 55 8; Psalm 45:3; Schonster Herr Jesu, in Munster Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. By Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904. Music: Trad. Silesian melody; Hoffman and Richter's Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842.



Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday November 1 All Saints	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Gazella Armstrong †	Tom Relihan
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joseph Stelmack †	Reverend John Rushofsky
	12:30 PM	St. Sebastian	Confessions following the 12 PM Mass	
Tuesday November 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Marcie & Paul Burke
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Sarah Irene Torba †	Jean Byce
	7 PM	St. Athanasius	Mass of Remembrance	
Wednesday November 3 <i>Weekday/St. Martin de Porres, Religious</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Alfred Fronzaglio †	Denise Rickenbrode
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Patricia Price †	Catherine Hoffmann
Thursday November 4 <i>St. Charles Borromeo Bishop</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Raymond DelDin †	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Samuel J. Silvidi †	Kathie & Larry Weinberg
Friday November 5 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	John & Janet Burnham †	Jim & Helen Burnham
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Mary Ann Pavlic †	Pavlic Family
Saturday November 6 <i>Weekday/BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Eileen Driscoll †	Maura Driscoll
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Elizabeth Sciotto †	Nicholas Sciotto & Children
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Rita & Gebhard Lanz †	Family
Sunday November 7 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Debbie & Richard Howell †	Linda & Gerry Gaylor
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Dr. Remigio Gregorio †	Family
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Mitzi Devlin †	Patrizio 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**

FEEDING THOSE IN NEED ON THANKSGIVING

“When I was hungry you gave me to eat.” The gospel is very simple and clear in challenging us to meet the person of Christ in our neighbors in need.

As we approach the grand and great feast of Thanksgiving, our neighbors, near and not so near, are those persons in need. It can be our privilege to provide the “makings” of a lovely Thanksgiving meal. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul encourages you to bring donations of non-perishable foods to Mass during the weekend of November 13-14. Items will be distributed to families in need by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Haber Hall. ***Please check the expiration dates beforehand*** and place your donations in the decorated baskets or food bins in each of our churches.

Since local supermarkets no longer give away free turkeys, you may consider a donation for the purchase of certificates that will be given to the families to buy their turkeys. Please place your donation in an envelope marked “Thanksgiving Certificate,” and drop it in the collection basket at any of the Masses at Our Lady of Mount Carmel during the weekend of November 13-14, or drop it off at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Administration building by Monday, November 15, marked St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive.

Thank you for your outstanding generosity in helping the needy during this holiday season! ***Please return this portion with your donation.***

I/we are happy to donate \$10.00 to purchase a turkey certificate for a needy family. We are grateful that we are able to help and enclose our cash or check made payable to
St. Vincent de Paul.
Name _____



AN INVITATION! You are invited to the blessing of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Food Pantry located at Haber Hall on Sunday, November 7, 2021, following the 10:00 am Mass. Come and see the newly renovated space and be touched by the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



Ted Rybka



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses knew the power of God, since it flowed through him as he led the Chosen People out of captivity and toward a land flowing with milk and honey. He enthusiastically exhorted his people to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength. Jesus repeats this directive in the Gospel, adding its complement: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

More recently, Pope Francis has charged us with this directive as our response to the coronavirus. We should willingly do **all we can do** to care for and protect our neighbor. Let us embrace these commandments as the foundation of our life.

All Saints Day, November 1st

This year's solemnity falls on a Monday, so the obligation to attend Mass on All Saints Day is lifted. Since there is no requirement to attend Mass, we will keep our usual daily Mass schedule of **8:30 AM at St. Athanasius** and **12:00 Noon at St. Sebastian.**

All Souls Day, November 2nd

Masses for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Tuesday at **8:30 AM at St. Athanasius** and **12:00 Noon at St. Sebastian.**

In addition, our annual *Mass of Remembrance* will be celebrated at **7:00 PM at St. Athanasius Church.** We will remember all who have died from Our Lady of Mount Carmel over the past year. Names will be read aloud during the liturgy. Come and pray with us as we remember our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Our Resurrection Choir will lead the music.



CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!

After adhering to Covid guidelines for the past eighteen months, we are finally ready to begin training new altar servers—and retraining veteran altar servers—in **grades 5 through 12.** If you used to serve at Mass and would like to be added back onto the regular schedule, you will need a retraining. If you are new to altar serving, you will need a formal training and follow-up. We are currently scheduling two altar servers per Mass, and this works out extremely well for siblings or extended family members who would like to serve together.

All youth in grades 5 to 12 who are interested in serving (or parents who would like their children to serve) should email Judy Dulemba, Coordinator for Liturgical Ministries, at jdulemba@mountcarmelpgh.org, or call her at 412-367-9001 x 8517. Judy will add your name to the list and get back to you with training date options. **Thank you for answering the call to serve at the table of the Lord!**



Katie Dorman

Well friends, the time has come for me to depart from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. It has been my honor and joy to serve you all at Saint Sebastian Parish, Neighbors North Catholic Community and now, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish over the last 5 years.

I owe a lot of growth, great memories, friendships, and goodness to this Parish, so you will certainly never be forgotten by me. Please feel free to stop me and say hello if you see me out and about in the North Hills area! The Lord has called me onto a very different, but hopefully fulfilling path at Divine Mercy Parish in the city. Stop by and say hi!

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and generosity through the changing times we got to experience together.



Katie, great leaders always make a difference. You made a difference here as Youth Minister to Saint Sebastian, Neighbors North Catholic Community and now Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish! You were a pleasure to work and share faith with! You are going to be excellent asset to Divine Mercy Parish! Father Chris Donley is lucky to have you. I will miss you. Godspeed!
Deacon Bob



Deacon Bob Koslosky

Breaking Open the Word: Mark 12:28b-34

“Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.” This is a reaffirmation of the First Commandment. In the synagogues the words are chanted with special tone, so that no one can miss them. This is a proclamation, not a lesson. Love is proclaimed again with Jesus’ New Commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Listen to the Word: Try to listen to this very familiar Scripture with a fresh ear. What caught your attention? Did you hear and understand one word differently?

Look into Your Life:

Children: How do you put God first in your life? Do you really think you can love others as much as you love yourself?

Youth: What do you think Jesus meant when he said to the scribe, “You are not far from the reign of God?”

Adults: When you heard the Greatest Commandments, which one should you improve on in your own life?

Incarnate the Word: Memorize the Greatest and Second Commandments from this Scripture, then ask yourselves each day this week: “Did I put anything before God today? Did I love God today with all my heart? All my soul? All my mind? All my strength? Did I love others? Did I love myself?”



Third Grade is Electrifying!

Reading class was off to a fun start with a humorous narrative poem about a boy whose ‘tech’ empire came tumbling down when the power went out. He discovers, though, that using his imagination and creating games, he and his little sister can have a lot of fun. The third graders wrote and illustrated their own narrative poems describing what they would do if the power went out at their house.

They also had some electrically charged fun in science class creating static electricity and completing circuits to make a light bulb light. To learn about conductors and insulators, they used a variety of materials, such as a paper clip, can, flower, eraser, etc. to try to make a lightbulb light.



Most importantly, the third graders have been focusing on what Jesus wants all of us to do – “love one another”. The Wall of Kindness outside the room is filling up with paper hearts naming random act of kindness that the 3rd grade students are doing for their classmates.

They have been creating Halloween decorations for the Northland Heights Senior Center. Right before Halloween the 3rd and 4th graders will don their Halloween costumes and visit the residents of the center to put on a Halloween themed performance.



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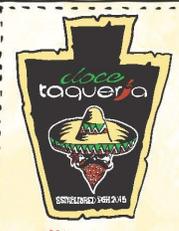
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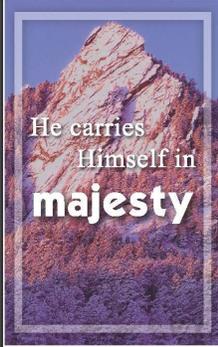
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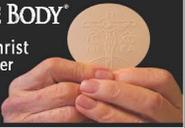
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