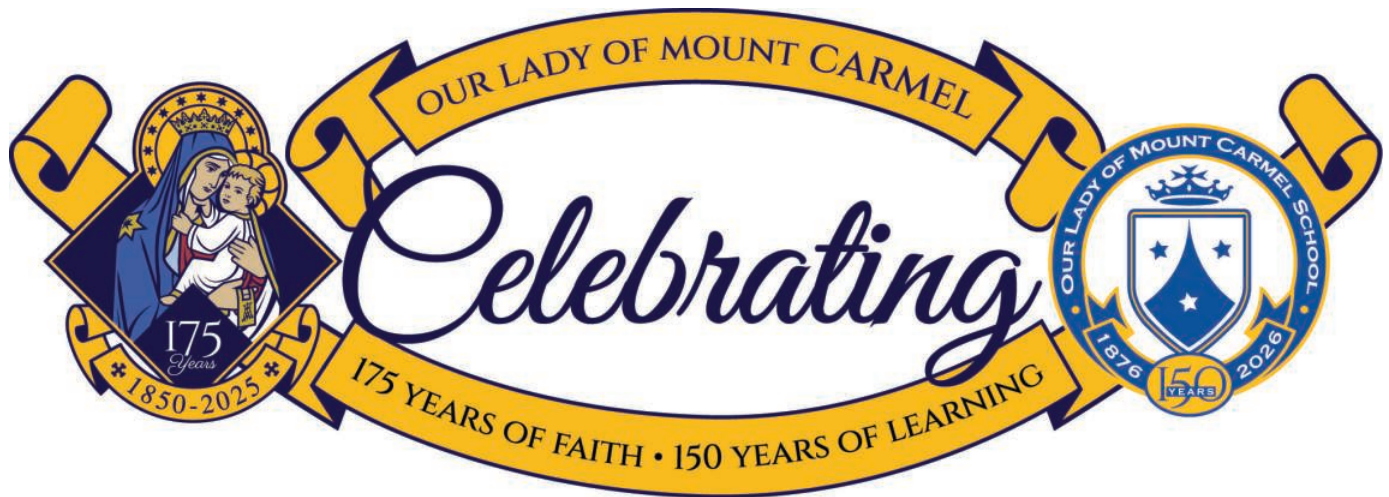




Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

There's so very much in these thirteen words.

For the Jewish people, the lamb is inseparable from salvation. At Passover, the blood of the lamb marked the doors of Israel so that death would pass over them. In the Temple, lambs were offered daily for the forgiveness of sins.

In our Gospel this weekend, John the Baptist points toward Jesus and says, "Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world." By so doing, John was declaring that all those sacrifices offered up and down the centuries were pointing toward this one moment and this one Person.

These words do not remain locked in the past. Rather, they echo powerfully in every Mass. Just before Holy Communion, the priest lifts the consecrated Host and proclaims these words: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world."

We do this intentionally because the same Jesus that John saw on the banks of the Jordan River is truly present on the altar! What John the Baptist saw with his eyes, we behold with the eyes of faith.

How we respond to this becomes paramount. We don't, for example, say, "I'm worthy." Instead, we echo the humility of the Roman



centurion: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof." This exchange teaches us how to kneel before the Lamb – not with presumption but with awe, repentance and trust in Divine Mercy.

"Behold the Lamb of God" is both an invitation and a challenge. It invites us to look beyond appearances, beyond bread and wine, beyond routine ... and recognize the One Who gives His life for the world.

On the other hand, it challenges us at every Mass to see John's finger pointing, once again, to see this Lamb Who was slain for us.

Friends, this isn't a poetic metaphor. This is real.

God bless you,

Father Matthew Guckin

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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.

Children's Liturgy

Sundays • 9 AM Mass

Preschool (Age 4) - 5th Grade
 Teen & adult volunteers needed.
 Call (215) 348-4190 to volunteer.

Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Walter Miller

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Adrian Leary

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
Joyce Boutros

Sat 1/17	5 PM Vigil	John A. Forbes
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/18	7:00 AM	Ryan Shane Thomas
	9:00 AM ►►	Michael Humeston
	10:30AM 🖐️🎵	Lillian Lombardo
	12 Noon ♥️🖐️	Loretta Lafferty
Mon 1/19	8:00 AM	Adrian Leary
Tues 1/20	8:00 AM	Donna Kimbel
Wed 1/21	8:00 AM	Franklin John Luhr
Thurs 1/22	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
Fri 1/23	8:00 AM	Mariann Nedwick
Sat 1/24	5 PM Vigil	Rosemary Rauch
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/25	7:00 AM	Donna Kimbel
	9:00 AM ►►🎵	The Pontello & Swartz Families
	10:30 AM	Michael Humeston
	12 Noon	Linda Momorella

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

LiveStreamed ►►

January 18 (Red Hymnal #1112)

Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Resp. Psalm Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

The Gospel: John 1: 29-34



January 25 (Red Hymnal #1115)

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Resp. Psalm Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23, or 4:12-17



January's Sensory Friendly Mass is on the Third Sunday This Month

Mass will also be Interpreted in American Sign Language
parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org

The Rectory Will Be Closed In Observance of

Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 19

Inclement Weather and Weekday Mass

The 8 AM weekday Mass will be canceled if the Central Bucks School District cancels school or decides to hold virtual learning at home.

If Central Bucks announces a two-hour delay, then we will have Mass at 8 AM.

The Intention for any canceled Mass will be honored at a privately celebrated Mass.

Father Matthew Guckin, Pastor

Check CBSD.org for School Closings

Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

Quinn Balceniuk	Patrick Kenney
Philip Baldwin	Butch Kilda
JoAnn Bennett	<i>Maureen</i>
Paul Benyovszky	<i>Krystkiewicz</i>
<i>Stephanie</i>	Bernard Krasnisky
<i>Boccuzzi</i>	Joan Krasnisky
Robert Borriani	<i>Deborah</i>
Maripily Braffa	<i>Kulp-Hocker</i>
Marie Brescia	Noah Langan
Alice Bromiley	Catherine Latessa
Mary Buckley	Laurie Lerner
<i>Nancy Buckman</i>	James Leung
<i>Paravecchia</i>	Vicky Longhofer
Ryan Burke	Clare Lucente
Pamela Butkus	Elaine Lund
Keith Cole	Monica Maeyer
Tara Conway	<i>Michael</i>
Rick Dalton	<i>McConaghy</i>
Joy Davis	Mary McManemy
Ronan DeStefano	Benny Morrissey
Ron Dolan	Eleanor Noll
Andrew Donohue	Bonnie Olliver
Dorothy Fahie	Kathleen Parker
Angelina Fagnoli	Jack Pfeifer
Scarlett Fehr	Marilyn Richards
Joseph Fellona	John Roche
Barbara Finn	Bryan Rosica
<i>Mr. & Mrs. J.</i>	Brian Sacco
<i>Roland Fernandez</i>	Andrew Schmidt
Karen Fruman	<i>The Schramek</i>
<i>The Fruman</i>	<i>Family</i>
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<i>Christopher</i>	Joseph Stanley
<i>Gannon</i>	Pat Stoerle
Edwina Gill	<i>Bernadette</i>
Mary Graeff	<i>Strzelecki</i>
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R. J. Hammel	Joe Tyrone
Lisa Hall	Lucas Victor
Charles Heiber	Jeanne Wallace
Charo Hessen	Bill Walsh
Joe Horan	Susan Ward
Tommy Humeston	<i>Connie</i>
Benjamin Keller	<i>Wrzesniewski</i>
Kaitlyn Kelly	Walter Zangerle
	Alexa Zoto

Please Pray for Our Troops

Andrew Bailey
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
Spencer Howell
Sydney Ives
Sean Lahetta
Ethan Malsom
Adam Mandzy
Christian Mandzy
Colin Michael
McCormack
Conor McFadden
Jeff McGear
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Giovanni Morales
Nash Nickerson
Lucas Paternoster
Damian Patrowich
Nicholas Pinnelli
Brendan Ring
Michael Warren Sabia
Samuel Snyder
Ethan Swieringa
Christopher Szekely
Isaiah Thomas
John F. Thompson
Michael A. Tuosto
Mary Kate Ulasewicz
Jake VanAken
Logan Van Nostrand
Zachary Venziale
Charles J. Weyer
Ryan J. Whitney
Jeffrey Woosnam
Cole Young



Contact
Kathleen Boucher at
kathleenboucher15@gmail.com

Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

Herbert A. Kuttler
John Fahie

Louis Cardi
Mary Anne Crockett
Kenneth M. Gray, Sr.



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

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

**adoration@
ourladymtcarmel.org**



**A.C.T.S.4 Adoration
(Adults, Children, Teens, Sanctified
4th Wednesday Adoration)**



**"[The Church] was of one
heart and mind" ~Acts 4:32**

**Wednesday, January 28
6:00 - 6:45 PM
In Church**

All are invited to praise Him

**Monthly Adoration will be held
during regularly scheduled Wednesday Confessions**

MOTHER OF SORROWS AND HOPE



A BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR
MOTHERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED
THE RECENT LOSS OF A CHILD

**NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
AT 7:00 PM**

PLEASE CALL **215-348-4190** FOR MEETING DETAILS.

Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

*February 1 - Submit by Wednesday, January 21
February 8 - Submit by Wednesday, January 28*

For questions and submissions
bulletin@ourladymtcarmel.org

Pray with the Saints of St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium

St. Padre Pio Wall



Born in Pietrelcina, Italy in 1887 Francesco Forgione, widely known as Padre Pio, decided at the age of 5 that he would devote his life to God.

Francesco joined the Capuchins when he was 15 and spent most of his religious life in the convent. Even though he suffered poor health most of his life, he still served in World War I, and when he became a spiritual director he developed five rules for spiritual growth: weekly confession, daily Communion, spiritual reading, meditation, and examination of conscience. He is most notably known for the phenomenon of the stigmata upon his hands and feet.

In 1925 Pio converted an old convent building into a medical clinic. The hospital Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza stands on that spot today.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. People arrive from all over the world to visit his tomb at Our Lady of Grace Church in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

The Wall of St. Padre Pio in St. Mary's Columbarium is centered down the main walkway. Please take some time to come visit with this remarkable man of the Church.

*"Pray, Hope and Don't Worry"
-St. Padre Pio*

Find the prayer video series
in this week's Flocknote.

**For information, please contact
erafferty@ourladymtcarmel.org**

Christian Formation

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This documentary film reveals what happens when people pray, fast, sacrifice, love their enemies and take a stand on the controversial issue of abortion. And shows how one Planned Parenthood director became a leading Pro-life Activist.



bit.ly/49xKp3x

Called to Serve:
A Forum for Men considering the
Permanent Diaconate.
Explore the call to the Permanent
Diaconate.



Date: Thursday, January 22
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Archdiocese of Philadelphia
First Floor Auditorium
222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The evening will offer a brief overview of the diaconate, formation, and the admissions process for the School of Diaconal Studies and then an open discussion for everyone to participate. It is intended for Catholic men ages 29–55, married or single; wives are strongly encouraged to attend so discernment can be shared as a family.



Peace and Justice Ministry Meeting

Join us on

Monday, February 2
from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
St. Mary's Hall

All are welcome!

Questions? Contact us at:
peacejustice@ourladymtcarmel.org



Interested in joining
our school family?
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at OLMC School

Tours are available from 9am–2pm every Tuesday! Come visit our twice awarded National Blue Ribbon School! PreK through 8th Grade. Call Michelle Stetler to schedule your tour.

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Ways to Support Your Parish

In Person. Use your pre-printed weekly contribution envelopes by dropping off your envelope at the parish office, or in the collection basket during Mass.

Online/Electronically. www.paritygiving.org or from the parish website www.ourladymtcarmel.org and click on the Parish Giving icon.

Text-to-Give (ParishGiving.org)

Instructions for New Users

- Text the \$ amount you would like to give to (215) 774-6677.
- You will be prompted to click a secure link taking you to the secure Parish Giving mobile site.
- Create an account. Enter the information requested. Click save.
- You may be prompted to again text the donation amount, including the dollar sign, to the above number.
- After texting your donation amount, you will receive a text confirming that your donation has successfully processed.
- You are now set up to use text-to-give for future donations.

Please email Nicole Breeze at:
nbreeze@ourladymtcarmel.org
 if you need assistance setting up text-to-give.

Donation Verification for Tax Purposes

If you would like a statement from the parish of your contributions/donations to use when preparing your tax return, please call the rectory office at **(215) 348-4190**.

Be prepared to give your full name, correct mailing address, and phone number. It would be helpful to have your envelope number available.

Signed statements will be mailed to you within 3 weeks of your request. **Please request your statement no later than March 20, 2026.**

PLEASE NOTE: If you donate solely through Parish Giving, you will be emailed a statement from them, on our behalf for you to use for tax preparation. There would be no need to have a statement from OLMC. However, if you have made any contributions at Mass or through the mail, you should request a statement from us which would include both the Parish Giving contributions and your envelope and/or mail-in contributions.

Any questions please feel free to call us.

Stewardship

The Next St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is February 14 & 15.



The following items
are needed:

Paper Towels • Tissues
Toilet Paper • Applesauce
Water • Shampoo

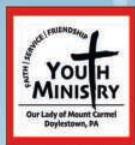
Any nonperishable
items are welcome.

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Now collecting receipts for
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January. (Receipts expire
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Please place receipts
in the baskets
by the Church doors.



January Events

Jan. 18

**MLK Day of Service: Making
Caring for Friends Meal Trays**

Jan. 28

Eucharistic Adoration 6 pm

youthministry@ourladymtcarmel.org

OLMC School

Dear Friends:

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, we are deeply grateful for the strong academic partnerships we share with members of our wider community. These collaborations enrich our curriculum and provide meaningful learning experiences for our students. One such partnership is with Art Goes to School (AGTS), a local nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that has brought art appreciation programs to schools throughout the Delaware Valley for more than 60 years.



Art plays a vital role in nurturing a child's imagination and fostering an appreciation for the diverse cultures and perspectives found throughout the world. AGTS volunteers guide students to truly engage with art by encouraging them to "look, listen, and feel" as they explore works of art, while also strengthening their observation, inquiry, and communication skills.



These goals align beautifully with the work of our dedicated art teacher, Mrs. Cathy Barr. Mrs. Barr incorporates similar objectives into her lessons and welcomes AGTS each year as a valuable extension of her curriculum. She especially appreciates the unique art prints and pieces the volunteers bring—works that students might not encounter in traditional textbooks. Each year, AGTS presents a unifying theme that connects artists, cultures, and historical periods. This year's theme tied together aspects of the city of Philadelphia including works by the Philadelphia painter Thomas Eakins, sculptures by Claes Oldenburg and depictions of Washington Crossing the Delaware.



Mrs. Barr's collaboration with AGTS is just one example of how our faculty partners with community organizations to enhance academic learning. Throughout the school year, we are blessed to welcome professionals and representatives from

various fields into our classrooms and assemblies. Their willingness to share their knowledge and experiences provides our students with meaningful real-world connections and is always warmly received. Please keep Mrs. Barr and her students in your prayers as they continue to explore, investigate, and communicate through the gift of art.

God bless,

Dawn Parker



Discipleship/Get Involved

Caring for Friends

Caring for Friends (CFF) is one of the largest food banks and most comprehensive senior meals delivery programs in the five-county Greater Philadelphia region. It provides meals and visits to individuals who are homebound.

Currently CFF provides over 40,000 meals weekly with the support of pantry and shelter partners.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has had a longstanding relationship with Caring for Friends. Dr. Maryann Galletta, an OLMC parishioner and coordinator of CFF at OLMC, is responsible for delivering frozen meals to the main hub in Philadelphia -- thanks to all the individual cooks who provide meals prepared with care in their own homes.

Help us fill our OLMC Caring for Friends freezer by preparing meals and freezing them. Cooking for CFF is a wonderful opportunity for discipleship that does not require meetings or time outside the home.



How to help:

1. Pick up a pack of Caring for Friends trays. These trays can be found in the room to the right of the Church Narthex (main vestibule) where the bathrooms are located. The trays are in a labeled wicker basket under the Information Center.
2. Return the filled trays (one at a time or as many as you have prepared) to the black soft-sided cooler under the bulletin board in the Church Narthex. The cooler is available during all weekend Masses.

Info? Please call Lisa Fry at the Rectory
(215) 348-4190



*Bring the Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima
to Your Home ...*

**Legion of Mary
Traveling Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima**

The OLMC traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home. This statue, a reminder of Our Blessed Mother's presence among us, visits different homes in the parish on a weekly basis. The host family is invited to pray daily for their special intentions. Our Mother listens and responds.

**To learn more, call the Rectory: (215) 348-4190
or email: legionofmary@ourladymtcarmel.org**



**Donate your vehicle to
Wheelz2Work**

Can you donate a car so someone struggling can work?

Peace & Justice has been asked by the Bucks County Opportunity Council to advertise that car donations are needed for the Wheelz2Work program. Ten people are on the waitlist for cars.

Because Bucks County is so long - 62 miles - not having a car is often the biggest impediment to self-sufficiency.

Contact Danielle Bush at
dbush@bcoc.org
(215) 345-8175 ext. 209
to start the donation process.



Discipleship/Get Involved



Annual Parish Lenten Trip to
Sight & Sound Theater

JOSHUA

SAVE THE DATE ...

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Stay tuned More Information to Come....

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




Save the Date

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT
A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT,
A JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

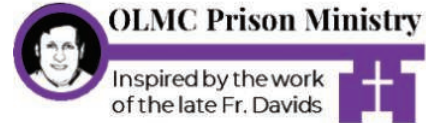
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
9 AM - 12 PM
ST. MARY'S HALL
Father Matthew Guckin, Presenter



Watch for registration details!
parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org



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"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

~Matthew 25:40

Each month the OLMC Prison Ministry's Religious Services Program offers Masses, Communion Services, Reconciliation, Bible Studies, and Christian Recovery Services for the men and women who are incarcerated in the three Bucks County correctional facilities. In the month of December 2025 we interacted with men and women via:

- Communion Services and Masses: 126 attendees
- Bible Studies: 33 attendees
- Confessions: NA

Through our Father Davids Mentoring and Reentry Program, volunteers from OLMC and other churches provided one-on-one mentoring within the jail and continuing after release.

- for approximately 20 people
- for a total of approximately 84 mentoring hours

Our mentors, and the people we serve, are of all ages. Might God be calling you to this ministry? To learn more please write to us at prisonministry@ourladymtcarmel.org.

"I just wanted to write and say how much I appreciate the opportunity to be part of your mentoring program...it has been a life changing resource for me." ~Mentee, Brian L.



Job Openings at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

OLMC School is looking for Substitute Teachers.

- Substitute teachers should hold a teaching certificate or a bachelor's degree.
- All candidates need to possess required clearances or be willing to get them.

If you enjoy working with children, this is a great opportunity to join our OLMC School family.

For more information or to apply, contact the principal, Dawn Parker, at dparker@ourladymtcarmelschool.org or by calling the school office at **(215) 348-5907**.

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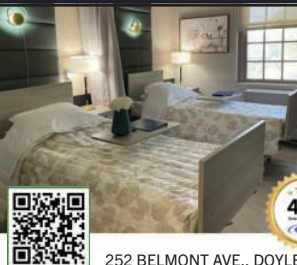


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