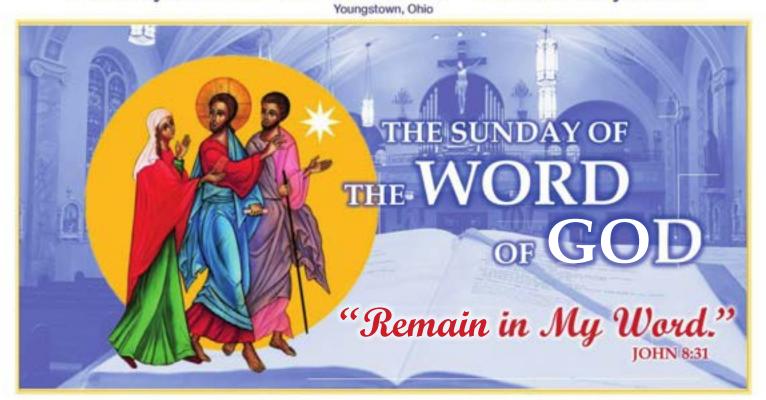


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica – Saint Anthony Parish



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • January 21, 2024





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#### **Office Hours**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** ... *Monday-Friday* 8:30am - 3pm **Saint Anthony** ... *Mon. and Fri.* 8am - 2pm, *Wed.* 8am - Noon

#### **Parish Directory**

Pastor/Rector

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#### **Permanent Deacons**

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#### **New Parishioners**

Welcome to our Parish! We hope you will find a warm and welcoming home here. To help us connect with you better, we invite you to formally register with our parish. Please call the parish office at 330-743-4144 or email office@olmcsta.com. Current parishioners are asked to notify us of a change of address or if you are moving out of our parish altogether.

#### Sacrament Information

#### BAPTISMS

Infant and child baptisms take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica after the 11am Sunday Mass, and at St. Anthony of Padua after the 4pm Vigil Mass. Please call the Parish Office at 330-743-4144 to schedule the Baptism.

#### **Reconciliation/Confessions**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica every Saturday morning at 11am or by appointment.

#### **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

Children entering the second grade or older who were baptized as infants and have received two years of catechesis can celebrate their First Communion. Please contact Leanna Pipala at our Faith Formation Office for more information.

#### CONFIRMATION

Preparation takes place every other year for youth in the eighth and ninth grades, with the next year being 2024-2025.

#### Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult baptized Catholic who never had the opportunity to receive your Confirmation, or if you have adolescents at home who are of age and have not yet received the Sacrament, please contact our parish office.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are planning to be married at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica or St. Anthony Church, please contact the parish office at least six months prior to your wedding date. If you and your spouse were married outside of the church, please contact the parish office about having your marriage validated.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If a member of your family is in the hospital or in a nursing home and is in need of either Anointing of the Sick or Communion, please call 330-743-4144.

#### **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Becoming Catholic is one of life's most profound and joyous experiences. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office.

#### VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Our parish, through the Visitation of Mary Society, meets the Sacramental and spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners. If a member of your family would like to receive visits and have Holy Communion brought to them, please call 330-743-4144.



The parish has subscribed to the Catholic website: FORMED.org. The website has wonderful Catholic content for expanding our knowledge of our faith. Enjoy great Catholic videos, movies, articles, audio books and more. Sign up online, then download the app. Log in and explore at no cost to you when you sign up under our parish.

- 1. Visit www.formed.org.
- 2. Select Sign up as a parishioner.
- 3. Enter our parish's zip code: 44505
- 4. Create your account.

## This Week's Readings

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

**Monday, January 22** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23** St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 St. Francis de Sales 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 4:26-34

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27** *St. Angela Merici* 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** 4<sup>th</sup> **Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

#### **POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS**

#### FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY: For the gift of diversity in the Church.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

## DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN'S

## INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS:

We pray for an increase in fishers of men and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese.

## **Mass Intentions**

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3	SATURDAY,	JANUARY 20: St. Fabian, St. Se	ebastian
	12:00 PM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Lucille & Francis DeLuco by Diane DeLuco
	4:00 PM	at Saint Anthony	Anthony Falasca Sr. by Deacon Anthony & Kathy Falasca
	<b>Sunday, J</b> 9:00 AM	ANUARY 21: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordi at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	<b>inary Time; Word of God Sunday</b> Rose Marie Fiore (A) by Michael
	11:00 AM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Pearl Rizzo by Chris, Lori, & Christopher Litrenta
	Monday, J	ANUARY 22: Day of Prayer for	the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
	12:00 PM		Suzanne Hruska by Vince & Dianne Pelini
	TUESDAY, J	JANUARY 23: St. Vincent; St. Mc	arianne Cope
	12:00 PM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	John Beene by Paul & Justine Antol
	WEDNESDA	Y, JANUARY 24: St. Francis de	Sales
	12:00 PM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	James Panozzo (B) by Mother
	THURSDAY	, JANUARY 25: Conversion of S	
le	12:00 PM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Ann Leone by Maria Panozzo
	FRIDAY, JA	NUARY 26: Sts. Timothy & Tit	us
	12:00 PM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Francis & Virginia Bellino by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaRocca & Family
	SATURDAY,	JANUARY 27: St. Angela Meric	i
	12:00 PM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Pasqualina Montana by Family
	4:00 PM	at Saint Anthony	Dominic Drummond by Theresa Drummond
	SUNDAY, J	ANUARY 28: 4th Sunday in Ord	linary Time
	9:00 AM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Jerry Dietz (A) by Wife & Son
	11:00 AM	at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Deceased Members of the Cardiero & Hartwig



"The Word of the Lord is a light for the mind and a fire for the will, so that man may know and love God."

Families by Mary Ann & Tony Cardiero

**ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI** 

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To actively promote and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In response to our Baptismal call, we are a People of God who witness to Christ in the world. We commit ourselves to remain faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and our call to the New Evangelization with the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and St. Anthony of Padua as our patrons.

While primarily utilizing our rich Italian heritage, we integrate and embrace other cultural traditions as we minister to the community through prayer, catechesis, and stewardship by celebrating the Sacraments, proclaiming the Gospel, and performing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy with care and compassion for all.

Parish Council, May 14, 2019

#### **Marriage Banns**

Please remember to keep in your prayers the following couple who is preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage: 1st Gianni Colaizzi & Stefanie Galeoti

#### **2023** Contribution **Statements**

To request a copy of your 2023 Contribution Statement, please phone the Parish Office at 330-743-4144 or email office@olmcsta.com. Contribution Statements will not be mailed out unless they are requested.

#### Information for **Bulletins**

Please e-mail the parish office (office@olmcsta.com) at least two weeks in advance with information you would like included the bulletin.

#### **Livestreamed Masses**

We live-stream both the weekly 11:00 AM Sunday Mass as well as the monthly First Friday 12:00 PM Noon Mass on our Youtube channel. Search "Basilica of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Youngstown" on voutube.com.

#### **Stay Informed**

Have the bulletin emailed directly to you each week. Sign up at www.discovermass.com.

#### Items in the Vestibule

The parish office is responsible for the stewardship of the Basilica's Vestibule. Before placing anything in the Vestibule to give away, it should first be approved by someone in the office.

#### Along the WAY

This past Saturday afternoon and evening touched the lives of many of the members, families and friends of St. Anthony of Padua Church. The Saturday evening Mass was the Mass of celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Church of St. Anthony of Padua, located in the Brier Hill district on the north side of Youngstown. Our bishop, Bishop David Bonnar, emphasized that 125 years of faith lived by people is something to be truly celebrated.

The Vigil Mass was followed by a banquet at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica with a grateful gathering of over 350 people. In our day and age, this is a monumental gathering of the faithful, stressing our faith in Jesus, the Lamb of God, celebrating with joy and peace our wonderful friendship with Mary, the Mother of God, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and focusing on the genuine relationship which we as a parish family have with St. Anthony of Padua, performer of miracles.

As a priest, I have always been edified by the true devotion that the people of St. Anthony of Padua Church have had with their patron saint, as well as the great devotion that the people of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel also have for St. Anthony. As to my personal experience, I remember saving up money earned from my paper route - enough to buy a statue of St. Anthony of Padua for my bedroom, a statue which to this day remains there, to remind me nightly of this great saint. He is a perfect companion to have as we go *Along the Way*...

Monsignor Michael J. Cariglio, Jr., Pastor and Rector

#### Fifth Sunday of the Word of God: "Remain in My Word"

Excerpts from the Introduction to the Liturgical and Pastoral Handbook By Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect for the Dicastery for Evangelization Section for the Fundamental Questions Regarding Evangelization in the World



... To say that God uses the "Word" is also tantamount to saying that God speaks, that is, God breaks the silence and in his love, addresses humanity. The fact that God speaks implies that he intends to communicate something intimate, and absolutely necessary for man, without which he could never come to a full knowledge of himself or the mystery of God. The permanent dialogue between God and man, which characterizes the biblical story, possesses the traits of friendship. It is a personal conversation, touching man in his innermost being and involving him in a loving relationship, reaching out to each other in their own story to be close to them.

The fundamental fact that unsettles history, giving it a different orientation is this: in Jesus Christ God speaks fully and definitely to humanity. He is the Word made flesh, the Word that has always been spoken and now also becomes visible. What is made known to men is the Word, the Logos, eternal life. . . all terms that refer back to the central and foundational idea: the person of Jesus Christ. Then these words that Jesus, in John's Gospel, addresses to all of us

"Out of the abundance of His love [He] speaks to men as friends." Dei Verbum, 2

believers in Him, become very significant: "Remain in my word" (John 8:31). It is the invitation not to scatter, but to "remain in him" in a deep and radical unity like that of the branches to the vine (see John 15:1-7). In the Fourth Gospel, the verb "remain" has a paradigmatic meaning. To remain in the Word of God is much more than a hasty or even fortuitous encounter. Dei Verbum explains it wonderfully: "out of the abundance of His love [He] speaks to men as friends" (Dei Verbum, 2). God not only speaks to men, but remains with them for a long time, as if they were real "friends" whom he has known for a long time; God "enjoys his time" with us, stays to share joys and sorrows and give life a sense of fullness that cannot be found elsewhere. . .

The Sunday of the Word of God allows Christians to reinvigorate once again Jesus' tenacious invitation to listen to and cherish his Word, in order to offer the world a witness of hope that will enable them to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment. . .

The complete text is available at: http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpne/image/DomenicadellaParola/2024/ENG V% 20DOMENICA-SUSSIDIO.PDF 4

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH **125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

A huge thank you to Joe Naples and Carol Rimedio-Righetti and their committee for all the hard work and the wonderful turn out celebrating St. Anthony and our church's 125th anniversary. A special thank you to Christopher Anthony for his hard work on the Memorial Book. Great job Chris! Everyone had a great time. May God bless you all.

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# Next Weekend - January 27 & 28, 2024 Church Overseas **Combined Collection**

and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and around the world. Catholic Relief Services and Peter's Pence, which funds the

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### This Week at a Glance **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA** SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

12:00 PM St. Monica Meeting (SJH)

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

5:00 PM RCIA (JP2)

#### 6:30 PM Italian Festival Trustee Meeting (Rectory)

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

10:00 AM	Visitation of Mary Society (JP2)
7:00 PM	ITAM Post 2 (SJH)

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

3:00 PM Hour of Divine Mercy with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Benediction (Basilica)

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

12:30 PM Divine Will Prayer Group (JP2)

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

After 9 AM Coffee & Donuts & 11 AM Masses 10:00 AM Light of Faith & Family (Social Hall & JP2)

#### ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9AM-Noon Famous Brier Hill Pizza

### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica Faithful Stewardship**

Thank you to all who give so generously to support our parish and its mission.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

Total Sunday Collection	\$ 4,754.00
St. Anthony Shrine	\$ 142.00

Liturgical Ministers for January 27 & 28				
Mass	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	<b>FINANCIAL CLERKS</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b> St. Anthony of Padua Church	Christopher Anthony Frank Anthony Gabriella Howe Jeffery Howe	Nicole Anthony (1) Denise Villanueva (2)	Deacon Anthony Falasca Diane Laudo Deborah Duffy	Sam Frasco Diane Laudo
<b>9:00 AM</b> Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica	Blake Mezakowski Dominico Tocco Gianni Tocco	Youth (1) Youth (2)	Deacon Mark Izzo Nannette Jacobs Tom DeToro	
<b>11:00 AM</b> Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica	James Amon Joseph Amon Thomas Amon Nicholas Amon	Julia Jones (1) Dominic Cross (2)	Deacon Mark Izzo Joseph Caruso Jr. Joseph Nohra Dan Rossi	Mike & Norma Baca Frank Mazzocca Troy & Christine Rhoades Phil Pillin

Ministry Scheduler Pro View the full schedule and request substitutes by logging onto https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/webterminal/login/olmcsta. If you have any questions about Ministry Scheduler Pro, please contact the Parish Office.

## St. Anthony Church **Faithful Stewardship**

Thank you to all who give so generously to support our parish and its mission. Due to the long weekend, the contribution totals for the week of January 14 will be reported in next week's bulletin.

## **Candles, Lights and Eternal Flames** for the Week of January 21 - 27

#### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA**

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHT

In memory of PETE CHILA by Ted & Carol McCoy

#### SACRED HEART LIGHT

In memory of ROCCO RULLI by Diane Ornelas

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT SPECIAL INTENTION

#### **GUARDIAN ANGEL LIGHT** In memory of JOANNE CARBONE by Ted & Carol McCoy

**INFANT JESUS LIGHT** In memory of WILLIAM PONIGAR (B) by Alice Rossi

#### ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY CANDLE & SORROWFUL MOTHER 'PIETA' CANDLE By a Friend

#### St. Anthony Shrine Offering at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica **JANUARY 14, 2023**

#### \$30.00 GIFT

• In memory of Al Baca by Norma, Roseann Baca by Mom, Rose Marie Fiore by Norma

#### \$25.00 GIFT

• Mr. & Mrs. William Larue

#### \$20.00 GIFT

• In memory of John J. Kuzman, Jr. by wife Colomba

- In loving memory of Nickolas Minnie by wife Helga & Family
- Mr. Dominic Colucci

## \$15.00 GIFT

• Mrs. Diane M. Sheets

#### \$10.00 GIFT • Mr. & Mrs. Walter M.

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## Birthdays for the Week of January 21 - 27

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica: Michael Bane, Joseph Carrabbia, Toni Cramp, Patricia

Marinelli, Enrico Mediate, Dianne Schifferli, Frank Valenzisi, Rose Wydick, Walter Good, Mark Leone, Barry Miller, Daniel P. Romeo, Robert Sherwood, Timothy Garthwaite, Donna Traichal, Philip Beshara, Paul Crowe, Jennifer Greco, Sante Valentini, Paul Antol Sr., Andrew Bodzak, Emilio Catalano, Andrew Faunda, Michelle Malkovits, Allan Maniccia, Mary Tufaro, Grace Basista, JoAnne Celano, Linda Frattaroli, Jaclyn Jones, Kristi Martin, Kristi Martin.

St. Anthony Church: Rosemary Cappellino, Gerard Meso, Deborah Duffy, Lucille Meso, Valerie Mohn, David Gilmartin, Dorothy Procick.

#### Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in nursing homes:

**Dolores Fusillo** 

Joseph Turafo

Frank Napolitano

**Christine Piccirillo** 

Anita (Pangio) Palocyi

Mary Tufaro

Christa Pico

Linda Herrock

Madison Leone

Louis Marinelli

Joe DelSignore

Michelle Smith

Ronald Pesa

Andrea Kissinger **Bob** Giampetro

#### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica:

William Jenkins Jean Hull Roberta Elmo Stephen Medovich Justine Antol Jennie Dundee John Mascardine Dean Traficant Kantele Rouan Anna DeLuco Dominic Tocco Dr. Mellie Espino Coleen Villone Anthony DeAscentis Anthony DeLuco John Rose

#### St. Anthony of Padua Church:

Sandra Ambrose Mary Frasco John Janacone Jake LaLama Jennie Marinelli Lucy Meso Jessica Meso Tony Parish Theresa Polovischak Frank Righetti **Bob Rimedio** 

Frank Thomas Lee Thomas Anthony DelFratte Tom Menelle Maria Valley Mary Ann Vandetti **Eleanor Smith** Bill Grove Corina Garcia Rocco Adduci

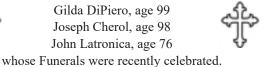
Our Lady, Help of the Sick, pray for us.

Names will be listed in the bulletin for three months unless otherwise requested. To be added or taken off our prayer list, please contact Michele Berardi at 330-743-4144.

## **Eternal Rest Grant Unto**



Gilda DiPiero, age 99 Joseph Cherol, age 98 John Latronica, age 76



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#### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Lucia Marie Sypert, daughter of Michael & Dana Sypert, who was baptized on January 7, 2024 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica.



#### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Franklin James Casacchia, son of Anthony and Katelyn Casacchia, who was baptized on January 14, 2024 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica.

#### "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



Phone the Parish Office at 330-743-4144

#### Visits to Parishioners in the Hospital, Nursing Homes, and the Homebound

The Visitation of Mary Society meets the Sacramental and spiritual needs of our sick and homebound parishioners. If a member of your family would like to receive visits and have Holy Communion brought to them, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Please remember that the hospitals are no longer informing us when our parishioners are admitted. It is now up to the individual or family to inform the parish. Friends of St. Martha

The Friends of St. Martha is a new committee created to serve Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica by assisting with cleaning, dusting, polishing, decorating, and other environmental aspects of the worship space.

The committee's first meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30, from 6pm-8pm, in the St. Joseph Hall.

Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to call or text Alexis Weber at 330-402-7147.



# **TACKLE HUNGER**

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## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Bring your NON-Perishable items to all Masses the weekend of:

Saturday, February 10th & Sunday, February 11th

#### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica and St. Anthony Church

Look for the collection bins in the vestibule areas of the churches.

\*All items will be donated to our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



Teach me your ways, O Lord Psalm 25:4



#### The Word of God goes to the heart.

... The words of Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart. . . . The *Catechism* affirms that: "prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture" — the Bible cannot be read like a novel — "so that a dialogue takes place between God and man" (n. 2653). This is where prayer leads you, because it is a dialogue with God. . . . [A] passage from Scripture, heard many times already, unexpectedly speaks to me one day, and enlightens a situation that I am living. But it is necessary that I be present on that day for that appointment with the Word. That I be there, listening to the Word. Every day God passes and

sows a seed in the soil of our lives. We do not know whether today he will find dry ground, brambles, or good soil that will make that seed grow (cf. Mk 4: 3-9). That they become for us the living Word of God depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures...

Through prayer a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the "tabernacles" where the words of God seek to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world. . . . . [T]he believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore they should be welcomed and understood in that same Spirit, so that the encounter can occur.

... [W]hen the Word of God, infused with the Holy Spirit, is received with an open heart, it does not leave things as they were before: never. Something changes. And this is the grace and the power of the Word of God.

Christian tradition is rich in experiences and reflections on prayer with the Sacred Scripture. In particular, the method of "Lectio divina" was established; it originated in monastic circles, but is now also practised by Christians who frequent their parishes. It is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively: even more, I would say with "obedience" to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer: while remaining faithful to the text, I begin to ask myself what it "says to me". This is a delicate step: we must not slip into subjective interpretations, but rather become part of the living Tradition, which unites each of us to Sacred Scripture. The last step of Lectio divina is contemplation. Words and thoughts here give way to love, as between lovers for whom sometimes it is enough to just look at each other in silence. The biblical text



remains, but like a mirror, like an icon to be contemplated. And in this way, there is dialogue.

Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it. The Word inspires good intentions and sustains action; it gives us strength and serenity, and even when it challenges us, it gives us peace. On "bad" and confusing days, it guarantees to the heart a core of confidence and of love that protects it from the attacks of the evil one.

In this way the Word of God is made flesh — allow me to use this expression: made flesh — in those who receive it in prayer....

Christian life is at the same time a work of obedience and of creativity. Good Christians must be obedient, but they must be creative. Obedient, because they listen to the Word of God; creative, because they have the Holy Spirit within who drives them to be so, to lead them forward. . . . The Holy Scriptures are an inexhaustible treasure. May the Lord grant us all to draw ever more from them, though prayer.

Excerpts from Pope Francis' General Audience, January 27, 2021

"Christian meditation, led by the Spirit, leads us to this dialogue with Jesus. There is no page in the Gospel in which there is no place for us. For us Christians, meditating is a way to encounter Jesus."

**Pope Francis** 

# A Weekly Appointment with the Word

Adoration is an intimate time of prayer before the Lord and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the Word revealed to us in Sacred Scripture, and the Word made Flesh, Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

At Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica, there are opportunities to spend time in Adoration every day. To commit to a weekly hour of Adoration is to make a weekly appointment to spend time with the Word.

New Adorers are needed. Whatever your commitment level, please phone Jean Talley at 330-758-3335 or Maria Panozzo at 330-372-5141 for more information.



## 2021 Synod 2024 For a synodal Church

Recently, all the dioceses in the United States have been asked to participate in a second round of listening sessions that will contribute to the preparation for the October 2024 Synod Assembly in Rome.

This round of listening sessions focuses on two questions:

- 1. Where have I seen or experienced successes and distresses within the Church's structure(s)/organizations/leadership/life that encourages or hinders the mission?
- 2. How can the structure and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

How would you answer these questions? Let Msgr. Cariglio know by emailing **office@olmcsta.com** with your responses before **Ash Wednesday, February 14,** or submitting a written response, mailed to Msgr. Cariglio's attention c/o Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica, 343 via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown, OH 44505.

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Saint Anthony of Padua Parish | Youngstown, Ohio

#### **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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- \*Find out about our many financial

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## Begins Mon, Feb 12 6:30-8:00 pm

St. Joseph Church, Austintown www.stjosephaustintown.org 330-792-1919

DivorceCare is a 13 week support group using professional input on video, facilitated group discussion, and a workbook. There is no registrations fee.



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