

Our Lady of the Mountains

Catholic Church

Highlands, North Carolina



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
(May 25-Oct 26, 2024)

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: English Mass 9:30 a.m.
For Latin Mass information, please call the office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10:00 a.m. on
2/15, 2/22, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21
1:30 p.m. on Good Friday (3/29)

CONFESSION

Tuesday 9:10 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

ADORATION

Thursday: 8:30-9:15 a.m.

BENEDICTION

Thursday 9:15 a.m.

MORNING PRAYERS/LAUDS

Tuesday 9:10 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

(828) 634-1377

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent



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Sunday, February 11, 2024 Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Mission Staff

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

Our vision is to become a beacon of Catholic faith on the plateau by giving due glory to God and greater love to our neighbors.

Our mission is to walk humbly in God's presence through prayer and service as a loving Catholic community dedicated to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Schedule

Date	Mass	Intention/Requested
2/18/24	Sung English Mass	Bill Johnson+ By Dixie Barton
2/20/24	Low Latin Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By Pittari Family
2/22/24	Low English Mass	Mary Pittari+ By Pittari Family
2/25/24	Sung English Mass	Doris Hunt* By Pauline Cavanaugh
3/3/24	Sung English Mass	Bertha LaChance+ By Pauline Cavanaugh
3/5/24	Low Latin Mass	Mary Allyne Fox Lee+ By Sharon Fox

Mass Key

Low Mass: little/no singing and no incense.

Sung Mass: hymns and moderate chanting and may have incense.

Solemn Mass: hymns, extensive chanting, and incense.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NUTS AND BOLTS

Thank you to everyone for making payments to your pledge. Reminders will be sent via mail or email but, you may make a payment at anytime. Payments can be made via mail, or by dropping it off in the offertory basket or at the office. Notate capital campaign on the memo line. You may also pay online by using your Parish Soft Offering account or create an account by going to our website : www.olmhighlands.com

Stock Gifts—When using stock for your donation, complete form provided on OLM website. Page 1 is to be mailed to the diocese. Page 2 is given to your broker. Diocese cannot process in a timely manner unless Page 1 is received.



BUILDING A BEACON
of CATHOLIC FAITH
OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

It's Not Too Late to Pledge



You may still make a pledge to *Building a Beacon of Catholic Faith* capital campaign either by dropping your commitment card in the offertory basket or at the office. You may also pledge online on our website or at this www.olmhighlands.com.

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, February 16
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, February 17
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, February 18
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00

Monday, February 19
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, February 20
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confession 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:10am
Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, February 21
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, February 22
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Holy Hour 8:30am-9:30am
Confession 9:00am-9:15am
Morning Prayer/Lauds 9:00am
Benediction 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am

Friday, February 23
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, February 24
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, February 25
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food and Fellowship 12:00

***Note: There will be no daily Mass on February 27 and 28.**

New Season- New Plans

Join the OLM Men's and Women's Clubs as they plan for a year of fun and fellowship.

Next Meeting of both clubs:

Tuesday, February 20

Parish Hall

5:00pm Meeting

6:00pm Dinner

Father Barone's Column

Reflections on Lent by Archbishop Fulton Sheen

[1] It's never too late. In Lent, we should look ahead rather than back. Though time is too precious to waste, it must never be thought that what was lost is irretrievable. Once the Divine is introduced, then comes the opportunity to make up for losses. **GOD IS THE GOD OF THE SECOND CHANCE.**

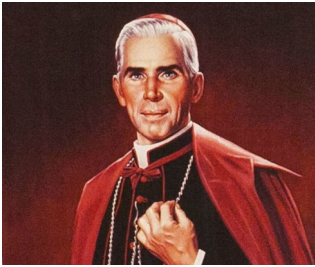
Peter denied, but he had the second chance in which to become as solid as a rock. There really is such a thing as a "second birth". Being born again means that all that went before is not held against us. The thief on the right side of the Lord on Calvary wasted a human life, but in accepting pardon won eternal life.

[2] Season of Love. We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull up weeds or to plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative.

A person is great not by the ferocity of his hatred of evil, but by the intensity of his love for God. Asceticism and mortification are not the ends of a Christian life; they are only the means. The end is charity. Penance merely makes an opening in our ego in which the Light of God can pour. As we deflate ourselves, God fills us. And it is GOD's arrival that is the important event.

[3] Dying daily. If we are to live for Christ, we must "die daily". Lent is an ideal time to think about our own death. A happy death is a masterpiece and no masterpiece is ever perfected in a day. Dubois spent seven years in making the wax model for his celebrated statue of Joan of Arc – and it stands today as a ravishing perfection of the sculptor's art. In like manner our death must appear as a ravishing perfection of the many years of labor we have given over to its mold by dying daily.

The greatest reason we fear death is because we have never prepared for it. Most of us die only once – **WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE DIED A THOUSAND TIMES** – yes, even daily. Death is a terrible thing for one who dies only when he dies; but it is a beautiful thing for him who dies before he dies.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am on
2/15, 2/22, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21**

Holy Thursday—March 28 @ 6:00pm Confession 5:00pm-5:30pm

Good Friday—March 29 @ 3:00pm Confession 2:00pm-2:30pm

1:30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday—March 30 @ 8:45pm

Easter Sunday—March 31 @ 11:00am

A CALL TO SHARE

February 11 Collection

Cash/Check Offertory*.....\$870.00

Parish Automated Giving\$1,582.16

*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

Mass Attendance: 97

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Suzette Oleksyk, Denise Cook, Bishop Gregory, Maureen Pierce, Marianne Mahaffey
Zan Smith, Mary Beth Brody, John Wilding, Paul Schmitt, Carolyn Bruce, John Turner

MILITARY/DEPLOYED

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military and contract workers deployed in dangerous areas.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Jim and Thelma Petrone, Jef Kotzan, Adele Hopkins, Fred Wooldridge, Dorice Pulte, James Urbanski,
Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn,
Lucille Devane, Carolyn Neupauer, James and Laure Walsh, Joan Hatch, Steve Fox, Lee Smith,
Sue Schulte, Marilyn Riva, George Schmitt, Frank Neely, Patricia Bollinger

Saint Peter Damian—Bishop and Doctor of the Church—February 21

Peter was the youngest child born into a poor but noble family in Ravenna, Italy. After Peter's parents died, the young boy lived with one of his older brothers who mistreated him and forced him to labor as a swineherd. Eventually, another brother, a priest from Ravenna named Father Damian, took Peter in and provided him with an excellent education. Peter was so grateful to his priest brother that he added his brother's name to his own, making him Peter Damian.

Upon the completion of his education, Peter Damian became a successful teacher. Disenchanted with university life, he withdrew to a monastery in Fonte-Avellana for a forty-day retreat where he discerned a call to monastic life and received the habit.

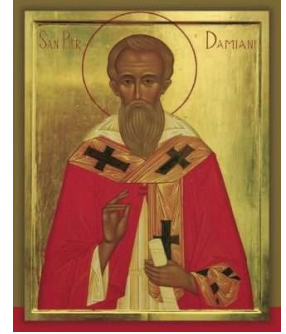
As a monk, Peter Damian lived a secluded life of prayer and extreme penance. He was eventually asked to teach his fellow monks and then did so in neighboring monasteries. He also began to write, penning a biography of Saint Romuald, a recently deceased monk from his monastery known for his exceptional holiness.

In 1043, at the age of thirty-five, Brother Peter Damian was named the prior of his monastery. He led the brothers with zeal and fidelity to their rule while founding new hermitages in the surrounding villages.

In 1045, Gregory VI replaced the scandalous Benedict IX as pope. Overjoyed at the change, Brother Peter Damian wrote to the new pope, encouraging him to tackle corruption and scandal within the Church. In the years that followed, succeeding popes called on Brother Peter Damian to help accomplish that very goal. He wrote many letters in an attempt to bring about reforms of the clergy, fought against simony (the selling of Church offices and spiritual favors), addressed sexual abuses, challenged the bishops, reformed monasteries, and gave a spectacular personal witness of holiness.

In 1057, the pope named Brother Damian the Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia. As a new cardinal, he quickly challenged his brother cardinals and tried to weed out corruption. He would eventually return to his hermitage and resume his life of prayer, but his fervor in fighting against the evils of the time continued. Pope after pope called on him for help, even while other Church leaders opposed him.

In 1072, at the age of sixty-five after battling one corruption after another, Cardinal Peter Damian fell ill. After a week of illness in a monastery near his hometown, the cardinal died while the monks chanted around his bed.



Ongoing Donations

Highlands Food Pantry

The OLM Ladies Club are collecting donations of toiletry items each week to support our local community food bank. Bins are located at each door for drop offs.



Are you in need of catching up on your sacraments? Have you not yet received baptism, first Holy Communion, confirmation? Do you need to have your marriage regularized in the Catholic Church?



Please contact the office. We would like to help.



Fr. Barone's door is always open.
If you'd like to schedule an appointment, please call John Paul at 828-526-2418 or email him at ExecAsstOLMSTJ@gmail.com



Coat Drive

Donate new or slightly used/clean coats to Highlands families in need. Drop off is at the church office Tue, Wed, Thur. or in the bins at each church door when coming to Mass.



Watch or share
Father Barone's homily for
Fallen away Catholics.

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