



On The Topic of Prayer: Week 6

Jesus asked the apostles, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My heavenly Father ...

For Saint Peter to get to this answer, his prayer life had to have been intense. While Christ had never before asked the question – *Who do you say that I am?* – Peter had certainly reflected upon it given his answer.

Our Lady, the Gospels tell us, had often pondered in her heart upon the things of heaven. She habitually considered how God was working in her life and in the lives of others. Put another way, both Mary and Peter practiced contemplative prayer.

In contemplative prayer our focus is on resting in God's presence rather than asking for things. Every Monday at Mount Carmel, we offer an opportunity for contemplative prayer during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hopefully, for those of us who sit quietly in God's presence, we consider the very same things Mary and Peter once contemplated: how God is working in our lives, how we've been blessed by Him, what areas of our lives are in need of growth, etc.

Contemplative prayer allows our souls to find rest and move forward in life. But there are other types of prayer that are vital in the spiritual life, too. Consider liturgical prayer, for example. A cousin of mine once told me he doesn't need to go to church to pray because he finds God in nature. I told him – "Good for you; I love creation, too!"

Liturgical prayer reminds us of Christ's deepest desire – our unity. Mass unites us to the Body of Christ across time and space. Moreover, we humans are naturally social beings. The more isolated we are, the more difficult life becomes. Liturgical prayer helps guard against an entirely private spirituality by bringing us together in prayer.

Having already covered intercessory prayer I've now come to the end of these essays on prayer. If you remember nothing else, please remember this: **the goal of prayer is not to change God but to be transformed into the person God created us to be!**

God bless you,
Father Matthew Guckin

Home, Prayer & Worship

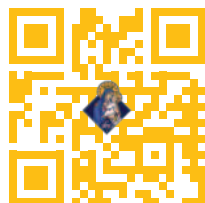
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Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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 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

September 6 - Submit by Wednesday, August 26
September 13 - Submit by Wednesday, September 2

Questions? bulletin@ourladymtcarmel.org

Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Lillian Lombardo

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Samia Hanna

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
Mary & Raymond Galliano

Sat 8/22	5 PM Vigil	David Cooper
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/23	7:00 AM	Jeanette Belz
	9:00 AM ►►	Donna Pastorino
	10:30 AM	Patricia Savino
	12 Noon 🖐️❤️	Boutros Family
Mon 8/24	8:00 AM	Joan Spaeth
Tues 8/25	8:00 AM	Joseph Lynch
Wed 8/26	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
Thurs 8/27	8:00 AM	Francis J. Devlin
Fri 8/28	8:00 AM	Robert Peluso, Sr.
Sat 8/29	5 PM Vigil	Ed & Anna Gordon and John & Mary Buckley
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/30	7:00 AM	Rose Martinelli
	9:00 AM ►►	Peter & Elizabeth Ralph
	10:30 AM 🖐️	William Buehler
	12 Noon	Kathy Kirk

🎵 = 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>



August 23 (Red Hymnal #1169)

Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Resp. *Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8*

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

August 30 (Red Hymnal #1172)

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Resp. Psalm *Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*

Reading II: Romans 12: 1-2

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Sensory Friendly Mass

Sunday, August 23
12 Noon Mass

4th Sunday of the Month
at 12 Noon

Mass is interpreted in
American Sign Language



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The OLMC traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for a visit to 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, please call the Rectory at (215) 348-4190 or email legionofmary@ourladytcarmel.org

Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

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Tara Conway	Kathleen Parker
Joy Davis	Sigmundo Penecela-Lazo
Ronan DeStefano	Jack Pfeifer
Ron Dolan	Nicolas Pompo
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Please Pray for Our Troops Sean Huggett

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Jason Douple
Daniel T. Ely
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Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

Nannette Kardaszkeski
Joseph MacAniff



Anthony Casselli, Sr.
Kevin Cody
Barbara Anne Cuning

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

August 2026

For evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often
marked by anonymity and loneliness
we find new ways to proclaim the
Gospel, discovering creative paths to
build community.

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: There will be no Adoration on
Monday, August 24 & Monday, August 31
due to Church maintenance.**

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, August 26
6:00 - 6:45 PM • In Church**

All are invited to praise Him.

Monthly Adoration will be held during regularly
scheduled Wednesday Confessions.



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St. Augustine's feast day is this week. A preeminent "Doctor of the Church," St Augustine has also had an inestimable impact on Western Civilization. As a young man, he rejected his mother's Catholic faith. In this documentary, travel to fourth-century Rome and Milan with Mike Aquilina to discover why St. Augustine has become "A Voice for All Generations."

Adult Choir

**Are you eager to uplift
God's praises through song?**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel welcomes you to join the Adult Choir, which serves diligently as music ministers. This group is devoted to enhancing the congregation's spiritual experience through music and in the process, we have a lot of FUN.



**The first rehearsal of the
season is on September 10,
2026.** Membership is open
to high school students
and adults. **Rehearsals
are held on Thursday
evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM
in the Church choir loft.**

To become a member of
the choir, please contact the
Parish office or email the Chair
and Director of Liturgical music, Shelly O'Hara
Tapp, at

musicministry@ourladymtcarmel.org

Save The Date Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Mission



October 12, 13 & 14

7 PM

**Healing Families
Through
The Heart of
Saint Francis of Assisi**

**Presenter
Father Chris Walsh**

*Interested in joining a
school with heart?*

**Tour Tuesdays
at OLMC School**

Contact
Michelle Stetler
to schedule your tour.
(215) 348-5907
michellestetler@olmcs.org



**Where heart
inspires faith, guides learning
and serves others.**

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



**Help teach the Good
News to the Children
of our Parish**

CATECHISTS NEEDED:

Sunday, 8:30am - 4th Grade

Monday, 5:30pm - 6th Grade

ASSISTANTS NEEDED:

Sunday, 8:30am - 1st Grade

Sunday, 10:20am - 4th, 6th and 7th Grades

Monday, 5:30pm - 3rd, 6th and 7th Grades



**Call the PREP Office to
learn more:
215-345-7089**

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.

phillyevang.org/events

bit.ly/43iXFGJ



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Special Collections

▲ September 6 Youth Ministry

Caring for Friends

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



The Next St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is September 12 & 13.

The following items are needed:

- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Canned Protein
(Tuna, Chicken, Beans, Soups)
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta & Rice
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Oatmeal & Cereal



**Any
nonperishable
items are
welcome.**

Remember to Save Your Altomonte's & McCaffrey's Simply Fresh Receipts. Now collecting receipts for June, July & August. Receipts expire after 3 months. Please place receipts in the baskets by the Church doors.

Ministry Spotlight - Altar Server Ministry



OLMC Ministry Spotlight

Highlighting the many ways that we serve as the eyes, hands and feet of Christ.



1. What is your Ministry's Mission?

What do you do?

The altar server's role at Mass is to assist at the Altar by carrying the cross, candles, incense (thurible), bread, wine, and water. The altar server assists with receiving the gifts, helps wash the priest's hands, and assists with keeping the sanctuary orderly during the Mass. Altar servers are a good role model for the congregation during the Mass.



2. Who Can Get Involved?

Who is this ministry for?

The Parish invites children and teens from 4th – 12th grades to join the altar server ministry.



3. How Has My Ministry Experience Impacted My Relationship With Jesus Christ?

What impact has it had on my faith?

Being an altar server has not only made me closer to Jesus physically by being up on the altar, but also mentally by knowing that I have helped to make Mass run more smoothly for the priest and deacon.

~Emily



4. How Can Parishioners Get Involved Or Learn More?

How can someone take the next step?

Parents are invited to email altarservers@ourladymtcarmel.org to learn more about the ministry and upcoming training opportunities. Servers will receive proper instruction on the liturgy, the Mass parts, and the sacred objects used before beginning their ministry.

Discipleship/Get Involved

Ladies... 2 Bible Studies Coming This Fall!!!



Keeping In Balance



Opening Your Heart

Wednesday Mornings

9:30-11:30am

Wednesday Evenings

6:30-8pm



Starting September 30th!

Registration Coming Soon!

parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org

SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, September 22

The Ladies of Mount Carmel Women's Day of Reflection

Being the Beloved: Heart to Heart

Presenter: Sr. Michelle Cimaroli, aci
Director of St. Raphaela Center

The day begins with Mass at 8:00 am in the Church, followed by Continental Breakfast in St. Mary's Hall, and concludes at 2:00 pm. Box Lunch is included.

All women are invited to attend.
Seating is limited.

— Details to follow —





Save the Date!

BACKPACK BLESSING & MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM MASSES

parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org



Discipleship/Get Involved



PRETZELS
under the OLMC Tent

Saturday, August 22
After the 5 PM Vigil Mass

Sponsored by Mid East Family Ties & Tuesday Night Rosary



August Events

August 23 - Community Meal
August 26 - ACTS 4 Adoration

youthministry@ourladymtcarmel.org



2026 OLMC CYO Cross Country

Come Learn about the "Power of the Team" and the "Secret" to Improvement and Having Fun!

Grades 1 - 8
Season starts Monday, August 31

Scan to learn more & register
Registration closes 8/27/2026



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fall Mum Sale

Sponsored by Mid-East Family Ties Ministry

- **9" Potted Mums \$10**
Colors: Yellow, White, Orange, Red, and Purple
- **12" Hanging Basket Mums with Lysimachia \$20**
Colors: Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple
- **9" Potted Ornamental Cabbages \$10**
Colors: White or Purple
- **9" Potted Celosia \$10**
Colors: Intenz purple or Twisted Orange

Ways to Order:

1. Order forms at church entrances August 15-16
2. Orders taken August 22-23 after Masses
3. Email jordanministry@ourladymtcarmel.org
4. Scan the QR Code.



Make check payable to OLMC (Put Jordan Ministry in the Memo)



Pick up Mums after Masses:
Saturday, Sept. 19 • 6-7:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 20 • 8 AM -1:30 PM

Saint Mary's Hall (Across the Street from Church)

Sale Ends September 3
Thank you for helping us keep the face of Christ alive in the Middle East

Questions?: jordanministry@ourladymtcarmel.org

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPT. 16TH 06



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WARMINSTER'S FIVE PONDS GOLF CLUB

ARRIVE AS EARLY AS 11 AM
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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**



Married Couples
Marriage Encounter
November 13 -15, 2026
October 9 - 11, 2026

"Live your best life in love" in Fall 2026: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

The next in-person experiences are October 9-11 and November 13-15 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>

Remember: An Evening of Support and Healing for Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones to Suicide

Friday, November 6, 2026 • 6:00-8:30 PM
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Warrington, PA

Speakers:

Sr. Kathryn Maney, MS
Author of *Remember, a Catholic program for grief and suicide loss*

Elizabeth Leon
Director of Family Support, Red Bird Ministries

View the flyer. No cost, but please register at archphila.org/support or use this link

<https://form.jotform.com/261793709450161>



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

Ticket Cost: \$75 (buffet dinner and cash bar)
Payment: Venmo or by check

Venmo: @Mary-Cherry-4 group: MBC Venmo-class of '76 reunion

Checks payable to: Mary Beth Cherry
4493 Steuben Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020-9457

Tickets must be purchased by September 15
No tickets sales at the door

Contact any of the Organizing Committee Members if you have any questions:

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Hotel accommodations:
A block of rooms has been reserved at the
Homewood Suites Horsham
720 Blair Mill Road, Horsham **(215) 830-9400**
\$189/night plus taxes (includes breakfast).

Reservations must be made
by September 17.



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