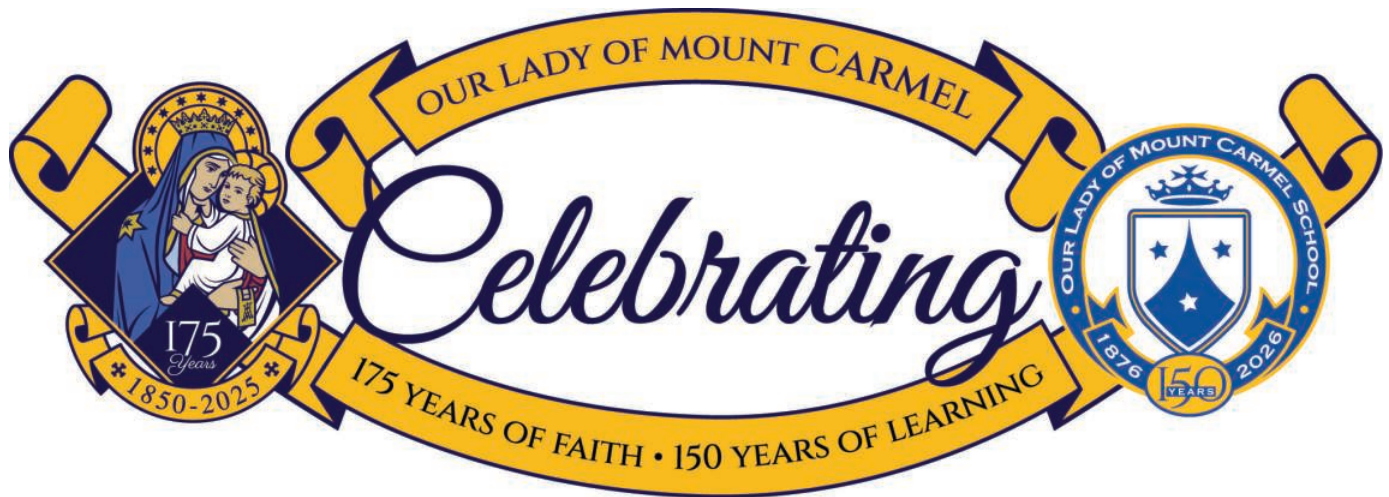




While on the surface there may seem to be little difference between a civil marriage and a sacramental one, the purpose of each kind is vastly dissimilar.

A civil marriage is, essentially, a legal contract recognized by the state. As such, it provides spouses with legal rights and responsibilities under the law. The purpose is to safeguard such things as inheritance, property, and benefits. Very important, to be sure.

A Catholic, sacramental marriage is not so much a contract as it is a *covenant*. Certainly, legal and social aspects of the relationship are important in a sacramental marriage as they are in any relationship. But when a couple marries sacramentally they are sent out on a **mission**.

The couple doesn't receive a sacrament on their wedding day inasmuch as they *become* a sacrament. Their mission is to make visible Christ's love for His Church, as revealed on the crucifix.

The crucifix reveals that Christ's love for us is *faithful, fruitful, and forever*. Our blessed Lord is *faithful* to the Father to the bitter end. His cross is truly the "tree of life," always bearing *fruit* by transforming our hearts whenever we pick up our own crosses. And Christ's love lasts *forever* ... Jesus' arms outstretched reminds us that God's love for us is immeasurable.



When a couple's love for each other is *faithful, fruitful and forever* they are revealing to the whole world how much Christ loves us. This is their mission!

Next Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass, I will be officiating a wedding in lieu of a homily (so the Mass will actually be shorter than usual). Danielle Herrmann and Hunter Fox have chosen to be married here during Sunday Mass. For those who may be curious about this, yes, this is permitted by the Church.

Consider this your invitation to join with us in celebration (no RSVP required). It will be simple yet powerful, as Danielle and Hunter begin their new mission.

God bless you,

Father Matthew Guckin

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Wednesdays 6:00 to 6:45 PM
 Saturdays 3:45 to 4:30 PM
 All other sacraments, please call the rectory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Nearby Parishes

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
 Monday - Saturday 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
 Sunday 8:00 - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Lauren & Chris Sullivan & Family (Living)

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Alexis Morgan Gray

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
The Gallagher Family

Sat 9/27	5 PM Vigil 🎵	Julie Donahue
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	Lucia Sangrigoli
	9:00 AM ▶▶	Maryann Cilmi
	10:30 AM	Joseph Kenney
9/28	12 Noon ♥ 🖐	Rita Pezzullo
Mon 9/29	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
Tues 9/30	8:00 AM	Edna Roberts
Wed 10/1	8:00 AM	Annamarie Mangan
Thurs 10/2	8:00 AM	Candida Rosa Reyes
Fri 10/3	8:00 AM	Ramon Mendoza
Sat 10/4	5 PM Vigil	MaryLee Corr
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	Donald Evans
	9:00 AM ▶▶ 🎵	Marie Welsh
	10:30 AM 🖐	John Zechman
10/5	12 Noon	Dardzinski Family

🎵 = Choir Singing ▶▶ = LiveStreamed
 ▲ = Special Collection 🖐 = ASL Interpreted
 ♥ = Sensory Friendly

Daily Mass Schedule

Weekly Mass Schedule *LiveStreamed* ▶▶

Sunday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM ▶▶, 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

September 28 (Red Hymnal #1186)

Reading I: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Resp. Psalm Psalm 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

The Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

October 5 (Red Hymnal #1189)

Reading I: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Resp. Psalm Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

The Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

Current and future readings can be found at:
<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>



Annual Bucks County Red Mass

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR LEGAL COMMUNITY



**Tuesday, October 7
8 AM**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Doylestown**

Sensory Friendly Mass

Come to me.
 Matthew 19:14

Sunday, September 28
 12 Noon Mass
 4th Sundays of the Month
 Mass is interpreted in American Sign Language
parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org

Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

James Sullivan

JoAnn Bennett	Bernard Krasnisky
<i>Stephanie Boccuzzi</i>	Joan Krasnisky
Robert Borrini	<i>Deborah Kulp-Hocker</i>
Maripily Braffa	Noah Langan
Marie Brescia	Catherine Latessa
Alice Bromiley	Laurie Lerner
Mary Buckley	James Leung
<i>Nancy Buckman Paravecchia</i>	Patricia Lewis
James Burke	Vicky Longhofer
Ryan Burke	Clare Lucente
Pamela Butkus	Elaine Lund
Keith Cole	Monica Maeyer
Tara Conway	<i>Michael McConaghy</i>
Rick Dalton	Mary McManemy
Joy Davis	Benny Morrissey
Ronan DeStefano	Silvia Muniz
Ron Dolan	Eleanor Noll
Dorothy Fahie	Bonnie Olliver
Scarlett Fehl	Kathleen Parker
Joseph Fellona	Marlena Parker
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	Walter Zangerle
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Please Pray for Our Troops

Andrew Bailey
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Joshua Bozarth
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Sean Lahetta
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Jeff McGearry
Zachary Melsheimer
Giovanni Morales
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Lucas Paternoster
Damian Patrowich
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Ethan Swieringa
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Ryan J. Whitney
Jeffrey Woosnam
Cole Young



Contact
Kathleen Boucher at
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Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

Gloria Bush
Katherine Craig
Elmer Crockett
Lillian DeLuca
Michael Valimont

Dawn Burkie

May they Rest in Peace.



*We pray for all those affected
by the Coronavirus.*

Tuesday Night Scriptural Rosary 7:00 PM

*Before coming for
the first time, email
Marianne for location
information.*



**tuesdaynightrosary@
ourladymtcarmel.org**

Join Us in Reciting a Decade of the Rosary

10 Minutes before
weekend Masses

LegionofMary
@ourladymtcarmel.org

Prayer Chain

Anyone in need of spiritual
support may place their
requests on the prayer chain
by emailing Carol at:

prayerchain@ourladymtcarmel.org

Men's Scripture Study

Wednesdays • 7 AM - 8 AM
St. Mary's Hall

mensscripture
@ourladymtcarmel.org

Prayer



Eucharistic Adoration

**Mondays after the
8:00 AM Mass**

Reposition at 3:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Immediately Following

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This month, two new saints of our modern era were canonized. Both were passionately drawn to Christ from an early age and both impacted their friends, family, and beyond despite dying at young ages. Get to know these incredible models of holiness with these selections on Formed.org.



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**Join Us as We Celebrate the Feast of
St. Francis of Assisi**

The Annual Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 4 at 1 PM

in the Prayer Garden



Sponsored by Peace & Justice Ministry

**INTO THE
BREACH**



ALL MEN ARE INVITED!

A monthly men's gathering
for prayer and discussion
with Fr. Flanagan

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
7 PM - 8 PM
CONVENT MEETING ROOM**

**2ND WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH!**



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Christian Formation

The **Adult Choir** is back for a brand-new season of music ministry, and we can't wait to share our voices with you.

Join us as we begin our season by singing at two special Masses:

- **Saturday, September 27 at 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 AM**



Our choir is dedicated to uplifting the liturgy through sacred song and enriching the worship experience for our parish family.

Come support us at these highlighted Masses, and if your heart is calling you, come join us in song.

For more information, contact Shelly O'Hara-Tapp,
Chair & Director of Liturgical Music at
Musicministry@ourladymtcarmel.org

Are you considering becoming Catholic?



Join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), previously known as RCIA. This process is a period of discernment, discovery and growth in the Catholic faith. Our goal is to help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and learn how to live as His disciple in the Catholic Church.

OCIA is designed for:

- Those who have never been baptized
- Those baptized in another faith
- Baptized Catholics who haven't yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

Through this process, participants—called Catechumens (unbaptized) or Candidates (already baptized)—prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation) and enter the Catholic Church.

Program Details:

Our OCIA program at Our Lady of Mount Carmel **begins October 5th** and continues through mid April.

- We meet and attend the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays
- Following Mass we gather in St. Mary's Hall
- Sessions conclude promptly at 11:30 AM

If you'd like more information, contact Christine Weyer at parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org



Peace and Justice Ministry Meeting

Join us on **Monday, October 6**
from 6:30 - 8:00 PM
St. Mary's Hall

All are welcome!

Questions? Contact us at:
peacejustice@ourladymtcarmel.org



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October 12	Capital Improvements
October 19	Pro Life
October 26	World Mission Sunday

The Next St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is October 11 & 12



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Now collecting receipts for July, August & September (Receipts expire after 3 months).

Please place receipts in the baskets by the Church doors.



**This Month Sponsored by:
OLMC School**

**Donuts Under the
OLMC Tent on
Maple Avenue**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025
After the 9 AM and
10:30 AM Masses**



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**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
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**9*11 HEROES
RUN**

HERE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

WAR MEMORIAL FIELD, CB WEST

1PM OPENING CEREMONY, 2PM RACE START



OLMC School

Dear Friends:

This past week, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School opened its doors to students and parents in grades 6 through 8 for our annual High School Information Night and Open House. Families from OLMC and nearby Catholic elementary schools gathered to learn about the high school process, and I was grateful for the chance to lead the discussion focused on the many steps involved from applications, transcripts and recommendations to student support and scholarships.



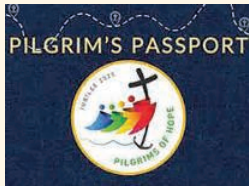
After our conversation about the high school process, the evening continued with an open house in the gym featuring representatives and alumni from many area Catholic high schools. Each school came eager to share the spirit and strengths of their communities—highlighting academics, athletics, service opportunities, and faith life. A special joy was welcoming back OLMC alumni who spoke warmly about their high school journeys and how their time at OLMC School helped prepare them for success. Their witness gave our students a real sense of what lies ahead.

The evening was lively and engaging, with gifts, conversations, and new connections that made the night both fun and informative. We are deeply grateful to the schools who gave so generously of their time and enthusiasm, and to our families who joined us with such eagerness and optimism. It was a wonderful event!

God bless,
Dawn Parker



Discipleship/Get Involved



**Registration Now Open
Jubilee Year
Passport Pilgrimage
Thursday, October 2, 2025**

Visit the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia and to the National Shrine of St. John Neumann, both in Philadelphia. You will receive a passport that will be stamped at each location.

- Bus departs Church parking lot at 8 AM.
- Bus returns at 4 PM.
- Bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus between shrine visits.
- Cost is \$40/person (Includes luxury bus fare and tip for the driver along with a donation to each of the shrines).
- Seating is limited. Payment reserves your seat. First-come, first-served.

Visit the Rectory today to reserve your spot with your payment. Cash or checks only, please.

Christine Weyer, Director of Parish Discipleship
parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org



Give a Gift of Hope
**Shepherds of Bethlehem will display unique
homemade gifts after all Masses next
weekend, October 4 and 5.**

Shepherds of Bethlehem are honored to bless your home and the homes of your loved ones with unique, handmade gifts lovingly carved by our talented craftsmen. Each one-of-a-kind piece will serve as a devout and stunning visual reminder of the presence of God, your relationship to the Lord, and your connection to the Holy Land.

Shepherds of Bethlehem imports all of their works of reverent art from the finest Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. In these challenging times, with ongoing war, it's extremely difficult for the Christian community, which relies on tourism or pilgrimages. Many families are struggling to provide food for their children.



*Bring the Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima
to your home!*

Watch for details in October!

Sacred Stories



from the Sister Thomasann Quinn Prayer Garden

The Revitalization of the Sister Thomasann Prayer Garden is scheduled to begin **Monday, October 6**. In celebration of this exciting milestone, the Parish would like to hear how the beauty of the Prayer Garden has inspired you and your faith. We will be highlighting a few of these inspirational stories later this fall in the bulletin and Flocknote. Everyone, including children and teens, is invited to share their story.

If you have a sacred story from the Prayer Garden and are interested in participating, please tell us about it by taking a few minutes to fill out the Google form via the QR Code.



If you need help completing the form, call us at the rectory **(215) 348-4190** or email parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org. We want to help. We will be accepting submissions through **Friday, October 17**. If your story is selected for inclusion in our Sacred Stories project, we will contact you by Friday, October 24.

To financially support the Revitalization Project, please contact the Prayer Garden Ministry team at Prayergarden@ourladymtcarmel.org.



Get involved with

OLMC ROCKs!

**ROCKs stands for
Raising Our Catholic Kids**

We welcome families with children ages newborn - 8th grade



Join ROCKs for monthly playdates!

Meet in the rectory lounge

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15 • 10:30-11:30AM

Discipleship/Get Involved



YOUTH MINISTRY OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday, October 12: Pray and Serve

Sat/Sun, October 18 & 19: SVDP Coat Drive

Saturday, October 25: Helping at ROCK's Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26: St. Paul's Community Meal



youthministry@ourladymtcarmel.org

The Chosen Season 5 The Last Supper

Join Us • Showings Begin the Week of October 6

Mondays

1:00-2:30 PM

Episode 1: 10/6

Episode 2: 10/13

Episode 3: 10/20

Episode 4: 11/3

Episode 5: 11/10

Episode 6: 11/17

Episode 7: 12/1

Episode 8: 12/8

Thursdays

6:30-8:00 PM

10/9

10/16

10/23

11/6

11/13

11/20

12/4

12/11



Please register and let us know you are attending.

Three ways to register:

1. Click the link in the Flocknote
2. Call the rectory
3. Email Parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org

ThinkHope

MARIA MIDDLETON'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY MASS



CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP NELSON PEREZ
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 at 6 PM
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF
CZESTOCHOWA

More information about Maria can be found at ThinkHope.org



Our Lady of Mount Carmel 2025-2026 Basketball Registration is Open



We invite all children in the parish, grades 4 thru 12, to participate and experience the atmosphere of OLMC Bulldog Basketball. Registration is now open through our web site:

<https://olmc.sportngin.com/register/form/367628937>

Our basketball program provides every parish child who wants to participate in basketball the opportunity to do so. The goal of our organization and coaches is to teach the fundamentals of the game in a fun, friendly and inclusive manner.

If you are interested in coaching or have any questions, please contact Jim McCusker at: mccusker-jim@comcast.net



Archbishop Wood Class of 1985 Reunion

Saturday, November 8, 2025
6 - 10 PM, Mike's York Road Tavern
544 York Road, Warminster
\$45 pp. Includes hors d'oeuvres,
2 drinks + cash bar.

Purchase tickets through Maria Noonan Huber by Venmo @Maria-Huber-9 (last 4 digits of cell 3499) and include your name in the note.

Need help? Email Deb Koletty at dak8589@gmail.com

COMING SOON!

Christmas Wreath Sale



October 18/19 and 25/26

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The Rise of a New Church

*"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts:
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord."*



These words from the 83rd Psalm, 2nd verse were the opening lines of the Homily given on May 11, 1968 at the solemn dedication of the new Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

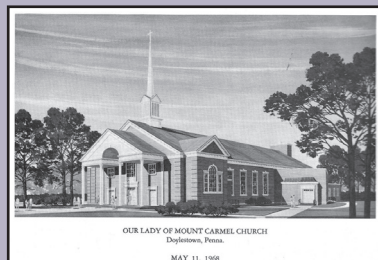
Work began on the new church in June of 1966 and was completed in March 1968. This red brick Georgian Colonial style church was designed to blend with the surroundings of the historic Doylestown Borough. A portion of Linden Ave was closed to permit the construction. With seating for 1,020 on the main floor and 104 in the balcony, there were also future plans for a new parking lot. The transept wings, set at an angle, were part of a floor plan that had every seat facing directly to the center of the sanctuary for an unobstructed view.



The new stained glass windows were executed by the local Edward J. Byrne studio and depicted the history of the church and events from the life of Jesus and Mary. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of the parish, is highlighted in a large center window in the choir gallery. The soft blue interior of the new church was set off with wood trim in a Colonial off-white. The carpets in the aisles and Sanctuary were also blue to match the interior walls.

The statues, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Sacred Heart of Jesus, were designed in Doylestown and carved in Italy of Lindenwood.

A carillon was installed in the church tower, with speakers, which could play chimes manually from the organ or by programmed recordings from a location in the sacristy. The entire building cost approximately \$700,000 to build.



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
Doylestown, Penna.
MAY 11, 1968

The celebrant of the dedication Mass and laying of the cornerstone was His Eminence, John Cardinal Krol. A reception followed, and the menu for that celebration can be found in our 175th Anniversary Cookbook.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Cordially Invites you to join us as
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez celebrates a Mass of
Thanksgiving in honor of our Parish's 175th Anniversary
& our School's 150th Anniversary

Sunday, November 16, 2025 • 10:30 AM Mass

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Doylestown PA

Celebration Luncheon • 12 Noon
The Warrington • Warrington PA

See this weekend's insert for details

PLEASE JOIN US
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19TH

ALL ALUMNI MASS
CELEBRATING
150 YEARS



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CELEBRANT
CLASS OF
1999

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2PM

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN JOIN US - MICHELLESTETTLER@OLMCS.ORG

Have you scheduled your photo directory appointment?

- **Scan the QR code** to schedule your free, professional appointment in **St. Mary's Hall**.
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Final Appointment Dates!

Sept. 30th - Oct. 3rd 1 PM - 7:30 PM
Oct. 4th 10 AM - 4 PM
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