

Fifth Sunday of

# LENT



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Anthony of Padua Parish  
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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Evening.....5:00 p.m.  
Sunday.....9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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**Masses  
For The Week**

**Sat., March 20:**

12:00 noon Joann Vecchiarelli by Cathy Zack  
5:00 p.m. Corsina Yannarella by Niki Bleacher

**Sun., March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. George & Vera Cackovic by Steve & Elizabeth Medovich  
11:00 a.m. Nicky Benedis by Carol and Joe Catauro

**Mon., March 22:**

12:00 noon Mary Ann Pellegrini by Cleto

**Tues., March 23: 2nd St. Anthony Novena**

12:00 noon Rinaldo Carrabia by Knights of Columbus #15086

**7:00 p.m. Novena & Benediction**

**Weds., March 24:**

12:00 noon Josephine Pallotta by M/M Anthony Cocca

**Thurs., March 25: The Annunciation of The Lord**

12:00 noon Mary Mazzocca by Family & Friends

**Fri., March 26:**

11:00 a.m. **Stations of The Cross**  
12:00 noon Ramona & Joseph D'Eramo by June & Jack Palermo

**7:00 p.m. Stations of The Cross**

**Sat., March 27:**

12:00 noon Amanda Marie Ferraro by Ronyak & Rouan Family  
5:00 p.m. Carmi Olesky by Joe & Robin McCormack

**Sun., March 28: Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
11:00 a.m. Joseph (B)& (B) Dorothy Mancini by daughter, Mary Louise



**Parish Support**

March 14 (261 envelopes) \$10,384.00  
St. Anthony Shrine \$ 2,182.00



**The Sacrament of Penance Lent 2021  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica  
Every Saturday of Lent at 11 a.m.**

**And**

Wednesday March 24 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday March 31 7 to 8 p.m.

**Buona Pasqua**

**P.S. For weekdays—two Confessors—social distance observed**

**WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS—March 27/28  
Ordinary-Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

5:00 p.m. Deacon Mark Izzo, Debbie DiTullio  
9:00 a.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Tom DeToro  
11:00 a.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Joseph Nohra Jr.

**LECTORS**

5:00 p.m. Christine Piccirillo  
9:00 a.m. Scott Schulick  
11:00 a.m. David Schifferli

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. Lauren Klanica, Gregory Carbon  
9:00 a.m. Adrianna Marsco, Luciano Marsco  
11:00 a.m. Luke Pipala, Zachary Pipala, John Paul Pipala



**Apostolate of Perpetual Adoration  
Being in the SONLIGHT at Eucharistic Adoration helps reveal to us our sins!**

Eucharistic Adoration helps you to examine your conscience. The longer you remain in the presence of God, the more you will reflect upon your failings--your sins. Sin is a "virus" that corrodes and damages your soul. Without the proper medicine, the "virus of sin" attacks you and cripples you spiritually.

Remember, being in the SONLIGHT, it is Jesus himself who will make your sins more recognizable. Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful precursor to confession. St. Clare of Assisi said, "Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him." It will always prepare you for the worthy reception of the healing Sacrament of Confession. Call to schedule an hour of absorbing true SONLIGHT Maria Panozzo @ 330-372-5141. Call to schedule an hour of absorbing true SONLIGHT Maria Panozzo @330-372-5141 or Jean Talley @330-758-3335.

**Dispensation From The Obligation To Attend Sunday Mass**

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season.2020.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Earl Ducay, Martha Aliberti, Regina Altiero, Melinda Amon, Peter Angelides, Karen Banic, Fred Batcha, Sandy Battaglia, John Beene, Madelyn Brudis, Tina Bury, Zayne Bryce, Eugene Calcagni, Isabelle Corradi, Kim Bowser, Marko Calko, Dominic Calko, Thomas Caravella, Janice Marinelli Campbell, Lori Capone, Michael (Cal) Calipare, Carl J. Carbon, Roseann Cencia, Joseph Cencia, Anthony, Cathy Chimento, Joseph Chimento, Stephanie Chimento, Christopher Centofanti, Damian Chordas, Joseph R. Cioffi, Mary Rose Colucci, Johnny D., Ed Derek, Anna DeLuco, Kurt Dilisio, Michelina DiVito, Greg Diorio, Grace Ducay, Angela Elmo, JoAnn Elmo, Roberta Elmo, Dolores Elston, Deacon Anthony Alaska, Gina Fecko, Jason, Monroe, Mara Frease, Sebastian Green, Margie, Joseph Haus, John, Reese, Lisa, Joshua, David, Carl Jr., Kaylee, JoAnn George, Emily Gerome, Rose Giampetro, Donald "Duke" Girardi, Dante Greco, 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, Leann P., Lenny & Cheryl, Lavonne, Lucille, Linda Maiorana, Baby Dominic Malachi, Cheryl Maniccia, Allan Maniccia, Mary Louise Mancini, Bill Marcavish, Missy Marrie, John Mascardine, Jennifer McCon, Paul and Greg Medina, Jean Medina, Livia Marinelli, Ellen Monroe, George Panno, Beverly Poidmore Pariza, Mary Pesa, Ronald Pesa, Phil Pillin, Ron Pondillo, Sr. Brielle, Vincent, Paul III, Giovanna Pace, Isabel Pupino, Joseph Pizzola, Nicholas Poccia, Barbara Poghen, James Poghen, Charles Richards, Joseph Richards, Joseph Ridel, Chris Ritter, Scott Rodgers, Marti Runyan, Mark Roberts, Richard Rouan, Ben Russo, Chuck Saulino, Mark Stilson, Carmel Scocca, Ellie Sullenberger, Chris Sultan, Betty VanSuch, Greg VanSuch, Paula VanNest, 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 the person is well. Thanks be to God.**

### DAILY MORNING OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, though 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.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### The 6 Reasons Why We Make the Sign of the Cross

**First**, sign yourself professing your faith in God.

**Second**, mark yourself remembering that you died with Christ in baptism.

**Third**, make the sign to declare that you belong to Christ as His disciple and will obey Him.

**Fourth**, sign yourself to embrace whatever suffering comes and to celebrate your suffering with Christ for the Church.

**Fifth**, make the Sign of the Cross as a defense against the devil and as an offensive advance of God's kingdom against him.

### St. Anthony Shrine and Novena

**\$50.00 GIFT**

Carolyn Matey

**\$45.00 GIFT**

Ms. Janice Jasinskki

**\$30.00 GIFT**

In memory of AL BACA by Norma

In memory ROSEANN BACA by Mom

In memory of ROSE MARIE FIORE by Norma

In memory of FUMI & MARSCO FAMILY

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Rose Marie Matic, Mrs. Shirley Matey

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Mr. Scott R. Schulick

### PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which help-s Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, Provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians, In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become **an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.** **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

### CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrim Mass will be held on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral.** Due to pandemic restrictions and limited seating, the Chrim Mass is closed to the public and attendance is by invitation only. You are invited to watch the Chrim Mass via live steam at: [www.doy.org/Media/Cathedral Live Stream](http://www.doy.org/Media/Cathedral Live Stream). It will rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel on **Tuesday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.** In Canton it will rebroadcast in Canton on WIVM TV 39 and Spectrum Cable 989 and in Massillon Channel 128 on Thursday, April 1 at 10:00 p.m. The Ecumenical Television Channel can be live steamed at [doy.org/Media/ETC Live Stream](http://doy.org/Media/ETC Live Stream).

### LENT

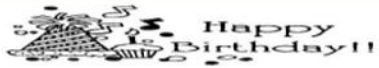
#### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

#### Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting means 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 abstinence apply and no meat may be eaten.





**Birthdays for the week of March 21-27**

Deborah Mottle, Joseph LaRocca, John Kowacich, Daniel Gagliano, Nicholas Capone, Gia Carfangia, George Mottle, Nancy Miller, Mark DeVicchio, Leanna Colla, Deana Klindworth, Danielle Sheely, Joseph Campati, Ronald Mascarella, Stephanie Rosselli-Grupp, Diane Struble, Jean Julian, Kara Kovach, Tessa Carabbia, Judith Mascardine, Anthony Belfast, William Dickey, Angela Grahovac, Talon Brown, Ann Desimone, Gloria Porfilio, Debra Beronja, Charles Sammarone, Michael Frattaroli, Sarah Tolson, Angelina Pecchia, Gemma White, Thomasina DeMain, Joseph McCormack, Colomba Kuzman, Nicole Carrabbia, Melanie Moltchan, Genevieve Whorten, Anthony Monroe, William Wiseman, Bethany Powell.

**ST. ANTHONY LIGHT: March 21-27**

In memory of GEMMA DILORETO by Mary Lou

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: March 21-27**

In memory of Charles & Julia Amicone by John & Carol Amicone

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHT: March 21-27**

In memory of GRACE F. & JAMES H. ORLANDO by Family

**SACRED HEART LIGHT: March 21-27**

In memory of SAM G. & ROSE M. DIBACCO by Ron & Edie

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL LIGHT: March 21-27**

In memory of ANGELO SEBASTIAN (B/A) by wife, Dolores & children, Tony, Patti & Terri

**INFANT JESUS LIGHT: March 21-27**

In memory of DR. ALBERT LEONE by Cathy Agresta

**GUARDIAN ANGEL LIGHT: March 21-27**

In memory of VICTOR FRANCESCHELLI (B) by Family

**ETERNAL FLAME: Sunday, March 21**

In loving memory of TONY YORK

**ETERNAL FLAME: Monday, March 22**

In memory of JOAN DELUCIA by Very Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Cariglio, Jr.

**HOLY CROSS LIGHTS: Saturday, March 27**

In memory of AMANDA MARIE FERRARO by Family



**Craig's Corner**

**A note from our Music Director**

This weekend we enter the final two weeks of our Lenten observance, known as Passiontide. What the cross is to us as Catholics is a paradox to others. What is a symbol of torture and execution is our symbol of new birth and resurrection. The cross was excruciating for Christ. It was everything earthly death is, but it is not the end of the story. We know that. But to truly enter into these weeks before Easter, we have to put ourselves in the minds of the disciples who are listening to Jesus tell them of His coming death. We hear accounts this weekend of Christ once again prefiguring His death. Whether we hear the A readings (Saturday 5PM) or B, Jesus alludes to death quite a bit. The readings this weekend prepare us for earthly death and suffering - but also, even though we know how the Gospel ends, Jesus is still giving us hints that His death is in fact, good. He is the resurrection and the life. He will draw us to Himself. He is troubled. But He is there to offer His disciples hope and us, as if we didn't know how the Gospel ends.

This weekend's music is also twofold, to realize the suffering of Christ but also to provide hope and promise that death is not the final word. The hymns paint the readings of the Mass and reinforce the texts we hear during the readings.

I, as I have been all Lent, have used one of the 14 movements of Marcel Dupré's Stations of the Cross for Organ, to the theme of the weekend readings. This weekend, as we enter Passiontide, I chose the fourth station: the affliction of Mary. As our basilica is devoted to Mary, we ask Mary's intercession regularly. Now we enter this time where we put ourselves in her shoes and remember the distress she felt watching her Son be tortured and suffer. Mary never left Christ's side during those steps towards Calvary. She was a perfect model of motherhood - but had to endure the worst pain of all in watching her son be killed. The fourth movement of Dupré's stations takes the theme of Mary's sorrow into a melodic motif.

To fully feel the Easter mysteries we are preparing ourselves to celebrate, let us put ourselves in the shoes of the people we are reading about in these accounts this weekend and keep that in mind as we go into Holy Week. This is the perfect year for us to enter Easter with a renewed faith and fresh outlook since we weren't physically able to gather last year at this time. Let us put ourselves in Mary and the disciples' shoes. Think of them as we sing the texts of these readings and participate in the Holy Week Masses and celebrations this year.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Postlude: "Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother" from *The Stations of the Cross for Organ* [Marcel Dupré]

**7 Secrets of St. Joseph for Dads**

Thirty-four (34) men attended Devin Schadt's audio presentation on the 7 Secrets of St. Joseph for Dads on Sunday evening, March 14. Devin's reflective presentation and practical suggestions were warmly received by all in attendance as they listened to a heartfelt talk unfolding Devin's seven secrets to men becoming the husband and father that God destined them to be. Devin stressed that a father's mission is to be a link between heaven and earth, between God and his family modeled after the virtuous life of St. Joseph. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may God pour out His richest blessings upon these men and all fathers and husband.

**Your donations to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica and the Annual Tax Report 2020 to the I.R.S.**

Standard deduction by IRS for each tax payer for 2020 is \$12,400. For a married couple standard deduction is \$24,800. However, if your deductions exceed these amounts you may need your record of donations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica for further deductions. Call the rectory during office hours and we will gladly supply you with a signed document for the I.R.S. Thank you for all you do. God's choicest blessings.



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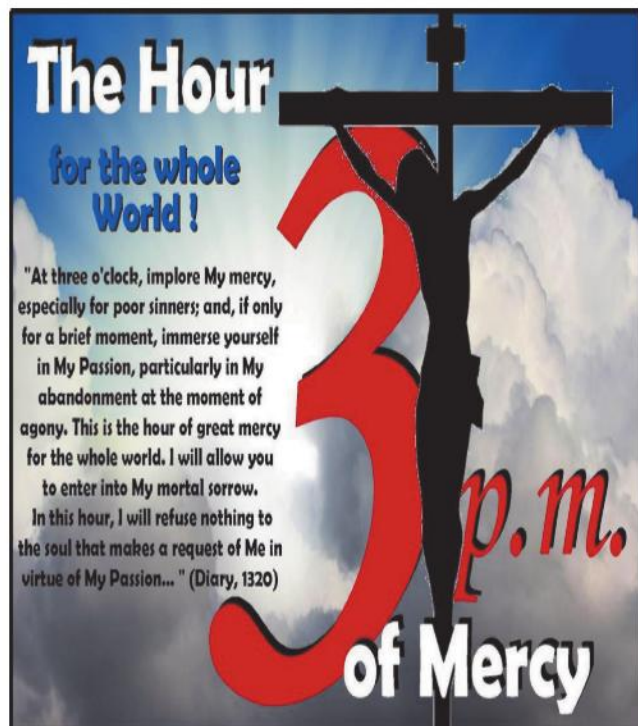
### Friday The Day Christ died for us

**Every Friday the Basilica will broadcast for the home-bound the following spiritual exercises on Face Book:**

12 noon Daily Mass

3:00 p.m.. The Hour of Divine Mercy with  
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction of the Most  
Blessed Sacrament.

Basilica is open for in person worship during the above times.  
Welcome!



**EVERY SUNDAY Mass at 11am on Facebook for the home-bound and persons in nursing home and assistant living.**

**To access to Face Book: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica -Youngstown**

**REGISTRATION:** Members of the parish should be formally registered. If you are not receiving Our Lady of Mt. Carmel envelopes, please call the rectory Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. For a change of address or telephone number, please call the rectory at 330-743-4144.

Dear Msgr. Cariglio,

The 30,000 elderly and frail religious sisters, brothers, and priests throughout the U.S.A. Thank you and your parishioners for generously contributing to the National Retirement fund for Religious Appeal.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Christian charity rooted in faith and sacrifice has triumphed one again.

May God bless your parish family as you continue to lead it along the path of holiness.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Sr. Joyce Candidi, OSHJ  
RFR Coordinator



### *The Week Ahead*

#### **Tuesday, March 23:**

12 noon St. Anthony Mass & Novena (#2)  
7:00 p.m. Benediction & Novena

#### **Holy Thursday April, 1:**

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### **Good Friday, April 2:**

7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Death

#### **Holy Saturday, April 3:**

12 noon Blessing of the Easter Food

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

#### **Easter Sunday, April 4:**

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12 noon Mass



#### **ST. ANTHONY MASS & NOVENA**

Each Tuesday at 12 noon and ending on June 8th. **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—12 noon Mass and Novena. At 7:00 p.m. there will be Benediction and Novena.**

#### **St. Anthony of Padua Church**

5:30 p.m. Novena & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **PRAYER TO ST. ROCCO**

O Great St. Rocco, deliver us,  
We beseech thee, from the  
Scourges of God; through thy  
Intercession, preserve our  
Bodies from contagious  
Diseases, and our souls from  
The contagion of sin.  
Obtain for us salubrious air;  
But, above all, purity of heart.  
Assist us to make good use  
of health, to bear sufferings  
with patience; and, after thy  
example, to live in the practice  
of penance and charity, charity, that  
we may one day enjoy the  
happiness which thou has  
merited by thy virtues.  
St. Rocco, pray for us—3 times

#### **Intercession for Vocations:**

For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, **We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

Join us for Holy Week

Seating will be available in the Basilica, Lower St. Joseph Chapel Hall and the Parish Social Hall. Communion will be distributed in all three areas. Masks are to be worn and social distancing.

**Palm Sunday:** Saturday Vigil, March 27th @ 5pm and Sunday, March 28th @ 9am & 11am

Sacred Paschal Triduum begins

Holy Thursday:

April 1st @ 7pm

Good Friday:

April 2nd @ 7pm *The Passion of the Lord*

Easter Vigil:

Saturday, April 3rd @ 8pm

Easter Day: *Revised Mass time for today only*

Sunday, April 4th @ 8am, 10am and 12noon

**The Annunciation of the Lord**



Rite of Christian Initiation

The following people will be welcomed into the Catholic Church throughout the upcoming Easter Season. Continue to pray for them as they approach their final days of

*Purification and Enlightenment* so they may be received through:



Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

Noelle Christine Dean, Samuel Kennedy Krell, Jr., Elizabeth Joy Khumprakob and Russell Glen Monroe

Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Eucharist

Brandon Tyleer Davis, Lauren Rose Martauz and David Joseph Tharp

Confirmation and Eucharist

Robert Ronald Weimer, Jr.

First Communion Preparation



The class will gather Sunday, March 21, 2:00-3:30pm. Meet in the piano classroom with your book. Review and complete chapters 3 & 4.

Families continue to attend Mass so your child has a better understanding of why the Mass is at the core of our Faith. Keep practicing your prayers. **Looking ahead:** Sunday, April 11th is our last gathering for children and parent(s). 2:00pm—4:00pm

Contact Information for Religious Education, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA

(Out of the office on Monday and Friday)  
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FAX: 330-743-1035

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Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Melissa Varso  
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The Light of Faith & Family

*Continue the "FAITH" ripple of God's love!*

**Looking ahead:**  
Sunday, May 2nd  
details will be coming.

Finish up your last packets!





## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### From An Observant Observer

The Last few weeks have brought more than a few visitors to our Basilica for Sunday Mass. There are many who travel to different places to see the Cathedrals and Basilicas in the area. One can always hear when in our Basilica, "How beautiful this Basilica is!" As parishioners, we may take for granted how beautiful this Basilica is as we attend Mass for one hour; although coming back in late May/early June of last year after being away for ten weeks may have caused some to see the Basilica in a renewed light.

There are many reasons we have a beautiful Basilica. The first step would be to look at the Rector, Msgr. Michael Cariglio. His love for the Blessed Mother – patroness of our Basilica- makes him extra attentive to the details of the Basilica. On his daily walks with Linguini, Msgr. rarely misses anything that might be out of line in the Basilica or the grounds.

The Basilica maintenance staff does just about everything around the buildings and grounds and there is much to take care of; it is all done with diligence and pride. The maintenance head knows where everything is; everything is stored, the liturgical seasonal colors, light bulbs, ladders, and candles, etc. From the Basilica itself, John Paul II Center to the Social Hall, the Rectory, to the hillside, the parking lot, to the St. Vincent DePaul Center, there is always something that needs work.

The parish office staff is there in the rectory Monday through Friday for the people. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica is busy with phone calls, appointments, requests, to preparing the weekly bulletin, scheduling weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. Sometimes the phone rings non-stop. It is no small wonder how everything manages to get done! The parish business manager/accountant makes sure that all the numbers add up and the bills and paychecks happen as needed! Our Parish Council often times has to make difficult decisions and keeps the best interest of our parish in mind.

There are the volunteers that count the collection on Sunday morning which is no small task and is done with precision! Volunteers come in on Monday morning to record all of the envelopes making sure proper credit is given.

The Religious Education director and assistants in the John Paul II Center make sure that everything is ready for the youth of the parish to stay on their spiritual journey in Faith – not a small task keeping track of public and Catholic school students, along with the lessons needed to hand on our Roman Catholic Faith. They are also responsible for the Faith formation for adults who desire to become Roman Catholic.

The parish caterer and staff make sure that all of the parish dinners are done correctly and with great food. Our social hall was recently remodeled; with the reputation for great food, this makes Mount Carmel 'the place' for a function that has food!

The Director of Music makes sure that the music for the Mass is appropriate for Sunday, Holy Days, etc. He is there for weddings and funerals, gets volunteers to sing in the choir and the extra musicians to make our Easter and Christmas Masses musically beautiful!

Often times, people will say, "Mount Carmel" is a rich parish and one has to agree. We are a rich parish with volunteers that step up and do many things for the parish from the flowers on the altar, monthly spaghetti dinners to the annual festival, to the parish clubs and organizations, to the altar servers doing their part in the Mass with dignity and reverence, the Knights of Columbus, to the two permanent deacons who spread the Gospel.

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