

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

January 22, 2023 † Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Congratulations to
Fr. Jeff Smialek,
O.Carm
on your installation as
the sixth pastor of
Our Lady of Mt Carmel.



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DARIEN, ILLINOIS 60561**
*Parish Phone Number: 630-852-3303
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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday - 4:30 PM Sunday - 8:15 AM - 10 AM - 12 Noon
Weekdays & Saturdays - 9 AM
Holy Day Eve - 7:00 PM Holy Day - 9 AM - 7:00 PM
(Call Office to verify Mass times)

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM

Parish Mission Statement

We are the Church, alive with Christ, a diverse community rooted in faith, celebrating a liturgy of life. We are prayerfully responsive to the Spirit of the living Gospel, freely and fully ministering to all.

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Pray for me

This weekend is a significant moment in the history of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish. I will be officially installed as the 6th pastor. I stand on the shoulders and foundation laid by the 5 very good men and priests who came before. We are so grateful for the ministry of Fr. Patrick Gleason, Fr. Russell Gavin, Fr. James Wilson, Fr. Gavin Quinn and Fr. Michael O'Keefe. This parish community is what it is due to the hard work and unique gifts that each of them brought. They built up and shepherded this faith community over the last 50 plus years. I have big shoes to fill in continuing the legacy that they established here. I am so humbled to be here and to be your new pastor. I was ordained in 2007 and spent the last 15 years in education as a teacher and campus minister. I was a regular supply priest at several parishes, but never in full time parish work. A year ago, when our Carmelite Provincial asked to meet with me and proposed that I consider coming here as pastor, I was shocked. I was not planning on making a ministry change at that point. However, as I spent the next several weeks in prayer and reflection, the more I felt that this was the right move and I felt more and more at peace with the decision. Truly the Holy Spirit was guiding me to where I needed to be at this point in my life. I have been overwhelmed and humbled by my reception into this community. Everyone has welcomed me with open arms and lots of support. I pray every day that I can be a good and faithful pastor and lead this parish to even deeper faith in Jesus Christ. This is such a good and faith-filled community.

As we embark on this new time officially today, I just have one request. Pray for me! I need to be sustained by your prayers if I am to be a good pastor. Please remember me every day and ask the Lord that I be given the grace and ability to minister to this community effectively. Pray for me as I pray for you.

I would like to thank our Carmelite Provincial Fr. Carl Markelz, O.Carm. for having confidence in me for this position. Also, a big thanks to Bishop Hicks for trusting and encouraging me for this ministry. Most of all, I thank you, the members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish for your love, support and prayers. May Our Lady continue to bless each of us through her Son.

Fr. Jeff

Join us for Part 2

Apostle Paul and the People of Corinth

**Bible Study with Fr. Robert Carroll, O.Carm,
PHD**



Tuesdays from 9:45 to 11:15 am – February 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4
In person or via Zoom – Recordings will be available after the presentation as well
Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at [cath-](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)
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HIGH SCHOOL WINTER OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Saturday, Feb. 4 – Sunday, Feb. 5

Mt. Assisi Center
Lemont, IL

\$60 per person.
Includes lodging and food.

**Young at Heart is a group
for men and women age
55+ which meets once a
month for fellowship.**

Join us for our
February Gathering

**February 2nd at
10:00 a.m. in the
Upper Deck**



**For more information
contact: Barbara Jo Miller
(630) 985-1043**

JDCCS
Joliet Diocese Catholic
Committee on Scouting



*Navigating our Catholic Faith:
"Follow me!"*

All Catholic Scouts in the Joliet Diocese are invited!

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting
2023 WINTER DAY OF RECOLLECTION

February 25, 2023

Our Lady of Peace Church

701 Plainfield Rd. Darien, IL

9am—12 pm

CONSECUTIVELY RUN PROGRAMS FOR:

Scouts K—5 Scouts 6 grade +

\$5/ per scout

- Presentations
- Group Discussions
- Mass
- Activities/Games
- Religious Reqs
- Boards of Review



Registration on joliethdiocesecatholicscouts.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalms — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**MASS TIMES**

**February 8 at 6:30
am**

**February 9 at 8 am
February 10 at 8 am**

**COMMUNAL
PRAYER SERVICE
TIMES**

**11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm,
8 pm after which
the Blessed Sacra-
ment will be reposed**

DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Join with our **Diocesan Church** on **February 8, 9, 10** to celebrate a time of **spiritual devotion** before the **Blessed Sacrament** during this **National Eucharistic Revival**.

Come to the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus** in Joliet. Each day will begin with **morning Mass** and conclude with an **evening Prayer Service**. Throughout the days there will be **silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** as well as **communal Prayer Services** led by various cultural and parish entities.

We encourage **all people** – parish groups, families, neighbors - to come and **reflect in prayer** on the **wondrous gift of the Eucharist** that has been given to us. And to **join our hearts in prayer** for the **needs of our Church** and the **needs of all people**.

May God in his goodness bless our Diocese!

Questions? Contact **Sister Sharon Stola** at the Office of Divine Worship

815-221-6230 or ssstola@dioceseofjoliet.org



RE News...

We would like to thank Fr. Jeff and Fr. Greg for all they do. Fr. Jeff, we hope your celebration and installation is as much a gift to you as you are to our Parish Family!

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

Activities of the Week:

Take time as a family to look through the Gospels and list the names of followers of Jesus on a sheet of paper. Discuss how these figures inspire you to follow Jesus today. Discuss these questions: How does Jesus call you? How do you follow?

Discuss with your child the divisions among people in his or her school. What are the reasons for the divisions? How can your family help?

Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to the Apostles, "Come, follow me." You say the same words to us, today and every day. Help us to follow you faithfully: to walk in the way of your commandments, to help those who are struggling, and to love all people as you love them.

May we rejoice in your presences with us as we work to build up the Kingdom of God, where you live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen.

Upcoming Dates

ALL Catechist Meeting

Tuesday, January 24

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Training-Theme-Engaging the Family

-ALL CATECHISTS-

In addition, if you are interested in becoming a Catechist, please consider joining us as we are always looking for people just like you to share your faith with the children!

Family Movie Night

Join us for a family fun night as we watch the movie "Horton Hears a Who" on Friday, January 27. January is the month celebrates the right to life and Horton demonstrates the importance of dignity of even the smallest creatures because "a person's a person no matter how small."

Snacks and set up 6:30 Movie starts promptly at 7:00 PM. Call the RE office to let us know if you will be there!

4th Grade & Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, February 4

10:00-12:00 (A-L)

12:30-2:30 (M-Z)

Reconciliation-Grade 2 and 4 Families

Tuesday, February 7 (A-L) or

Wednesday, February 15 (M-Z)

6:30 for instruction and sharing

7:00 Service begins



Mary Anne Trochim	James Curley
Julie Ann Lacey	Barb Schunk
John Guzior	Frank Jasek
Jeanette Seebock	Nancy Kososki
Donald W. Pecor	Bridget Gallmeier Raineri
Nancy Jisisju	Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Bill Haran	Susan Nugent
Evelyn Swartz	Abby Grace McCarver
Jean & Mark Boyd	Allen Raineri
Jamie Carpenter	Diana Clohecyc



PFC Jonathan Poynton	Lindsey Johnson
Joe Barker	Diahann Bavan
Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.	Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC	Derek McCarthy
Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army	Joe Michalski
S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy	Steve Baker, Lt
Ryan Pertile, Army	Luke Fluder
Major Thomas Bessler	Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
Mike Noonan	Vincent Napoli, USMC
Adam Kowalski, Army	Nikolas Horskey, Army
Capt. James Lucas US Army	Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
Sgt. Greg Burnett	Capt. Tim Wilson
Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC	Rachael Smith
Ron Caruso Jr.	Kevin Pope
Specialist Drew Stocks	Dave Rawlings
Christine Christensen, USAF	LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC	Tom Reiter
Colin Cusack	Nathaniel Rozgo
Michael Sklodowski, Army	Robert DeMatio
Nick Radziwon, US Navy	Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
Gwen Zemaitis Baker	Captain Jackson Panice
James Lucas US Army	Ryan Snyder
Capt. Melissa Sprague	Capt. James Lienau
Capt. Mark Sprague	Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.
Zach Wallace	Pat Gill Petty Officer
James Chipman	Brian Sheenhan, Army
Keith Thomas	Joseph Higgins
L.C. David Treadwell	Gary Hogan
Timothy Vaughn, USAF	Kevin Hornett
Zachary Bell	Dan Eugene Bavan
Christopher Johnson USCG	Dan Welters
Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army	Alex Erkiens
Pvt Dylan R. Hagan	Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
Danielle Monahan SrA	1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
	Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 21, 2023

4:30PM Toni Mann (Kazich Family)

Bill & Ann Husarik (Scieszka Family)

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:15AM Maria \$ Costantino Poli (Nick Rocco)

John Swies-14th anniv (Family)

Mitch Cholewa-10th anniv (Family)

10:00AM John Sullivan (Mike & Mary Ann)

Romulo Acosta (Family)

Eileen Kosinski (Eugene Munin)

NOON Installation of Fr. Jeff

Monday, January 23, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

9:00AM Miriam Lessek (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Victoriana Quilang (Family)

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

9:00AM Kathy Klemens (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Thursday, January 26, 2023

9:00AM David Spang (Family)

Margaret Andres (Michael McCool Family)

Victoria Borucki (Daughter Evelyn)

Friday, January 27, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Saturday, January 28, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We devote this day to the celebration, study, and spread of the Word of God.

Isaiah 8:23–9:3. Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17. Matthew 4:12-23.

The Word of God Living Among Us. The Word is first spoken in Jesus who is, in fact, the very spoken Word of God. And when this Word himself speaks, things happen. Hear the gospel today: Jesus invites; Peter and Andrew follow right away. James and John immediately do the same. We also believe this: Jesus not only spoke long ago; when Scripture is read aloud in prayer, Jesus speaks today?

⇒ What does Christ say to me in these Sunday readings?

⇒ What “darkness” needs dispelling by his word?

⇒ What word that I hear will I proclaim? To whom? When?

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