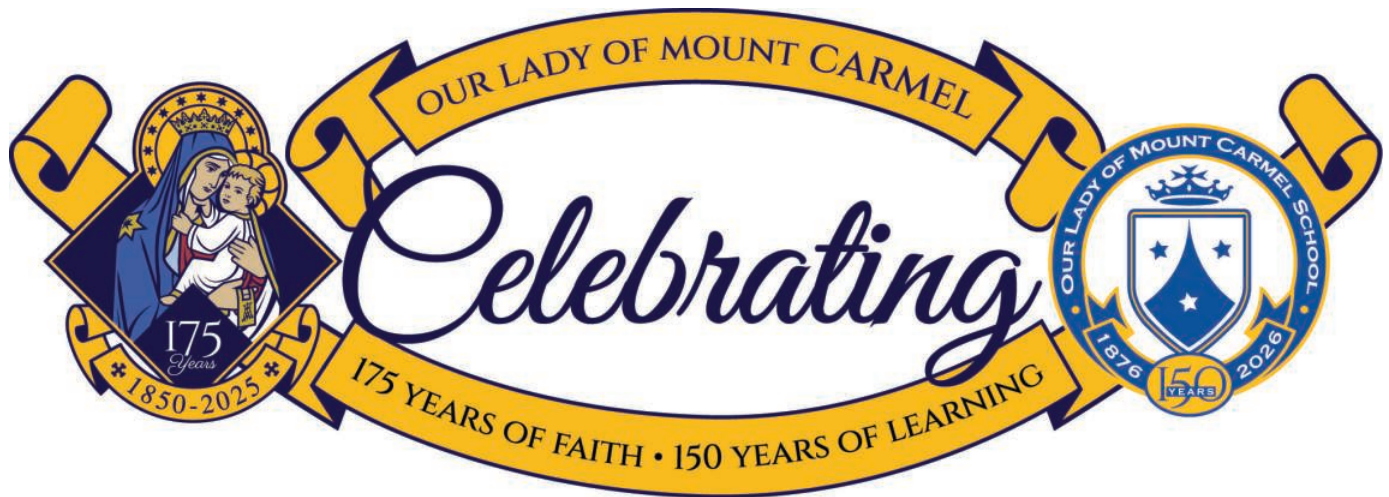




It is not death that will fetch me. It is my good God Who will!

These words of Saint Therese of Lisieux (a.k.a. “The Little Flower”) sum up the true Catholic attitude when it comes to death. Her words speak a confidence that comes only from faith.

This isn’t to say that Catholicism ignores the totality of human experience when it comes to losing a loved one – the pain that death-grief brings.

As we begin this month of November – this month of All Souls – I ask you to join with me in considering death through the lens of hurt, help, and hope.

When we lose someone we love our hearts are sure to hurt. This hurt is the price we pay for love. When I’ve lost people I loved I sometimes ask, “Was it worth it?” That is, to spare me this aching heart would I like to go back in time and choose NOT to love this person?

Friends, the love *is* worth the hurt for it is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all.

Then, there’s the help that comes with the death of a loved one. The Mass cards, the gathering of family to mourn together, the food baskets, the visits by friends, the phone calls, etc. There is this aspect of death, too.



And it’s beautifully comforting to know that we’re not alone in our grief.

But in addition to the hurt and the help is the hope we believers share. And that hope is this: eternal life with God. I feel awful for non-believers (I mean that). They believe in birth, life, death. Whereas I believe in life, death, and resurrection!

Put differently, I believe that I will one day join the ones I’ve loved and mourned in a place of perfect peace, love, and joy ... free from pain and suffering. This existence will include no more tears, no more pain and no more death.

The hurt. The help. The hope. Let us think of all these things throughout this month and throughout our lives.

God bless you,

Father Matthew Guckin

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 Mr. & Mrs. Justin Steadman & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald N. Vandegrift

God Bless Our Newly Baptized



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 Son of Christian and Elizabeth

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 Son of Brett and Nicole

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Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Saturdays 4:30 PM
 Sunday Mornings 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Jason Van Hoof

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Paul Muller

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
Rosa Barranco

All Saints Sat 11/1	5 PM Vigil	Patti Carroll
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	7:00 AM	John & Mazie Pendziwater
	9:00 AM ►►	Marguerite McGarvey
	10:30 AM ✋	Marguerite "Tommy" DeAngelis
	12 Noon 🎵	Mass of Remembrance
Sunday 11/2		
Mon 11/3	8:00 AM	Joseph Kouyoumdjian
Tues 11/4	8:00 AM	Ottavio & Jeannette Martino
Wed 11/5	8:00 AM	Andrew Sivak
Thurs 11/6	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
Fri 11/7	8:00 AM	Debbie Roberts
Sat 11/8	5 PM Vigil	Julie Keeley
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	7:00 AM	Joseph & Erma Livoti
	9:00 AM ►► 🎵	Jim Lill
	10:30 AM ✋	Jose Angel Roman Costas
	12 Noon	Mary Emma Breeze
Sunday 11/9	▲ = Capital Improvements	

🎵 = 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

November 2 - All Souls (Red Hymnal #1226)

Reading I: Wisdom 3: 1-9

Resp. Psalm Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading II: Romans 6: 3-9 or Romans 6:3-9

The Gospel: John 6: 37-40

November 9 (Red Hymnal #1227)

Reading I: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Resp. Psalm Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17

The Gospel: John 2:13-22

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



Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2 at 12 Noon
(All Souls)

Join Us as We Pray for Our Recently Deceased Family Members & Friends

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Sundays
9 AM Mass

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Matthew 19:24



Sunday, November 23 • 12 Noon Mass
4th Sundays of the Month
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Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

R. J. Hammel

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Robert Borrini	Noah Langan
Maripily Braffa	Catherine Latessa
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Alice Bromiley	James Leung
Mary Buckley	Vicky Longhofer
<i>Nancy Buckman Paravecchia</i>	Clare Lucente
Ryan Burke	Elaine Lund
Pamela Butkus	Monica Maeyer
Keith Cole	<i>Michael McConaghy</i>
Tara Conway	Mary McManemy
Rick Dalton	Benny Morrissey
Joy Davis	Silvia Muniz
Ronan DeStefano	Eleanor Noll
Ron Dolan	Bonnie Olliver
Dorothy Fahie	Kathleen Parker
Scarlett Fehrl	Marlena Parker
Joseph Fellona	Jack Pfeifer
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Charles Heiber	<i>Bernadette Strzelecki</i>
Joe Horan	James Sullivan
Tommy Humeston	Joe Tyrone
Benjamin Keller	Lucas Victor
Kaitlyn Kelly	Jeanne Wallace
Patrick Kenney	Bill Walsh
Butch Kilda	Susan Ward
<i>Maureen Krystkiewicz</i>	Walter Zangerle
	Alexa Zoto

Please Pray for Our Troops

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Maggie Borek
Joshua Bozarth
Bradley Cannon
Matthew R. Conway
Cecilia A. Davies
Christopher Davies
Ian Donaher
Jason Douple
Daniel T. Ely
Connor Ferzetti
Lauren Griffith
Joseph Guckavan, III
Brandon Horak
Sydney Ives
Sean Lahetta
Ethan Malsom
Adam Mandzy
Christian Mandzy
Colin Michael McCormack
Conor McFadden
Jeff McGearry
Zachary Melsheimer
Giovanni Morales
Nash Nickerson
Lucas Paternoster
Damian Patrowich
Nicholas Pinnelli
Brendan Ring
Michael Warren Sabia
Samuel Snyder
Ethan Swieringa
Christopher Szekely
Isaiah Thomas
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Charles J. Weyer
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Contact
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Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

Bruce Hammel



May they Rest in Peace.

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

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Prayer Chain

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requests on the prayer chain
by emailing Carol at:

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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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INTO THE BREACH



All Men Are Invited

A Monthly men's gathering for prayer & discussion with Father Flanagan

Wednesday, November 12
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 8 AM MASS

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**Meet at the OLMC Bells after Mass
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YOUTH MINISTRY NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 9th
Pray and Serve: Honoring our Veterans!

Saturday, Nov. 22nd
Tags on Giving Trees

Sunday, Nov. 23rd
St. Paul's Community Meal

youthministry@ourladymtcarmel.org



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Special Collections ▲

November 1	All Saints
November 9	Capital Improvements
November 16	St. Vincent de Paul
December 7	Retired Religious Fund

The Next St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is November 8 & 9.

The following items are needed:
Paper Towels • Tissues • Toilet Paper
Applesauce • Water • Shampoo

Any nonperishable items are welcome.



Clothing Drive Saturday, November 8 • 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon OLMC Main Parking Lot

The **Knights of Columbus** is partnering with **St. Vincent DePaul Society** and **GoodStuff Thrift** to collect clothing, furniture and appliances in good condition.

The donations collected helps GoodStuff Thrift fund local charities that provide assistance to children in need in our communities.

A complete list of the items that can be donated is found on the GoodStuff Thrift organization's website at

<https://goodstuffthrift.org>



Knights of Columbus



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OLMC School

Dear Friends:

On Saturday, October 19th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School joyfully welcomed back alumni from many generations for a day filled with faith, memories, and fellowship. The celebration began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father David Friel, Class of 1999, who reflected fondly on his years as a student at OLMC. Father Friel shared touching memories of the school's beloved "prayer partner" tradition—first as a young student in kindergarten and first grade, and later as an older mentor guiding younger students in seventh and eighth grade. He spoke powerfully about the importance of communal prayer and encouraged everyone to seek ways to pray together as a faith community. We were especially blessed to have Sister Thomasann Quinn join us for the Mass, traveling from Assisi House to be part of this special occasion of prayer and connection. Sr. Thomasann had quite a reception line which is understandable given her 40 year history at OLMC School!



Following Mass, alumni and guests were invited to tour the school, led by some of our enthusiastic eighth grade students. The hallways were alive with laughter and stories as generations of OLMC graduates shared memories of their time here. Among our honored guests was Mr. Larry O'Malley, Class of 1951, who shared that his mother was one of the first "Ladies of Mount Carmel". He also recalled being part of the last class to occupy the old St. Bernard's building before our current structure was built — a wonderful reminder of the school's rich history and the enduring legacy of our parish community.



The day concluded with a joyful gathering at Warwick Brewery, where alumni and friends relaxed under the OLMC Church tent, reminiscing about their school days and reconnecting with old friends. The spirit of Mount Carmel—faith-filled, welcoming, and full of gratitude—was present in every conversation and smile. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated Institutional Advancement Director, Mrs. Michelle Stetler, whose thoughtful planning and hard work made this beautiful day possible. It was truly a celebration of the past, present, and future of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School.



God bless,
Dawn Parker

Discipleship/Get Involved

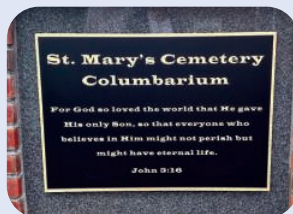


On Sunday April 26, 2025 we welcomed Bishop Christopher R. Cooke to OLMC for the ceremonial blessing of our new **St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium**.

St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium is more than a resting place. It is a sacred place where memories live on and healing begins. God spreads a bouquet of blessings before us every day, and we see the names of some of those blessings, family and friends, who now rest in St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium.

Over the next few months we are going to highlight the different Saints whose names you will see on the Walls in the Columbarium. If you have not had a chance to visit the Columbarium yet, we welcome you to do so, and spend some quiet moments with Jesus and Our Lady.

It is beautifully located between the South Section of St. Mary's Cemetery and the rectory, and we will begin with the largest Wall named after our Mother, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



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Join us **Thursday, November 6 at 7PM** at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Life Center

Questions?: info@aohdoylestown.com
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Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets



We are in need of your help in providing **Thanksgiving Dinner Food boxes** for families in need. Please call **(215) 348-8833** and leave your name and phone number, someone will return your call and give you a code number, and the size of the family and whether they wish a turkey or ham. The code number maintains confidentiality.

What is needed: a frozen turkey or a ham, and all the makings to prepare that meal. Ideas: fresh or canned fruits and vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, bread for stuffing or stuffing mix and one home-baked item (cookies, pie, nut bread); candles, napkins, flowers or other items that you would like to add. *(Do not include any other frozen items, only the turkey.)*

Put all ingredients in a box (or two smaller boxes that are easy to carry), put the code number on the box (boxes) and deliver to St. Mary's Hall (next to the Prayer Garden) on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 between 6 AM and 11 AM. We will deliver the dinner boxes to the families that same day.

Thank you for your generous help

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It never ceases to amaze how the littlest kindness means so much to our guests. And how generous they are looking out for each other. Many of the folks are working long, cold days, so being able to help them get warm food and a safe place to rest is a blessing to us. — Maria Evans

Maria is one parishioner who serves our homeless neighbors in local **Code Blue shelters** on the coldest evenings of the year.

Learn how you can help, too, when Peace & Justice hosts an informational training session by the **Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless (CSSH)**
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**Saturday, November 15
9:30-10:30 AM • St. Mary's Hall**



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Discipleship/Get Involved



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MOUNT CARMEL

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | 11 am – 3 pm

Doylestown Country Club
20 Country Club Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901

— Details to Follow —

The Ladies of Mount Carmel invite you to celebrate Veterans Day with us at our **November 11, 2025** meeting in **St. Mary's Hall at 7:00 PM**. Refreshments will be available

Topic: Coming Home Local Veterans Buried in Doylestown

Mike Campbell is the President of the Bucks County Civil War Museum. He is also a tour guide at Doylestown Cemetery. In this talk he explores the lives of some of the prominent soldiers and civilians buried in Doylestown, and the impact they had on our community in war and in peace.

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Mondays
1:00-2:30 PM

Thursdays
6:30-8:00 PM

Episode 4: 11/3
Episode 5: 11/10
Episode 6: 11/17
Episode 7: 12/1
Episode 8: 12/8

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

Administrative Assistant Position



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Religious Education Ministry (PREP) is seeking a highly professional, collaborative, and mission-driven Administrative Assistant to serve as the welcoming face of our Parish's PREP program. The successful candidate will manage the administrative functions of the Religious Education office. This is a 12-month, 32-hours-a-week position. The hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Practicing Catholics, with a friendly disposition, efficient organizational and technical (computer) skills and a desire to serve, are encouraged to call Julianne Donahue, Director of Religious Education, at: **(215) 345-7089**.

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Peace and Justice Ministry Meeting

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Jesus and Catholic social teaching tell us to love all of our neighbors including immigrants. Join our discussion with local experts on how we can better serve and welcome our neighborhood immigrant community.

All are welcome!

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Convent - Sisters of St. Francis

Today this sense of community and shared worship has continued with the arrival of our 14th Pastor in 2020, Father Matthew Guckin. Many exciting things have happened here at OLMC in the last 5 years.

Covid was still upon us when Father arrived and his nightly online prayers were a comfort to many. We were able to stay connected to our church even if we could not be there. This was a good beginning to the revitalization of the Discipleship Ministry. Many wonderful programs are being enjoyed here at OLMC. Among them, The Chosen, Walking with Purpose, ROCKS, Children's Adoration and Into the Breach. For those with sensitivity issues, a Sensory Friendly Mass is now offered every 4th Sunday of the Month.

There has also been many beautiful physical updates to this historic church starting with the church rectory. Anyone who has been in the new reception area has seen what a relaxing and welcoming space it is today. The original Bells of St Mary's have been revitalized and their sonorous sound can be heard for miles. The most striking addition at OLMC is the St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium which became a part of our world in 2025. This sacred space is a much needed addition of final resting places at our church.

Also new to OLMC is The Art and Environment Committee which keeps the inside and outside of the church beautifully decorated and relative to the current liturgies. This enhances the worship experience for all who attend.



The school also had a revitalization in the last few years: the gym floor, which was then dedicated to long-time parishioner and CYO volunteer Jack Lafferty.

Revitalization of the Prayer Garden started earlier this fall. The Garden will be blessed as the Sister Thomasann Quinn Prayer Garden in honor of this wonderful Sister of St. Francis who has brought so much to the parish and school over the years. We had to say goodbye to the Sisters of St. Francis last year after 150 years of service to our community.



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

Celebration Luncheon to Follow at 12 Noon
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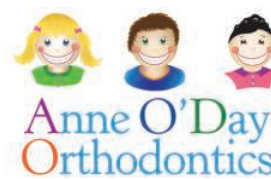
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