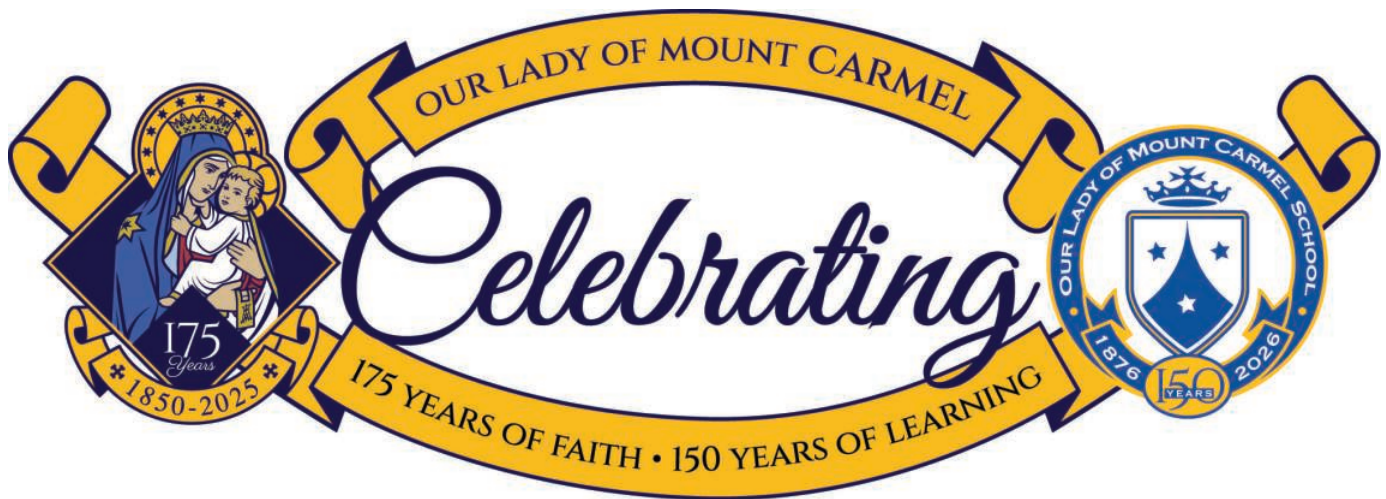




On The Topic of Prayer: Week Two

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

This is the prayer of King Solomon in our first reading this weekend. He didn't ask for wealth or power or fleeting pleasure or honor. Solomon asked for wisdom – to be able to discern right from wrong. Solomon, whose name means “Peace,” was simply responding to something God said to him: “Ask something of Me and I will give it to you.”

This brief reading from the First Book of Kings answers very profound questions people have asked for centuries. One such question is this: *If God already knows everything, why pray at all?*

To answer that we begin with this: Prayer is more than speaking to God. It's an expression of a relationship. God desires our loving conversation which is what prayer is – a conversation between friends. Put another way, He is like a loving parent Who delights in hearing His children express themselves even though He already knows their needs.

Another question prompted by Solomon's prayer is: *If God cannot be changed how can prayer even matter?*

Theologians like St. Thomas Aquinas refer to God as “The Unmoved Mover.” This means that He cannot be changed by us. In other words, prayer doesn't change God. In fact, authentic prayer begins with God's initiative. Solomon didn't make his request “out of the blue.” He was simply responding to God. Solomon was inspired by God to pray for what God desired to accomplish.

Whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say “Thy will be done.” Consequently, our prayer is meant to align our wills with God's will. We don't pray to persuade or bribe God. Instead, prayer is meant to purify our hearts so we become more receptive to what God wants to give us.

King Solomon's prayer was perfectly aligned with God's will and the results were Divine: he built a Temple to worship God, he established diplomatic alliances with neighboring countries, he wrote some of the most beautiful and timeless literary masterpieces in history, and he adjudicated disputes with unprecedented fairness. All of this led to a true golden age of peace and prosperity.

God bless you,
Father Matthew Guckin

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Mr. & Mrs. John Patton & Family
Miss Haile Proctor
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Ramirez & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rosen & Family

**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 the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Monday - Saturday
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
 at Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Saturdays 4:30 PM

Sundays
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

August 9 - Submit by Wednesday, July 29
August 16 - Submit by Wednesday, August 5
 Questions? bulletin@ourladymtcarmel.org

Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Richard Stanley

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Patricia Holveck

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
Father Matthew Guckin

Sat 7/25	5 PM Vigil	Joanne Solly
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/26	7:00 AM	Don Gimpel
	9:00 AM ▶▶	William Buehler
	10:30 AM	Harry T. Serpico
	12 Noon ♥ 🖐	Antoinette C. Donato
Mon 7/27	8:00 AM	Alberta Rose
Tues 7/28	8:00 AM	Roy C. Eberz
Wed 7/29	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
Thurs 7/30	8:00 AM	Helene M. Kushnir
Fri 7/31	8:00 AM	Tina Savavino
Sat 8/1	5 PM Vigil	Michael Florian
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/2	7:00 AM	Lorraine Hoffman
	9:00 AM ▶▶	Dardzinski Family
	10:30 AM 🖐	William Buehler
	12 Noon	Steven Stehnicky

🎵 = 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 ▶▶

Current and future readings
can be found at:

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>



July 26 (Red Hymnal #1157)

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Resp. Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Reading II: Romans 8: 28-30

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52, or 13: 44-46

August 2 (Red Hymnal #1160)

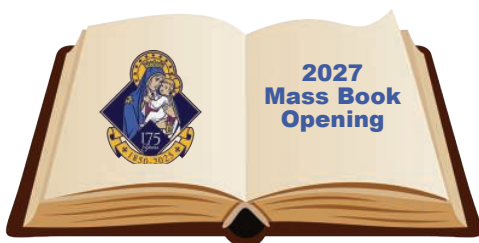
Reading I: Isaiah 55: 1-3

Resp. Psalm Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Reading II: Romans 8: 35, 37-39

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

The **2027 Mass Book** will open on Thursday, August 6, 2026. You are invited to come to the rectory on **August 6 between 10 AM - 2 PM** to reserved announced Masses. In addition, you are invited to reserve intentions for Altar Candles, the Sanctuary Lamp and The Marian Candle.



Sensory Friendly Mass

Sunday, July 26

12 Noon

Mass will also be Interpreted in
American Sign Language

Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

<i>Christopher</i>	Noah Langan
<i>Abernathy</i>	Catherine Latessa
Della Armeno	Laurie Lerner
JoAnn Bennett	James Leung
Paul Benyovszky	Vicky Longhofer
Nina Biller	Elaine Lund
<i>Stephanie</i>	Monica Maeyer
<i>Boccuzzi</i>	Michael Makara
Robert Borini	<i>Michael</i>
Maripily Braffa	<i>McConaghy</i>
Marie Brescia	Eugene McInerney
Alice Bromiley	<i>Martha</i>
Barbara Bucci	<i>McLaughlin</i>
<i>Nancy Buckman</i>	Mary McManemy
<i>Paravecchia</i>	Benny Morrissey
Stephanie Christie	Eleanor Noll
Keith Cole	James O'Hara
Jane Coniglio	Bonnie Olliver
Tara Conway	Kathleen Parker
Joy Davis	<i>Sigmundo</i>
Carl DeLorenzo	<i>Penecela-Lazo</i>
Ronan DeStefano	Jack Pfeifer
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Scarlett Fehl	<i>James Francis</i>
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Tommy Humeston	<i>Bernadette</i>
Benjamin Keller	<i>Strzelecki</i>
Kaitlyn Kelly	James Sullivan
Patrick Kenney	Margaret Talamo
George Kozen	Joe Tyrone
<i>Maureen</i>	Lucas Victor
<i>Krystkiewicz</i>	Jeanne Wallace
Bernard Krasnisky	Bill Walsh
Joan Krasnisky	<i>Connie</i>
<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Wrzesniewski</i>
<i>Kulp-Hocker</i>	Walter Zangerle
Steven Lampe	Alexa Zoto

Please Pray for Our Troops

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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
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Joseph Guckavan, III
Brandon Horak
Spencer Howell
Sydney Ives
Sean Lahetta
Ethan Malsom
Adam Mandzy
Christian Mandzy
Colin Michael
McCormack
Conor McFadden
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Zachary Melsheimer
Giovanni Morales
Nash Nickerson
Madison Niebish
Lucas Paternoster
Damian Patrowich
Nicholas Pinnelli
Brendan Ring
Michael Warren Sabia
Samuel Snyder
Ethan Swieringa
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Isaiah Thomas
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Michael A. Tuosto
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Contact
Kathleen Boucher at
kathleenboucher15@gmail.com

Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

Margaret Evans
Thomas Kerrigan



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



Pray for the Pope's Monthly Intention

July 2026

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and
protection of human life in all its
stages, recognizing it as a gift from
God.

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

**Note: Eucharistic Adoration will not be
held on Monday, July 27.**

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video with your younger children and talk to
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**The main Church parking lot
will be closed to all vehicles
Monday, August 17 - Friday, August 21**

**The parking lot is undergoing
complete replacement.**

**Parking will be available on the street & in
the Prayer Garden lot.**



Baptisms

God Bless Our Newly Baptized



Bridget Maureen Donahue

Daughter of Joseph and Bridget

Violet Jade Gribb

Daughter of Theodore and Heather

David Andrew Kerr

Son of Bill and Brianne

Kelly Ann Kerr

Daughter of Bill and Brianne

Lucas Butynskyi

Son of Daniel and Kaeleigh

Helena Rose Stonikinis

Daughter of Michael and Melissa

Theodore James Stonikinis

Son of Michael and Melissa

Sadie Maeve McCloskey

Daughter of Sean and Olivia

James Francis Rahill

Son of Gerald and Kelsey

Adelynn Rose Bennicelli

Daughter of Victor and Ashley

Josephine Claire Bennicelli

Daughter of Victor and Ashley

Kapil Kapri Patel

Daughter of Krishna and Gabrielle

To schedule a Baptism
contact Joyce Raines,
Parish Services Coordinator at
jraines@ourladymtcarmel.org

Christian Formation

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

Are you considering receiving
sacraments in the Catholic Church?

We'd love to hear from you *and*
take this journey with you...



Christine Weyer
Director of Parish Discipleship
215-348-4190

parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org

Classes start Sunday, October 4, 2026



**Are YOU being called to help
Spread the Good News?**

The **PREP** Ministry invites you to say "YES"
to God's call by volunteering to share your
faith with the Children of OLMC Parish in the
grades and times listed below for the
2026-2027 PREP year:

Catechists Needed

Sunday 8:30 AM: Grades 4 & 7
Monday 5:30 PM: Grade 3

To Answer the "Call" or for further
information
contact the **PREP** office at
(215) 345-7089

*Volunteers receive a registration fee
discount.*



Go, Make Disciples:

An Introductory Training in Missionary Discipleship
Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, 2026: 9 AM - 12 Noon

Join us for a powerful and practical training in the habits
and skills of missionary discipleship. This course will
help you deepen your personal friendship with Jesus
and acquire relational skills to encounter and accompany
others into Christ's love.

*Facilitators: Meghan Cokeley and Chris Massaro, Office
for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*
Location: **Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Mary's Hall**

Fee \$25. Discounted registration of \$15 for
OLMC parishioners using discount code
OLMC2026. Includes all 3 sessions, coffee,
snacks and guidebook.

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Stewardship



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Special Collections

▲ August 2 Mission Co-Op Mid East Family Ties



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

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 May, June & July.
Receipts expire after 3 months.

**Please place receipts in the baskets by the
Church doors.**

Parish Service Project **Catholic Social Teaching** **Care for Creation • in Action**

Fresh produce makes a big impact and brings hope
to communities. **Hope of the Harvest**, a partnership
between **Bucks County Opportunity Council** and
Delaware Valley University, grows and distributes
50,000 pounds of fresh, local produce each year to
families in need across Bucks County — all with the help
of dedicated volunteers.

OLMC is looking for 15 parishioners of all ages (kids
welcome with parents) to pick produce grown at Del
Val on one, two or all of these dates. Please use the
Flocknote link to sign up.

Thursday, July 30; Tuesday, August 4
Thursday, August 13

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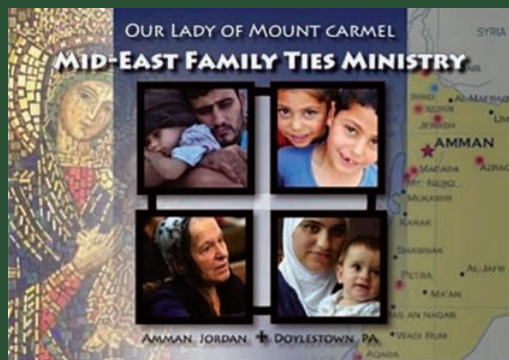


If you can't join our parish picking dates but
want to help your neighbors, visit:
Bucks County Opportunity Council:
Hope of the Harvest 2026

This parish service
project is sponsored by
OLMC **Peace & Justice**
Ministry.
[peacejustice@
ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:peacejustice@ourladymtcarmel.org)



Annual Mission Co-Op Weekend



Next Weekend's (August 1-2, 2026) Special Collection is the Annual Mission Co-op Appeal

The Annual Mission Co-op Appeal benefits the work of OLMC's Mid-East Family Ties (MEFT) Ministry.

The Mission of OLMC's MEFT Ministry is keeping the face of Christ alive in the Middle East.

Christians in the Middle East need our support as they work to sustain the message of Jesus in the Holy Land. Christians in Jordan are only 2% of the population in a land predominantly Muslim.

Our goal is building closer ties with two Catholic parishes in Amman, Jordan, along with their families and the refugee families being served in their community.

How does the Mission Co-op Appeal help the work of MEFT? The funds provide financial support for the two Catholic parishes including tuition fees for children and assistance for food, clothing, and medical fees.



How to make a donation during Mission Co-op Weekend

Please use the designated Mission Co-op Appeal Envelope OR bring a plain

envelope marked MEFT or Jordan next weekend, August 1 - 2.

Please make checks payable to *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*, with JORDAN noted in the memo.

Thank you for your past generosity. Your support allows MEFT to continue helping Catholic parishes in the Middle East.

Please pray for peace in the Middle East.

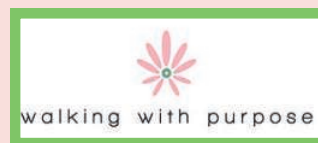
If you are interested in learning more about OLMC Mid-East Family Ties Ministry, please email jordanministry@ourladymtcarmel.org

Discipleship/Get Involved



Ladies...

Give Your Summer Some Purpose



Join us for 5 Summer Scripture-based sessions with videos, reflection, and small-group discussion.

Wednesdays in St. Mary's Hall

No books • No homework • No Fees
No pre-registration.

Bring a friend and an open heart to hear God's word!

Morning Sessions 9:30 - 11:00 AM

July 22 • Evangelizing Lukewarm Catholics

August 5 • Consumer vs. Disciple

August 19 • True Discipleship

New This Summer Two Evening Sessions 6:30 - 8:00 PM

July 29 • Bringing Loved Ones Back to the Church

August 12 • Battling Shame

Drop in for One • Drop in for All

No pre-registration required. Please arrive 15 minutes before the session.

For more information:

Christine Weyer Parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org

Check out Walkingwithpurpose.com for more information about this Women's Catholic Bible Study program

Discipleship/Get Involved

Help Wanted Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

Substitute Teachers

Qualified candidates should hold a Bachelor's Degree, have clearances (or be willing to get them) and a love of children.

Lunch/Recess Aides

Qualified candidates should have clearances (or be willing to get them) and a love of children. Hours are 10:45 AM – 1:45 PM when school is in session. Job sharing is a possibility.

Interested candidates should contact the school office at **(215) 348-5907** or send an inquiry to Dawn Parker at **dparker@olmcs.org**



This Month Sponsored by:
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Donuts Under the OLMC Tent on Maple Avenue

Sunday, July 26, 2026
After the 9 AM and
10:30 AM Masses



Weather-permitting

parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org



July & August Events

July 26 - Community Meal

August 3 - Assisting at OLG
Rummage Sale

August 11 - Hope of the Harvest at Del Val

August 23 - Community Meal

August 26 - ACTS 4 Adoration

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Thursday, August 20



Save the Date: August 19th

Youth Ministry Kick-off Event

7th to 12th graders

7 PM to 9 PM in St. Mary's Hall

Ice Cream Social, School Supply
Drive & Service Project*

*To benefit St. Francis de Sales School, Philadelphia

Save the Date: August 19th



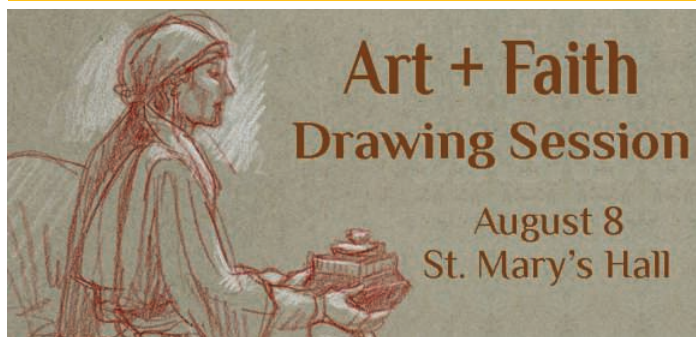
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Save-the-Date

2026 Golf Outing
Wednesday, 9/16

Details to follow!

Discipleship/Get Involved



Art + Faith Drawing Session

August 8
St. Mary's Hall

Adult artists who wish to express their faith through their artwork are invited to a life drawing session at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday, August 8 from 1:00 - 4:30 PM.

This is for artists who are college age and older. We will have a model costumed in Biblical clothing for short and long poses. Artists should bring their own materials for drawing or painting, and a freewill offering is requested. Chairs and tables are available but artists should bring their own easels if needed.

Artists are warmly invited to attend the 5 PM Vigil Mass immediately following the drawing session. We ask that you register before attending by emailing Pat Achilles at patachilles@aol.com or calling (215) 348-4837.



Director of Religious Education Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Doylestown, PA

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Doylestown PA, is seeking a full-time **Director of Religious Education**. The Director will design and administer all religious education for parish students in Grades 1-8 according to Archdiocese guidelines. They will work with the pastor, clergy, staff, heads of ministry, Parish Pastoral Council, Archdiocesan Office for Catechetical Formation, Archdiocesan, Private and Public Schools as well as those who are home-schooled.

Please send inquiries to Jeanne Senour at jsenour@olguadalupe.org. Learn more about our parish and the OLG Difference on our website: olguadalupe.org

See the full job description on the Archdiocese website <https://archphila.org/about/employment/>

Director of Faith Formation St. Jude Church and Shrine 321 W. Butler Ave Chalfont, PA 18914 (215) 822-0179



The Director of Faith Formation at St. Jude Church & Shrine coordinates the Parish Religious Education Programs for the parish children who attend public and non-Catholic private schools (grades 1-7), including the recruitment, management, training, and support of volunteer catechists.

Visit our website at stjudechalfont.org/job-opportunity for a complete job description. Please email your resume with two letters of recommendation to Fr. Anthony Costa at frajcosta@stjudechalfont.org



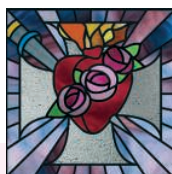
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
2026 Annual Rummage Sale

Donation Days
Monday, August 3 & Tuesday, August 4

Sale Days
Wednesday, August 3
through
Saturday, August 8

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Scan the QR Code for details



2026 Catholic Women's Conference Real Beauty in an Artificial Age

Saturday, October 24
9 AM to 4 PM
Czestochowa Shrine
Doylestown

Keynotes: Sister Anna Laura Karp, OP
Colleen Carroll Campbell
Full details and registration:
catholicwomensconference.org



Save the Date Archbishop Wood High School Class of 1976 50th Reunion Saturday, October 17, 2026 6:00 - 10:00 PM



Maggio's Restaurant
400 Second Street Pike, Southampton, PA 18966

Contact: Sharon Farley Copper
sharoncopper@hotmail.com



To let us know if you'll be attending or if you have questions

Formal invitation will be emailed in early August

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