

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

November 9, 2025 † The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.
- Jn 2:16-17

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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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“Zeal for your house will consume me.” This line is spoken in today’s Gospel as we celebrate the Dedication of St. John Laternan Basilica. It is known as the “Mother and Head of all the churches in Rome and in the world.” Many people assume that St. Peter’s Basilica is the most important church, but it is actually St. John’s. It serves as the Cathedral of Rome, which is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is our pope. This is the only feast day dedicated to a building, which may seem odd, but

it shows the importance of this Church building to the Universal Church. The cathedral was founded in the year 324 AD and named for St. John the Apostle. The land was donated by the Laterani family, who were leading citizens of Rome. That is where the name “Lateran” comes from. Many members of the Laterani family served as senators and generals in the army for generations. The Laterani Palace still stands next to the Cathedral and was the residence of the Pope for hundreds of years until construction of St Peter’s and the Vatican, which began in 1506. That is a little history lesson, but the real question is does zeal for your house consume me?

This feast day calls us back to remember our roots and be passionate about living out of our faith. The Church is more than a physical building. It is you and I living our faith and putting the love of Christ into action in our community. We are called to continue to spread the Gospel and the love of Christ to all, to have that zeal! We continue to extend the invitation to bring new people to Christ and be part of our parish community. I want to challenge everyone to extend that invitation to someone to come to church again. Many people have fallen away from the practice of the faith and lost that zeal for lots of reasons. We have to continue to invite and pray the Holy Spirit moves hearts to want to be on zeal again. As a parish, we are trying to take Bishop Hicks’ letter “Make” to heart and have that desire to make more disciples at the center of what we do. We all have a part to play, we can all extend the invitation to someone to come back, rekindle the zeal again. Let’s keep finding ways to make disciples for the Lord.

My deepest thanks go out to all who donated towards the new carpet. It looks wonderful and is close match to the previous carpet, didn’t want to cause too much shock. Also a big thanks to all who helped mover chairs after the noon mass and to all who came out last Saturday to help put the church back together. Thanks for showing that zeal for your house!

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

Fr. Jeff

Spare A Square?



OLMC

High School Youth Group

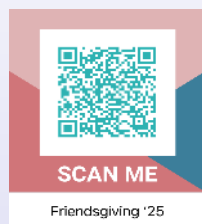
November Meetings

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

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

Jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

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 Diocesican 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

New Year's Day Parish Brunch

To celebrate 2026, a parish brunch will be held at Alpine Banquets on January 1 after the 10 a.m. Mass. It begins at 11:30 and continues until 3:30. Enjoy breakfast potatoes, scrambled eggs, crispy bacon, suage links, toast, mini pancakes with maple syrup, assorted fresh fruit and cheese crepes. There will be coffee, tea and water stations, along with apple and orange juice. There will also be a mimosa bar. There will be more information in the coming weeks. Please plan on celebrating a new year with fellow parishioners, family and friends! Please contact Fr. Rob if you can volunteer with ticket sales.

Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

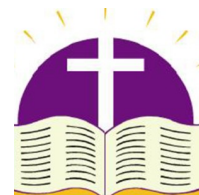
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8





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.

Service Opportunities

Our service for November is "Feed the Hungry." Right now, our Food Pantry is anticipating a significant increase in use and are looking for food items. We will be doing our "Harvest Sunday" service project to help the food pantry fill its shelves on Sunday, November 16. Please contact the RE office for more information or pick up the packet at the information table on the upper deck.

Our service project for December is called "Just Like Me" and we are asking that your child purchase a toy they like to donate to a child just like them. We are asking for small items, but it should be something your child would like to receive. Take a card from our "Just Like Me Tree" and have your child decorate the card, write a small note, and add his or her first name only to the card. Then return the gift unwrapped to the tree. We will be donating the items to the Darien Lion's Club toy drive. Contact the RE office for more information.

Catechetical Opportunities

Catechists: did you miss the Catechetical Institute Training on Catechesis for Persons with Disabilities last month? Well, we are offering it again on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 PM. This is a wonderful workshop with lots of tools and best practices to help you in the classroom. Please contact Sherry Rochford if you will attend. We will serve dinner.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children:

How does the church help "build up" your faith?

Question for Youth:

How do your words and actions "build up" or "tear down" the Church?

Question for Adults:

What does it mean to you that you have a choice of whether to "build up" or "tear down" the Church? In what way do you have *zeal* for the Church?

Activities of the Week

As a family, take time to "tour" your church after Mass. Spend time looking at the art. Take note of how the church building provides a welcoming environment.

As a family, think of a service project you could do to "build up" your parish church. Possibilities might include: picking up trash outside, weeding flower beds or sidewalks, or washing windows. You might like to check with your parish to see how you can help.

Notes for Parents

We are now in week 9 of RE. for those receiving First Communion, your child's first reflection page should be complete.

Our students are learning about the Communion of Saints, and we will be praying for all our friends and family member who have gone on before us through the month of November

All are welcome to come after the 10 am Mass next Sunday, November 16 and enjoy donuts and coffee with your fellow OLMC parishioners.

Feel free to stop by the upper deck after Mass for a treat, some conversation and fellowship.

We would love to see you there!



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 8, 4:30PM

Ann Pizzuto (Gloria & Ed Burjak)

Ellen Nowak (Family)

Patricia Heery (Family)

Sunday, November 9, All Souls' Day

8:15AM Don & Nick Brescia (Nick Rocco)

Arlene Brescia (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Heinrich Villanueva (Family)

Savio Viglielmo (Family)

Noon Sotero & Fortunata Quilang (Family)

Sandra Cavelli (Niece)

Leona Moody (Esteban Family)

Monday, November 10, 9:00AM

Joan Stauder (Family)

John Norbut (Family)

Martin Zicarelli (Family)

Tuesday, November 11, 9:00AM

Vito Carosek (Mike & Margaret Wagner)

Wednesday, November 12, 9:00AM

Kelly Evan Lopresti (Parents & Son)

Sheila Marsiglio (Family)

Shirley Ann Nasceif (Costa Family)

Thursday, November 13, 9:00AM

Stephanie Szot (Szot Family)

Marcia Hadad-living (Maribeth Seecheung)

Friday, November 14, 9:00AM

Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello (Donatello Family)

Kelly Evan Lopresti (Parents & Son)

Pedro & Rosa Quilang (Family)

Vito Caroselli (Family)

Saturday, November 15, 9:00AM

Margaret Boyle (Family)

Maria (Family)

Eleonora & Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

We welcome the following to the
Our Lady of Mount Carmel family!

Louis & Kelly Prignano
Sinead O'Farrell