



ASH WEDNESDAY

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Anthony of Padua Parish
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A Clean
Heart
Create
For Me,
GOD;
Renew
Within Me
A Steadfast
Spirit.

Psalms 51:12



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Sat., Feb. 22:** *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*
12:00 p.m. Marie (Mary) C. Julian by granddaughter, Marie
5:00 p.m. Marlene Beene by Husband, John
- Sun., Feb. 23:** *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 a.m. Mary Guerrieri by Cynthia Ciriaco
11:00 a.m. Geraldine Sherwood by Deacon Mark & Susan Izzo
- Mon. Feb. 24:**
12:00 noon Grace Ducay (Living) by Family
- Tues., Feb. 25:**
12:00 noon Thomas Pallante by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Senior Citizens
- Weds., Feb. 26:** *Ash Wednesday*
7:00 a.m. Helen Smith by Kathy, Angie, & Ryan Carella
12:00 noon Ann Mastropietro (B) by daughter, Cathy
7:00 p.m. Rita Michalak by Our Gang
- Thurs. Feb. 27:**
12:00 noon Ralph Pesa (B) by Family
- Friday, Feb. 28:** *Abstinence*
12:00 noon Peter Chila by Tony & Mary Ann Cardiero
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**
- Sat., Feb. 29:**
12:00 p.m. David Weikart by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Senior Citizens
5:00 p.m. Carella & Carvella Families by Ralph & Melissa Carella
- Sun., March 1:** *First Sunday of Lent*
9:00 a.m. Bereavement Mass
11:00 a.m. Antonio, Fred & Fran Silvestri by Lisa & Tony



Sunday, February 16 (246 envelopes) \$7,0636.00
St. Anthony Shrine/Novena \$ 235.00



ASH WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 26, 2020

- 7:00 a.m.—Mass and Distribution of Ashes
12:00 noon—Mass and Distribution of Ashes
7:00 p.m.—Mass and Distribution of Ashes

**WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS (February 29-March 1
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 5:00 p.m. Deacon Mark Izzo, Gary DiTullio, Debbie DiTullio
9:00 a.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Nick Capone, Courtney Powell
11:00 a.m. Stephanie Chimento, Tiffany Chimento, Chelsey Santucci, Joseph Nohra, Jr.



Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Ron DiBacco
9:00 a.m. Scott Schulick
11:00 a.m. David Schifferli



Altar Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Lauren Klanica, Gregory Carbon, Antonio Peachock
9:00 a.m. Alex Carano, Adriana Marsco, Luciano Marsco
11:00 a.m. Scott Cross, Dominic Cross, Louis Cross

IN INVITATION

Yes, I will spend ONE HOUR WEEKLY with *Jesus*, present in **THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

Please check the time you prefer:

- ___ MORNING (6:00 a.m. to noon)
___ AFTERNOON (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
___ EVENING (6:00 p.m. to Midnight)
___ NIGHT (midnight to 6:00 a.m.)



NAME _____
TELEPHONE _____
NUMBER _____

Yes, I would like to *promote* this most important prayer Apostolate

Cut & drop in collection basket or mail to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica.

Call Maria Panozzo @330-372-5141 or Jean, 330-758-3335 to schedule your time to be with Jesus. Come! Spend one hour per week with Jesus in Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving for his many graces. Hours needed.

- Sat- 8:00 p.m.-10 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m.- 10 a.m.
Tuesday, 9 p.m.-10 p.m.
Sun.—2 p.m.—3 p.m., 3 a.m.—4 a.m., & 4 a.m.— 5 a.m.
Thursday- 7 p.m.—8 p.m. Friday - 3 p.m.-4 p.m.,
Saturday, 8 p.m.—10p.m., 9 p.m.-10 p.m.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The families of the following parishioners have requested that we remember them in prayer: Martha Aliberti, Regina Altiero, Melinda Amon, Genevieve Angelides, Peter Angelides, Sandy Battaglia, Madelyn Brudis, Tina Bury, Zayne Bryce, Eugene Caccagni, Isabelle Corradi, Jeanni Pesa, Carmen, Kim Bowser, Marko Calko, Dominic Calko, Lori Capone, Michael (Cal) Calipare, Carl J. Carbon, Roseann Cencia, Joseph Cencia, Bethany Maytas, Anthony, Cathy Chimento, Joseph Chimento, Stephanie Chimento, Christopher Centofanti, Damian Chordas, Joseph R.Cioffi, Mary Rose Colucci, Johnny D., Ed Derek, Joanne Desko, Michelina DiVito, Greg Diorio, Grace Ducay, Angela Elmo, JoAnn Elmo, Roberta Elmo, Dolores Elston, Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jason, Monroe, Mara Frease, Ilona Gerson, Sebastian Green, Margie, Joseph Haus, Baby Henry, John, Reese, Lisa, Joshua, David, Carl Jr., Louise Faustino, Kaylee, JoAnn George, Emily Gerome, Rose Giampetro, Donald "Duke" Girardi, Dominic Greco, Josie Greco, Jennifer Greco, Michael & Carol Gromada, Claudia Hernandez, Sean Holden, Gail Hubbert, George Iati, Loretta Julian, Mark Julian, Peter Julian, Kerri, Glory & Family, Jeff Knorr, Dennis Kopnisky, Jackie Golden, Gerard Kopnisky, Hillary, William & Melinda Kopnisky, Agnes Kowis, Rocco Kovacs, Francine Kraiosky, John Kuzman, Jr., Leann P., Lenny & Cheryl, Lavonne, Lucille, Linda Maiorana, Baby Dominic Malachi, Bill Marcavish, Missy Marrie, John Mascardine, Eileen Mattiussi, Jennifer McCon, Paul and Greg Medina, Jean Medina, Livia Marinelli, Ellen Monroe, Francisco Rivera-Ocasio, George Panno, Beverly Poidmore Pariza, Mary Pesa, Ronald Pesa, Phil Pillin, Sr. Brielle, Vincent, Paul III, Giovanna Pace, Isabel Pupino, Joseph Pizzola, Nicholas Poccia, Barbara Poghen, Charles Richards, Joseph Richards, Joseph Ridel, Chris Ritter, Rose Ruggieri, Marti Runyan, Mark Roberts, Ben Russo, Millie Santangelo, Carmel Scocca, Ellie Sullenberger, Chris Sultan, Helen Trimboli, Betty & Dennis VanSuch, Greg VanSuch, Rita Varacali, Jodi Walters, Kathleen Wienand, Anna Mae Williams, Lilah Dovie, Todd Zamary, Skevos Zimbillas, **Mary, help of the sick, pray for us!**—please let us know when person is well.

Prayer Petitions

It is in spirit of love, care, and support for one another that we invite you to place your prayer petitions into the Petition Box. The box and blank petition slips are available to you in the vestibule before each weekend Mass. The petitions are remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful and are brought forward during the Offertory Procession and placed at the foot of the Cross. At the conclusion of the Sunday Masses, the petitions are brought to the Little Flower Eucharistic Chapel where, throughout the week, members of the Apostolate for Perpetual Adoration unite their prayers with yours in the presence to our Eucharistic Lord. Let us unite our prayers with one another as we follow St. Paul's instruction to "pray without ceasing" and support one another through mutual prayer, solidarity, and love.

REGISTRATION: Members of the parish must be formally registered. If you are not receiving Our Lady of Mount Carmel envelopes, this means you are not registered. Call the rectory at 330-743-4144, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. And we will send you a registration form. **Families who have members of our church staying with them who are shut-ins or who are in nursing homes should include them as members of their household. For a change of address or telephone number, please call the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you.**



Thursday, February 27:
10:00 a.m. Legion of Mary/St. JP II Ctr.
7:00 p.m. ITAM/SJH

Friday, February 28:
7:00 Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 1:
9:00 a.m. Light of Faith and Family
10:00 a.m. Bereavement /SJH
12:30 p.m. Mothers of the Crucifix Mtg./SJH

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT: February 23-29:
In memory of EARL D'ERAMO by Wife, Virginia

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LIGHT: February 23-29
In memory of RAY NAPOLITAN (B) by Family

INFANT JESUS LIGHT: February 23-29
In memory of GABRIEL REED PETRUZZI by Great Grandparents, Petruzzi

ETERNAL FLAME: Sunday, February 23
In memory of ANGELO A. PANGIO by Parish Family

ETERNAL FLAME: Monday, February 24
In memory of CARMELA GUY by Parish Family

ETERNAL FLAME: Tuesday, February 25
In memory of GEORGE KALAPOS by Parish Family



We welcome into the Catholic Family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica, **VALENTINA CARMELA CHIOVITTI**, daughter of Regina Marie Iacovone Chiovitti and Dante Antonio Chiovitti, who was born again of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism.



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for repose of soul, **RALPH VILLANO, age 90, JOHN SCARAMUZZINO, age 85**, whose Masses of Christian burial were this past week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



You are cordially invited for coffee and donuts following all Sunday Masses today in the St. Joseph Hall!



Birthdays for the week of Feb. 23-29

Mary Caspary, Jennifer Hunt, Micaela Kreuzwieser, John Rose, Patricia Sveth, Dominic Vigarino, Randall Ziobert, Gary Capone, Grace Duca, Sara Homsey, Glen Pupino, Elia Sorice, James Tauro, Richard Cook III, Robert Jones, Louis Marinelli, Allen Bansberg, Robert Berarducci, Debbie Chufo, Ryan Goist, Deborah Kovacs, Carmi Olesky, Patricia Rossi, Angelina Sorice, Nicholas Bellino, Raymond Domer, Earl Duca, Brian Pagano, Palma Vertucci, Kacey Whistler, Lucia White, Alexis Yocum, Timothy Cooper, Theresa DeCapua, Doria Furano, Barbara Gaudio, Phillip Butto III.



We Welcome into the Catholic Family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel the following new members:

Mr. Hervey H. Dunn, Sr., Atty. Susan & Atty. Christopher Maruca, Nathaniel M. Miller, Ashley DeSantis, Michael Anthony Rich, Ashley Brooke Saadey, Kristin Jarome, Frank Jarome & Family, Mary Shipley, Ms. Louise Vallese.

INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Accepting and following our vocation from God calls each of us to be selfless, to put others first like Christ. In this way we show love for our neighbor. If your vocation is to serve as a brother, sister, priest or deacon, God is calling you to love your neighbor in a great way. To understand more of your vocation contact Fr. Christopher Luoni 330-744-8451, or by email at: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Holy Apostles Parish “Your Mahoning Valley’s Stuffed Cabbage Headquarters”, **SS. Peter & Paul Croatian Catholic Church, 421 Covington Street, Youngstown** is taking carry out orders for homemade stuffed cabbage. The stuffed cabbage comes in a foil pan, freshly made. The cost is \$25.00 a dozen. To order call Nancy at 330-758-4355. The last day to order is Monday, February 24th. Pickup at the church social hall on Sunday, March 1st from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Shrine and Novena

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In memory of ROSE MARIE FIORE by Norma
In memory of JULIA BACA by Norma
In memory of EMIDIO BACABy Norma

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Ms. Ramona DiSchiavo
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. McCoy
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony M. Pondillo

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In memory of our brother RALPH JR. & niece MELISSA
A. CARELLA by Thomas/Joanne Caravella

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In memory of ANN MASTROPIETRO by Daughter
In loving memory of JACK MIRONE
by Wife, Liz & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Amico Colaizzi
Mrs. Grace Duca
Mrs. Robert Pupino
Mr. Scott R. Schulick
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Struble

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, Maybe it softens their hearts as well.

2020 Annual Bishop’s Appeal

Our parish has been asked to join together with parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in offering our support to the 2020 Annual bishop’s Appeal. Our goal this year is to reach 100% participation. There are three ways in which you can participate: Pray for the success of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal; Donate to the Appeal; Volunteer your time and talents to any of the ministries of the Church. Please submit a completed response card or pew envelope as all responses count towards our parish participation goal. Thank you in advance for your reflection and generous response to the Annual Appeal.



Italian Language Class for beginners will be held on Thursdays, 6 p.m.—8 p.m. at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica in Youngstown**. Registration & first day of class is Thursday, February 27, 2020. Cost: \$60 pp. Classes end in May. For more information call : Lio Comichista 330-545-1525



CRAIG'S CORNER
A Note
from our Music Director

While every Mass has its own prominence in the Church year, the central celebration in our Catholic faith is that of Easter. Because of its importance, the Church gives us six weeks of the year to prepare during the season of Lent, which we begin this coming Wednesday. The Lenten season is one of sacrifice and penance but also of longing, expectation and quiet. It is not a season of sadness or suffering – it should, rather, bring us joy that we are preparing ourselves to celebrate the saving acts of our redemption at Easter. To foster the penitential nature of the season, there will be no organ preludes, no organ improvisation or instrumental pieces during Mass (rather only quiet, penitential postludes after Mass), and the Church takes away two aspects of Sunday Mass during the season: the Gloria (except on major feast days) and the singing of the word “alleluia.”

The theme of this weekend’s musical selections are twofold: to accompany the readings of scripture for the day and to accent the word “alleluia” since it will be absent from our celebrations now from Wednesday until the Easter Vigil.

Our readings today continue to focus on Jesus coming to fulfill the law. This weekend He reiterates the law of love. From the beginning of time, in the Old Testament, the Lord told Moses that He is the Lord: we shall live only for Him and His law is love, “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus fulfills this in the Gospel when He reminds the people in His sermon on the mount that we are not to hate our enemies. Rather, we must love them and show them the same respect we show those we care about most. We belong to Christ, Paul reminds us in the second reading – Christ who is, as we sing in the psalm, kind and merciful: not only to those who call upon Him, but to all.

Our entrance hymn, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” invites us to sing of God’s love. He is the God of glory and Lord of Love. In the third verse: “All who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.” The choir anthem at offertory also speaks of Jesus’ commandment of loving one another as He has loved us. The meditation for this Sunday’s prelude is taken from the Ubi Caritas (Where true charity and love dwell, there God is found) chant which is also heard in the choir piece.

But also this weekend, we hear the word “alleluia” given prominence. The 5PM and 9AM offertory solo is filled with the “alleluia” text, as is our closing hymn, “All Creatures of Our God and King,” as is the postlude which has “alleluia” right in its title.

As we go forth this weekend and prepare to celebrate Lent this coming Wednesday, we enter the season preparing for the central celebration of our faith: Easter. Let us prepare our inner selves to celebrate this worthily – and take advantage of more periods of silence to foster increased prayer and penance, to quiet our hearts in longing and expectation of the joys of the Easter celebration to come.

Instrumental Music Selections for February 22-23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude: Meditation: “You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself” – Pierre Foray
Postlude: “Alleluia” Toccata – Fenton Groden

INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS:

For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, **We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

DAILY MORNING OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

Prayer Intentions for February.

Listen to the Migrants’ Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

LENT

Stations of the Cross

11:30 a.m. Every Wednesday of Lent

7:00 p.m. Every Friday of Lent

Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting means eating a lesser amount of food. Catholics 18 and not 60 years of age must fast. The days on which we must fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Days of abstinence are days on which we do not eat any meal at all. Dairy products, fish and seafood are allowed. All Catholics over the age of 14 must abstain. The days of obligatory abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, both the laws of fasting and abstinence apply and no meat may be eaten.



IT'S BOCCE TIME AGAIN

The Knights of Columbus, Immacolata Council #15086 will be organizing our parish summer bocce league again this year. The past few years have been a great success and there are calls for us to play bocce again. All games are played at our bocce courts located down the stairs behind the out-door Stations of The Cross at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica. This is a family friendly bocce league, all are welcome to enter a team. There are rules to the game, but the main rule is to have fun and enjoy each other’s company. The Knights also wish to bring our Parish Family together and promote our Italian culture. Anyone interested in enjoying some family fun on the bocce courts please contact Scott Schulick at 330-727-8507, Bob Giampietro or Sam Accordino at 330-518-1962. The deadline for entering a team is Saturday, April 25th, so please get in touch with Scott, Bob or Sam if you are interested. Thank you and see you all on the bocce courts!

REMEMBER US LAST:

When you are preparing your will and estate plan remember those closest to you...spouse, family members and loved ones. Then remember Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica with a residual gift that defines your Legacy of Faith as a member of our parish community. Please call 330-744-8451, ext. 325 for information.



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February 22, Feast Day of St. Peter's Chair

Bernini, St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome Italy. Altar of the Chair of St. Peter, 1666



Can you name 1 person that was Ordained at this Altar? Hint: almost 50yrs ago.

Communal Penance with Narrative Stations



April 3, 2020

An evening of personal reflection, "God gave His only Son for you and I."

A Communal Penance Service will follow at Our

Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica, Youngstown. All are welcome. Time: 7:00pm

Practice dates and times are listed below

March 1st during *The Light of Faith and Family*.

March 8th & 15th Classroom 10:15am—11:45am

March 29th

Final practice 10:15am –11:45am classroom.

Lunch 12-12:30pm. Practice in church 12:30pm-:30pm

April 3rd: 4:30pm—6:00pm dinner provided

The LIGHT of FAITH and FAMILY
Sunday, March 1, 2020



Speaker: Dr. Ray Guarendi **Topic:** Journey Back to Church

Sunday, March 22nd is the last gathering. Msgr. Cariglio will be our speaker followed with the children presenting, "What We Learned."

Sunday, March 29th is the Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:15am.

Communion Preparation Retreat Saturday, March 14, 2020



We will meet in the John Paul II Center: 930am to 11:30am. Complete chapters 1 –4. Don't forget to bring your book. Banner kits will be distributed.

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FEBRUARY 26TH, LENT BEGINS. "What do I need to do to match my words with my daily actions for God?"

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Monday February 24

James 3:13-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday February 25

James 4:1-10
Ps 55:7-11a,23
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday February 26

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18
Ps 51:3-6ab,12-14,17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday February 27

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 9:22-25

Friday February 28

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Ps 51:3-6ab,18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday February 29

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Ps 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

Mercy is the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading. Think of love as the front door to people's hearts. When they close it, mercy is the love that sneaks in through the back door.

In ancient times, if someone gouged another person in the eye, the victim could gather his clan and punish him by wiping out his aggressor's clan. So God gave his people a law that brought them closer to love: If someone hurts your eye, you may do nothing more than the same to him. It was still unloving, but at least it was fair.

When Jesus came onto the scene, he raised the standards: If someone hurts you, don't play fair; give that person love.

When people sin against us, they don't understand that they're closing their hearts to God and his love. But if we give them love, we give them

God through a back door.

This does not mean we are to remain in harm's way. But if we continue to give them love – even if only from afar – we bring God and his healing into the situation.

If someone steals from you or demands something from you unjustly, you can't stop his greed but you can stop him from sinning against you: Let it go, give it to him. And as an act of generous love, give him more! I know



it doesn't feel right, but this is what Jesus says *is* right. Divinely right.

If someone asks you to do a chore for her because she's lazy, prevent it from becoming a sin of cruelty; gladly do what she asks and volunteer to do more.

This plan of Jesus demonstrates, through us, that God's love is superior to everything else. It proves that love conquers evil.

This is what it means to be perfect. Perfection in the Bible means the fullness of love – complete, unlimited, merciful love.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Think of a time when God showed you mercy even though you didn't deserve his love. What did it feel like when he gave you his love anyway? How did it change you?
2. Who is currently sinning against you? What good deeds can you do simply and easily even before he or she asks for forgiveness?
3. Describe a time when you did a good deed to someone who caused you difficulties. What kind of impact did your efforts make? If you're not aware of good results yet, how did it help *you* experience God's love?
4. How can stopping an abuse be done as an act of love?

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