

Six times in the Gospels Jesus heals blind people. We witness it again this weekend. But, rather than simply speaking a word of healing, Jesus bends down, makes mud with His own saliva, and schmears it on the man's eyes.

The healing is physical, to be sure. But it's also sacramental as God's invisible grace becomes visible.

This moment helps us understand the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In that sacrament, Christ still uses matter—holy oil placed upon the forehead and hands. Just as mud touched the blind man's eyes, oil touches the suffering body. In both cases, God does not remain distant from human weakness; He enters it. He touches it.

The man born blind had to submit to that touch. He had to allow Jesus to anoint him in a way that may have seemed unusual or even humbling. So too, Christians who are sick must allow themselves to be anointed, to receive Christ's healing presence through the Church. The Sacrament of the Sick is not magic, just as the mud was not magic. It is Christ acting through physical signs to restore, strengthen, forgive, and sometimes even physically heal.

The purpose of Anointing of the Sick is for



the recipient to receive the gift of fortitude in order to endure the difficulties that come with serious illness or old age. It's meant to unite the person to Christ in His suffering. As such, it helps the person to suffer and die in union with Jesus without being overcome by anxiety, despair, or fear.

Moreover, this great sacrament bestows the forgiveness of sins if the person is unable to make a Confession. But it doesn't magically convert a non-believer into a believer or soften a hardened heart that doesn't want to change.

Next Sunday, at the 9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Masses, Father Flanagan and I will offer the Anointing of the Sick to anyone who is suffering in any way or is about to have surgery. This will take the place of the homily.

God bless you,

Father Matthew Guckin

Home, Prayer & Worship

Find Us. Meet Us. Join Us.

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Christine Weyer, Director of Parish Discipleship
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Please Welcome Our New Parishioners

Miss Jeanine Bogdanos
 Mr. Cooper Moyer & Ms. Samantha Kolen
 Mr. & Mrs. John Parsons & Family

Schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

Confession times will be extended during Lent.

Wednesdays
 6PM – 7PM

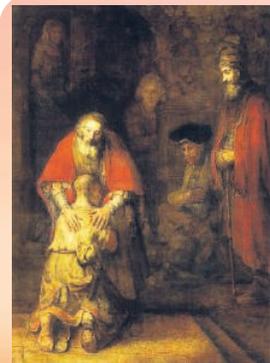
March 18
March 25

April 1
(Last opportunity for Confession before Easter)

Saturdays
 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

March 14
March 21
March 28

April 4
(Holy Saturday No Confessions)



Lenten Penance Service

Monday
March 16 at 6:30 PM

There will be many priests available to hear confessions.

ROCKs (Raising Our Catholic Kids) has graciously offered to provide child care in the Church Quiet Room for parents who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten Penance Service. There will be a dedicated confession line for parents who have children waiting in the Quiet Room.

Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Bob and Mary Lou Shaw

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Carl Bachinsky

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
Virginia M. Driscoll

Sat 3/14	5 PM Vigil	Rita Pezzullo
Fourth Sunday of Lent 3/15	7:00 AM	Donna Kimbel
	9:00 AM ▶▶	Catherine Farina
	10:30 AM 🖐️	Maureen Hesse
	12 Noon 🎵	Guy & Loretta Cavender
Mon 3/16	8:00 AM	Carolyn Cusato
	12 Noon	Thomas Rittenhouse
Tues 3/17	8:00 AM	Eileen Munley
	12 Noon	Janice Pendziwater
Wed 3/18	8:00 AM	Janice Pendziwater
	12 Noon	Janice Pendziwater
Thurs 3/19	8:00 AM	Beverly Keer
	12 Noon	Helene Damofal (<i>Living</i>)
Fri 3/20	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
	12 Noon	Nancy Cawley
	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat 3/21	5 PM Vigil 🎵	Robert Solly
Fifth Sunday of Lent 3/22	7:00 AM	Peter Martinelli
	9:00 AM ▶▶	Michael Kelly
	10:30 AM	Marlena Ventresca Parker
	12 Noon ❤️ 🖐️	Marlena Parker

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

Mass Schedule During Lent

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

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM & 12 Noon

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

LiveStreamed ▶▶

Note: Regular Weekday Schedule Resumes April 6

March 15 (Red Hymnal #1036)

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

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

Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14

The Gospel: John 9: 1-41, or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



March 22 (Red Hymnal #1039)

Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Resp. Psalm Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11

The Gospel: John 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Stations of the Cross



Fridays in Lent
5:30 PM
In Church



Sunday, March 22 • 12 Noon Mass

4th Sunday of the Month at 12 Noon
Mass is interpreted in American Sign Language

Children's Liturgy

Sundays • 9 AM Mass
 Preschool (Age 4) - 5th Grade
 Teen & adult volunteers needed.
 Call (215) 348-4190 to volunteer.

Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

Eugene McInerney
James Sullivan

Della Armeno	<i>Deborah</i>
JoAnn Bennett	<i>Kulp-Hocker</i>
Paul Benyovszky	Steven Lampe
<i>Stephanie</i>	Noah Langan
<i>Boccuzzi</i>	Catherine Latessa
Robert Borrini	Laurie Lerner
Maripily Braffa	James Leung
Marie Brescia	Judy Lombardo
Alice Bromiley	Vicky Longhofer
Barbara Bucci	Elaine Lund
<i>Nancy Buckman</i>	Monica Maeyer
<i>Paravecchia</i>	<i>Michael</i>
Keith Cole	<i>McConaghy</i>
Tara Conway	Eugene McInerney
Joy Davis	Mary McManemy
Ronan DeStefano	Benny Morrissey
Ron Dolan	Eleanor Noll
Dorothy Fahie	Bonnie Olliver
Scarlett Fehrl	Kathleen Parker
Barbara Finn	Jack Pfeifer
<i>Mr. & Mrs. J.</i>	Nicolas Pompo
<i>Roland Fernandez</i>	Marilyn Richards
Karen Fruman	Zack Riti
<i>The Fruman</i>	John Roche
<i>Family</i>	Bryan Rosica
<i>Christopher</i>	Brian Sacco
<i>Gannon</i>	Andrew Schmidt
Alice Gatto	<i>The Schramek</i>
Edwina Gill	<i>Family</i>
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Lisa Hall	Pat Stoerrle
Charles Heiber	<i>Bernadette</i>
Charo Hessen	<i>Strzelecki</i>
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Tommy Humeston	Joe Tyrone
Benjamin Keller	Lucas Victor
Kaitlyn Kelly	LuAnn Yon Duffy
Patrick Kenney	Jeanne Wallace
Butch Kilda	Bill Walsh
<i>George Kozen</i>	Walter Zangerle
<i>Maureen</i>	Alexa Zoto
<i>Krystkiewicz</i>	
Bernard Krasnisky	
Joan Krasnisky	

Please Pray for Our Troops

Andrew Bailey
Maggie Borek
Joshua Bozarth
Veronica Camiolo
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 McGeary
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
John F. Thompson
Michael A. Tuosto
Mary Kate Ulasewicz
Jake VanAken
Logan Van Nostrand
Zachary Venezia
Luke Volko
Charles J. Weyer
Ryan J. Whitney
Jeffrey Woosnam
Cole Young



Contact
Kathleen Boucher at
kathleenboucher15@gmail.com

Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

Joseph Griffin Young



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](mailto:tuesdaynightrosary@ourladymtcarmel.org)

Join Us in Reciting a Decade of the Rosary



10 Minutes before weekend Masses

For The Pope's Monthly Intention

March • For Disarmament & Peace
Let us pray that nations move toward
effective disarmament, particularly
nuclear disarmament, and that world
leaders choose the path of dialogue
and diplomacy instead of violence.

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, March 25 6:00 - 7:00 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

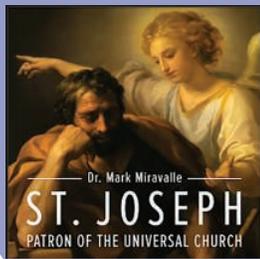


Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 18 • 7:00 PM

Please Call (215) 348-4190 for Meeting Details.

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This week marks the feast of St Joseph. Listen to this audio as Dr. Miravalle delves into the fascinating and hidden life of the man God chose to be his "substitute" when the Word became flesh.



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Peace & Justice Ministry

No April 6 Meeting.

The Parish will be closed on Easter Monday.

peacejustice@ourladymtcarmel.org



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

St. Rose of Lima



Nestled between St. Thomas More and John Paul II in the Columbarium is St. Rose of Lima. Born in Lima, Peru in 1586 as Isabel Flores de Oliva, she chose to dedicate her life to care of the poor and needy despite her family's wishes for her to marry. At the age of 20, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, living a life of penance and devotion. She was also skilled in needlework and gardening selling many of her works and flowers to aid her family and the poor.

St. Rose is said to have regularly worn a crown of roses or thorns, similar to Christ's crown as an act of penance. She died in 1617, aged just 31, and many miracles were said to have occurred after her death.

St. Rose of Lima is a symbol of hope and charity in Latin America where various festivals celebrate her life. She is the Patron Saint of Latin America, South America and the Philippines. She is also the Patron Saint of gardeners, embroiderers and florists.

Come visit in the spring, have a seat and remember this remarkable Saint of the Church.

For information, please contact erafferty@ourladymtcarmel.org



Bring the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Your Home for a week

To learn more, call the Rectory:

(215) 348-4190

or email: legionofmary@ourladymtcarmel.org

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Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

March 29 - Submit by Wednesday, March 18
April 5- Submit by Wednesday, March 25

Questions? bulletin@ourladymtcarmel.org

Stewardship



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Special Collections ▲

April 3 Holy Land Good Friday
April 5 Easter

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is This Weekend, March 14 & 15.



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

Any nonperishable
items are welcome.

Remember to Save your Altomonte's & McCaffrey's Simply Fresh Receipts

Now collecting receipts for January,
February & March.
(Receipts expire after 3 months).

Please place receipts in the baskets by
the Church doors.



The Thrifty Irishman is
partnering with St. Vincent
DePaul Society and Our
Lady of Mount Carmel to
collect items.

The items collected help fund programs and assistance for
those in need. Our Donation Drive will help the environment
through recycling and reusing items to help people in need.

Join us on **Saturday, April 11** in the main
parking lot to drop off clothing and other
gently used house hold items. Donation
times on Saturday are
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.



Lenten Activities

GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

LENTEN PENCE SERVICE Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM



ROCKs (Raising Our Catholic Kids)
has graciously offered to provide child
care in the Church Quiet Room for
parents who would like to receive the
Sacrament of Reconciliation during
the Lenten Penance Service. There
will be a dedicated confession line for
parents who have children waiting in
the Quiet Room.



WOMEN'S QUIET MORNING OF PRAYER ADORATION & RECONCILIATION Saturday, March 21, 8 - 9:15 AM

*"But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained
sitting there, facing the tomb."*

~(Matt. 27:61)

An opportunity for quiet time
away from the distractions,
worries, and business of
life for the women of our
parish to reignite their
prayer life this Lent. The time
will include exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, with light
instrumental music, and the
opportunity for Confession.



Like the first women disciples, spend time in quiet
reflection with our Lord!

For more information, contact Fr. Flanagan.

frflanagan@ourladymtcarmel.org



MASSES WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK Sunday, March 22, 9 AM & 10:30 AM Masses

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick gives grace
which enables the sick person of faith to embrace
God's will and face the possibility of death without
apprehension. In addition, it gives the grace of strength
to face and conquer the temptation to doubt and
despair.

It is not magic. Eternal life does not depend on
receiving this sacrament. Repenting of our sins and
faith in Christ determines that (see Mark 1:14).

If someone is in danger of death, call for the priest so
he may administer the sacrament. But it may take
awhile since there are so few of us. Please don't wait
until the hour of death to arrive.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Week (Sacred Triduum) & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday • April 2
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper 🎵

Good Friday • April 3
12 Noon The Rosary
3 PM Good Friday Service 🎵
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday • April 4
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9 AM Blessing of Easter Food

6 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses • April 5

7 AM
9 AM
10:30 AM 🙌🎵
12 Noon 🙌❤️

🎵 **Choir Singing**
🙌 **ASL Interpreted**
❤️ **Sensory Friendly Mass**

There will be music at all Easter Masses with the exception of the 7 AM & 12 Noon Masses on Easter Sunday.

Easter Activities

Easter Dinner Boxes

We are in need of your help once again to provide Easter Dinner Food boxes for families in need. We hope that many of you who helped at Thanksgiving and Christmas will help us again in reaching out to those in need. We also encourage new people to include this project in your Easter giving. Please call **(215) 348-8833** and leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call and give you a code number, the size of the family that will be receiving your box, 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 or ham)*

Put all ingredients in a box (or two smaller boxes that are easy to carry) Put the code number on each box & deliver them to St. Mary's Hall (next to the Prayer Garden) on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026 between 6-11 AM**. We will deliver the dinner boxes to the families that same day.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generous help.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4 @ 10:30 AM



Bring a basket and join the fun!

FEATURING CRAFTS, REFRESHMENTS, AND GAMES

Meet at the red barn behind St. Mary's Hall for a prompt 10:30 AM start to the annual Easter Egg Hunt

Please RSVP via the QR code



Sponsored by OLMC ROCKS and supported by Youth Ministry

Looking for service hours?

BECOME AN EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEER!

Help stuff and hide eggs, run games, lead crafts, donate materials, and more!

Please meet at St. Mary's Hall Saturday, April 4 at 8:30 AM

Please scan the QR code to sign up and learn more!

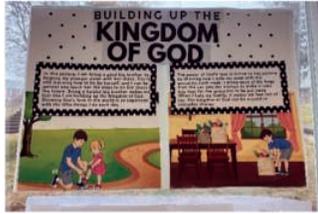


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OLMC School

Dear Friends:

As a Catholic school community, our mission is to help our students grow not only academically, but also spiritually. Religion class plays a vital role in this mission, guiding our children to better understand God's love and how they are called to live that love in their daily lives. Through prayer, Scripture, discussion, and hands-on projects, our students learn that faith is something to be lived, not just studied. These lessons help form hearts filled with gratitude and encourage our students to recognize the many ways God is working in the world around them.



Our third grade students recently completed their "Kingdom of God" project, which invited them to reflect on how God's love is active in the world today. As they learned, Jesus wanted everyone to know about God's Kingdom and to change their lives by turning toward God. Students first reflected about the good deeds they've done at home for their family members and at school through service projects to help spread the Kingdom of God. They then created posters showing two different pictures of people who exemplify this practice and wrote two to five sentences explaining how they help build God's Kingdom. Some wonderful examples included Father Flanagan, whom one student described as someone who "gave me First Penance, reads the Gospel to us on Sunday very calmly, and helps all people become Catholic by baptizing them." Others highlighted people who volunteer with Habitat for Humanity or local food pantries, recognizing how they give their time to help others have homes and food.



Our first grade class recently completed a project of their own entitled "God's Gifts." Each student created a personal poster illustrating the many gifts God has placed in their lives, from family and friends to pets, talents, hobbies, and the beauty of the world around them. The students then wrote a short paragraph describing their posters. They especially loved presenting their work to their classmates, practicing their public speaking skills while sharing the blessings in their lives. It was a joyful experience for all, and the students did a wonderful job reminding us that recognizing God's gifts with grateful hearts is an important part of living our faith each day.



God bless,
Dawn Parker



Discipleship/Get Involved

OLMC 150th Blue & Gold Gala



6PM • Friday, April 10th, 2026

Raise a glass to 150 remarkable years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School with a black-tie optional evening filled with dinner, drinks, celebration, entertainment, and a silent and live auction. Together, let's honor our legacy and build our future.

Talamore Country Club



723 Talamore Drive
Ambler, PA 19002

Tickets on Sale

Contact Rebecca Crocker with any questions
(815) 791-0315

Attention High School Seniors

Save the date for OLMC's
Baccalaureate Mass
Sunday, June 7, 2026
12 Noon



Details to Follow



In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026. To enter into the graces of this consecration, consider the following:

Enthroned an image of the Sacred Heart in your home, parish, school or workplace.

Consecrate yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Find resources and more information at
Archphila.org/undergod

Discipleship/Get Involved

thank you!

In an effort to continue beautifying and enhancing the safety of our campus, the Parish recently hired **Creative Forge of Telford** to create and install four new handrails outside in front of the Church. The new handrails match the current handrails perfectly and will enhance the safety of those using the steps. Father Guckin would like to thank **Creative Forge of Telford** for its attention to detail and superior craftsmanship.



Important Note

If you have recently received an email or text from Father Guckin asking to speak with you or requesting your help in obtaining money, checks or gift cards, do not respond to the message.

Please know that Father Guckin will **NEVER** ask for monetary donations or personal help via an email or text. The best solution is to refrain from responding and to delete the email or text.

Thank you for your vigilance in this matter.

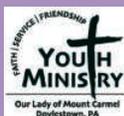


March Events

Sunday, March 22
Making Bunny Baskets for
Local Nursing Home Residents

Wednesday, March 25
Eucharistic Adoration

(215) 345-7089
youthministry@ourladymtcarmel.org



OLMC Prison Ministry

Inspired by the work
of the late Fr. Davids



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

~ Matthew 25:40

Each week 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 and January 2026 we interacted with men and women via Communion Services and Masses: 107 times; Bible Studies: 33 times

On Ash Wednesday 2026, we ministered ashes to 209 inmates.

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.

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

"I am truly blessed grateful for you and the organization I am in awe of how many wonderful people God has placed in my life. Thank you again for your love kindness and time you are truly amazing." ~mentee Tiffany



Get involved with OLMC ROCKs!

ROCKs stands for
Raising Our Catholic Kids

We welcome families with children ages newborn - 8th grade



Join ROCKs for fun playdates!

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18 • 10:30-11:30AM



Please refer to our
Facebook page or
email us for up-to-date
info and to learn more.

rocks@ourladymtcarmel.org



The Knights of
Columbus



The Ladies
of Mount Carmel

Invite you to our

**COUNTRY
LINE DANCE PARTY!**

Saturday, March 21, 2026

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

OLMC Gymnasium



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Tickets and Info:

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