

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

November 2, 2025 † The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed



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"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

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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

Reconciliation on Saturdays 3:15-4:00PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To register call The Religious Education Office at 630-963-3053

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 630-852-3303 phone number

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.

MARRIAGES: Plans should be made at least six months in advance of a tentative wedding date to fulfill Diocesan guidelines. To schedule a date, call the parish office for an appointment with a priest.

BAPTISMS: Are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. Parents and godparents are requested to attend a catechesis class. Call the parish office for arrangements.

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We're blessed this year that the Feast of All Souls falls on a Sunday, and we can celebrate it at all our weekend masses. This is a special day set aside to remember and pray for all people who have gone before us, especially our loved ones. We have all experienced the pain of loss in the death of a parent, spouse, sibling, child or a good friend. We know grief is not easy, it is a burden to carry. However, our hope always rests in the Lord. The Book of Wisdom says, "The Souls of the just are in the hands of God." That reading is one of the

most commonly selected funeral readings, I would say probably 2/3 of the funerals I have done, the family has selected that as the first reading. It is for a very good reason. It tells us two important truths. First, that just people are in God's hands. To be just means to act in a way that is morally right and fair. Our loved ones did that and that is what made them dear to us. If they didn't, we would not care too much about them. We mourn them and still grieve for them because they showed us the way that was right and fair. The second thing that reading reminds us of is that they are at peace and that is our deepest wish and desire for those we loved. We take comfort that they are at peace.

The best thing we can do to honor a loved one is to continue to tell his or her story. They are still very much a part of who we are. I remember learning sports from my dad, home repair from my grandfather who was an electrician, the cooking lessons from my mom and grandmothers. Above all, I remember the love, the laughter, the occasional tears and the affection between us all. Take time today to tell the story of a loved one, because ultimately, we are telling the story of Christ who lived and loved in and through them and showed us the way to the Father.

I want to thank all who have contributed to the carpet. It will look wonderful, (I have to write these articles several days in advance, so the project is underway and looking good.) Hopefully we will enjoy it this weekend. There is still plenty of time to donate towards carpet and flooring the upper deck. I also want to thank those individuals who came to our discussion session about Bishop Hicks's letter "Make." We had some valuable conversations about discipleship and how to spread the Gospel message. We all need to work on our evangelization. We will continue to explore what can be done as a parish in order to give you the tools and confidence to go out and make disciples. Our parish secretary had to submit our data for the Catholic Directory, so she counted how many funerals we have done from October 2024 to October 2025. We have had 103 funerals. We average 2 funeral celebrations per week. It won't be long until we run out of parishioners. Let's make more disciples.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel...Pray for Us!!

Fr. Jeff

Spare A Square?



OLMC

High School Youth Group

November Meetings

Our meetings take place in the church basement from 1 – 3 pm.

Email Jen Emanuele, Director of Youth Ministry, with questions or suggestions!

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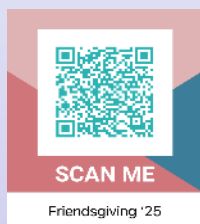
November

11/2: All Saints and All Souls

Trivia Day

Come with a team to test your knowledge of the Saints we know and love! A team is not required to attend, just come for fun!

19th: Friendsgiving with Trivia! Bring a friend or two to celebrate with our Friendsgiving feast. Sign up to bring something yummy to eat.



22nd: Thanksgiving Food Drive: In need of service hours or a Confirmation Service Opportunity? Sign up to help our Service Ministry pass out food to our community.



Upcoming Retreats

January 10, 2026: Recharge Retreat

Tickets are limited to this Teen Diocesan event. Please RSVP by Dec 14th.



June 26 – 28, 2026 Steubenville Conference

This amazing weekend is for rising 9th – 12th graders. Please complete the form to let me know you're interested. Tickets go on sale November 12th. As of right now, this is NOT an overnight conference.



The Conference is \$290 per person - this includes lunch and dinner meals throughout the weekend, not breakfast (OLMC may provide some simple breakfast items - no cost to you). Please note, we NEVER want cost to be a reason a student does not join us for an event. If you need assistance in making a payment plan or need financial support for this event, please contact Jennifer to discuss.

Our Holiday Food Drive for Thanksgiving will be held on Saturday November 22th. We will only be accepting monetary donations that we then will pass on to people in need to supplement their food needs. Please take an envelope home with you, put in any donation you want, write your name & address on it then place it in the collection basket next week. You could give gift cards, checks or cash. If you are giving a large amount in gift cards, please get them in \$25's instead of 1 large amount. If you pay by check please put "Holiday Food Drive" in the memo. You will get credit for any donation you make. Please return your envelopes by Sunday, November 16th at the latest.

Thank You,
Paul Gangi - *Holiday Food Drive*
Chairperson

We will have a table in the back of the Church November 1-2 answering your questions and encouraging you to join. Some of our activities are such as the \$4K donation to the food pantry and the tootsie roll drive.



Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

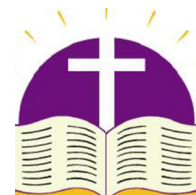
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15





RE News...

We will be celebrating those who have gone before us this month. Please bring a picture of your deceased loved ones to add to our table on the upper deck. We will remember them in prayer through the month of November.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Last week, during opening prayer, our families did a decade of the Rosary based on Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen's Mission Rosary for families of the world.

The World Mission Rosary was envisioned by Archbishop Fulton John Sheen in 1951, when he was national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He made the request on a radio show, asking that his listeners "Embrace the world in prayer." Our world is in need of much prayer, so why not take the time to pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world, as well as for all of us here in our country. God bless you!

This final week we will pray the Mission Rosary Prayer for Asia (on the Yellow Beads). Yellow represents the sun rising in the East.

We pray for the families of Asia. Through struggles of race, religion, and power, we pray for peace and calm amid uncertainty. Bless the families and help us remember those who are suffering persecution for their beliefs. Like the Magi, let all who seek God with an open mind and heart, find their way to the Lord.

Activity of the Week

As a family, celebrate All Souls by inviting each family member to tell about a loved one who has died. Have a special meal together. Make the favorite foods of your loved ones who have died.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children:

How did Jesus do God's will?

Question for Youth:

Why did Jesus come down from Heaven?

Question for Adults:

How have your thoughts about death and eternal life developed over time?

Trick or Treat with the Saints 2025

Thanks to everyone who dressed as a Saint last weekend, and to those who attended our trick or treat event. Special thanks to those who decorated a door and the teens who made this event so much fun.



Young at Hearts
Meets on the Lower Level
Join us November 6th at
10:00 a.m.
Hope to see you then!



As always the food pantry thanks you for your generosity and support of this mission. As fall is here and the weather is turning colder, please donate soup and crackers!



***Together in Loss* is a grief support ministry**
for anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one.

Saturday November 22
10a.m.-11:30 a.m.

For Information-Contact
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Saturday, November 1, 4:30PM

Intentions for All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, November 2, All Souls' Day

8:15AM Intentions for all Living and Deceased Parishioners

10:00AM Intentions for all Living and Deceased Parishioners

Noon Intentions for all Living and Deceased Parishioners

Monday, November 3, 9:00AM

Bette Stack & Marilyn Hammer
 (Pat Monahan)

Alphy Francis Valiaparambil (Family)

Shirley Radom (Banich Family)

Avery Krashen (Ampy)

Tuesday, November 4, 9:00AM

Benedicto Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

John Benish (Family)

Victoriana Quilang (Family)

Domingo Echevari (Family)

Nicholas, Jake & Aleena-living (Family)

Wednesday, November 5, 9:00AM

John Benish (Family)

LeEtta Perry-4th anniv (Kathleen Ochs Family)

Thomas Ochs Sr. -29th anniv (Kathleen Ochs Family)

Timothy J. Stucko (Costa Family)

Thursday, November 6, 9:00AM

Cindy Kurcz (Donatello Family)

Christine Downers (Family)

John Benish (Family)

Friday, November 7, 9:00AM

Bert Olson (Bala Family)

Cesario & Dolores Diago (Ampy)

Saturday, November 8, 9:00AM

Kathleen Carey & Rita Piotrowski (Pat Monahan)

Eleonora & Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

Demetro & Anecita Diago (Ampy)

Damaso Diago (Ampy)