



OUR LADY — of — MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

If God can work through me, He can work through anyone.

Saint Francis of Assisi

This weekend the Church observes the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This beloved saint embraced a life of simplicity and detachment that, within only twelve years, attracted five thousand members to his community of Franciscans.

What began with a handful of friends remains a worldwide movement of men and women seeking to live the Gospel in the spirit of Saint Francis – including our own Sister Thomasann Quinn!

Saint Francis had a joyful love for creation and an even greater love for the Creator. He lived out his love by imitating Jesus through humility, the Cross, and by serving others. Each year, we mark the anniversary of his entry into eternal life with our blessing of pets. Fittingly, this takes place in The Sister Thomasann Prayer Garden.

Additionally, we welcome Father Chris Walsh to speak to us about our upcoming parish mission which he will be leading.

Father Walsh is the Pastor of Saint Cecilia's parish in Philadelphia. Prior to that, he was Pastor at Saint Raymond's parish and the School Minister at Archbishop Wood High School. As a seminarian, Father worked with Mother Teresa and her Missionary Sisters of Charity in the South Bronx. Prior to entering

the seminary, he worked in the field of mental health with the Devereux Foundation.

A most gifted speaker, Father is trained in the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and has provided Leadership

Training to bishops, dioceses and parishes throughout the country.

Our parish mission – which will be held on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 12, 13 and 14** – is entitled “Healing Families Through the Heart of Saint Francis of Assisi.” Saint Francis himself was born into a broken family but experienced great freedom and healing through Christ's love.

I invite you to join us for one hour each night of The Mission so that, together, we can renew our own relationship with Jesus and experience His healing.

God bless you,

Father Matthew Guckin



Home, Prayer & Worship

Find Us. Meet Us. Join Us.

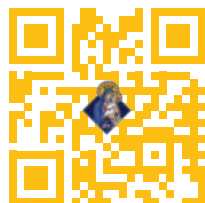
Rev. Matthew W. Guckin, *Pastor*
Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Hagan, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Dominic W. Mirenda, *Parochial Vicar*
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Deacon Charles D. Dern, *Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Lyle Benner, *General Manager*
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Dawn Solly, *Youth Minister*
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Mary Eileen Baltes, *Director of Parish Engagement*

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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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*Please Welcome
 Our New
 Parishioners*

Mr. Dooley Banks, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Carpenter
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Heavey
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Marine & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Small & Family

God Bless Our Newly Baptized



Grace Adele Devin
 Daughter of Jonathan and Ashley

Elena Mae DiCicco
 Daughter of Paul and Jessica

Claire Elizabeth Christie
 Daughter of Nicholas and Michelle

Eloise James Marino & Charlotte Edward Marino
 Daughters of Edward and Tara

Brady Maher
 Son of Joseph and Taylor

Quinn Cameron Rudnick
 Son of Brennan and Olivia

Cecilia Johannes DiPiazza
 Daughter of Calogero and Carolyn

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

Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Sandra Duchnowski

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Ann "Digi" Driscoll

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
Cynthia Montaldo Card

Sat 10/3	5 PM Vigil 🎵	Frederick Blanchard
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/4	7:00 AM	Mark Gravinese
	9:00 AM ▶▶	Fred Blanchard
	10:30 AM 🖐️	Thomas Faia
	12 Noon	Johnny McKeever
Mon 10/5	8:00 AM	Edward James Cevasco, Sr.
Tues 10/6	8:00 AM	Red Mass Private Intention
Wed 10/7	8:00 AM	Dardzinski Family
Thurs 10/8	8:00 AM	Michael Raines (Living)
Fri 10/9	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
Sat 10/10	5 PM Vigil	Assaad Assaad
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/11	7:00 AM	Michael G. Hearty
	9:00 AM ▶▶	The Gondak Family
	10:30 AM 🖐️🎵	Joseph Poretta
	12 Noon	Jeanette Belz

🎵 = 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>



October 4 (Red Hymnal #1187)

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7

Resp. Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

October 11 (Red Hymnal #1190)

Reading I: Isaiah 25: 6-10a

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

Reading II: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

The Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14, or 22: 1-10



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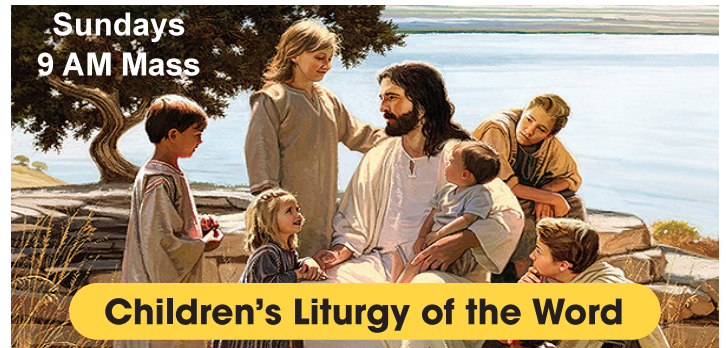
Annual Bucks County Red Mass

Tuesday, October 6 • 8 AM

Join Us in Praying for Our Legal Community



Sundays
9 AM Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sensory Friendly Mass

Sunday, October 25
12 Noon Mass

4th Sunday of the Month
at 12 Noon

Mass is interpreted in
American Sign Language



Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

Christopher Abernathy	Laurie Lerner
Della Armeno	James Leung
Wayne Anderson	Vicky Longhofer
JoAnn Bennett	Elaine Lund
Paul Benyovszky	Monica Maeyer
Nina Biller	Michael Makara
Stephanie Boccuzzi	Michael McConaghy
Robert Borrini	Eugene McInerney
Maripily Braffa	Martha McLaughlin
Marie Brescia	Mary McManemy
Alice Bromiley	Benny Morrissey
Barbara Bucci	Eleanor Noll
Nancy Buckman Paravecchia	James O'Hara
Stephanie Christie	Bonnie Olliver
Keith Cole	Kathleen Parker
Jane Coniglio	Sigmundo
Tara Conway	Penecela-Lazo
Joy Davis	Frederick Pepper
Ronan DeStefano	Jack Pfeifer
Ron Dolan	Nicolas Pompo
Scarlett Fehl	James Francis Rahill
Barbara Finn	Carol A. Regan
Grace Gamble	Marilyn Richards
Christopher Gannon	Zack Riti
Alice Gatto	John Roche
Edwina Gill	Brian Sacco
Pat Hackett	Mary Ann Schilling
Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Hagan	Andrew Schmidt
R. J. Hammel	Maddie Schiavo
Lisa Hall	The Schramek Family
Charles Heiber	Charlie Sharp
Charo Hessen	Bob Solly
Joe Horan	Pat Stoerrle
Tommy Humeston	Bernadette Strzelecki
Benjamin Keller	James Sullivan
Kaitlyn Kelly	Margaret Talamo
Patrick Kenney	Joe Tyrone
George Kozen	Lucas Victor
Maureen Krystkiewicz	Jeanne Wallace
Bernard Krasnisky	Bill Walsh
Joan Krasnisky	Connie Wrzesniewski
Deborah Kulp-Hocker	Walter Zangerle
Steven Lampe	Alexa Zoto
Noah Langan	
Catherine Latessa	

Please Pray for Our Troops

Andrew Bailey
Maggie Borek
Joshua Bozarth
Veronica Camiola
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
Sean Huggett
Sydney Ives
Sean Lahetta
Ethan Malsom
Adam Mandzy
Christian Mandzy
Colin Michael
McCormack
Conor McFadden
Jeff McGearry
Zachary Melsheimer
Giovanni Morales
Madison Niebish
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
Thomas C. Watson, IV
Charles J. Weyer
Ryan J. Whitney
Jeffrey Woosnam
Cole Young



Contact
Kathleen Boucher at
kathleenboucher15@gmail.com

Please Remember All the Faithful Departed



Helen C. Roche
Mary Skorupa

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

October 2026
For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health
ministry be established throughout
the Church, helping to overcome the
stigma and discrimination of persons
with mental illnesses.

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

Children's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Tuesday
October 13 • 10 AM
St. Francis Center
(Convent)**

**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, October 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

**Wednesday, October 21
7:00 PM**

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

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This week as we celebrate St. Faustina's feast day, learn more about the powerful devotion and graces she revealed to the world at Christ's request. This talk by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, was filmed live at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

PARISH MISSION

"REBUILD MY HOUSE"

Generational Healing through
the Heart of St. Francis

WITH REV. CHRIS WALSH



Oct. 12 Breaking the Cycle
Healing the Wounds of the Past

Oct. 13 Instrument of Peace
Reconciling Fractured Relationships

Oct. 14 Praise and Restoration
Blessing the Generations to Come



7pm each night in Church

parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org
215-348-4190

SISTERS OF LIFE

Welcoming The
Sisters of Life

This Respect Life Month, we are blessed to welcome the Sisters of Life to Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the weekend Masses on October 24-25. The Sisters of Life are a religious community dedicated to proclaiming the sacredness of every human life and serving women facing crisis pregnancies, mothers and children in need, and those who have been wounded by abortion.

Through their joyful commitment to the Gospel of life, the Sisters remind us that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God and that no life is without dignity or purpose.

The Sisters will also visit Our Lady of Mount Carmel School on Thursday afternoon, November 19, and will join us at Saint Mary's Hall later that evening for a special opportunity to hear more about their ministry and mission.

We look forward to welcoming the Sisters of Life and inviting our entire parish community to share in their beautiful witness to the Gospel of Life.

<https://sistersoflife.org/>



Pastoral Council Meeting - September 23, 2026



Present: Father Matthew Guckin, Deacon William Barrow, Sara Jane McFadden, Tracy Ogden, Mike Stetler, Mike Stefanski

6:45 PM - Opening Prayer

6:50 PM – Pastor Welcome and Update

The discussion focused on the blessings and continued positive momentum of the parish as we start the new council year. The significant highlight being that the parish again has been blessed with a recently ordained priest from the seminary with Father Dominic Miranda being assigned to us. Over the summer, Sunday Mass attendance remained steady even though it is a historically lower season. The OCIA cohort for this year is 20 individuals.

7:00 PM – Discussion of the Pastoral Plan

As a Parish Council we reflected on our purpose as a consultative group to support the Pastor and his pastoral plans while representing the parishioners and broader community, which our parish serves

Our discussion focused on four parish initiatives which we discussed, challenged and prioritized.

Liturgies

- Sunday Experience associated with all present for Masses and after Mass hospitality activities each weekend.
- Funeral experience.
- Wedding experience.

School and Prep

- Clergy presence at the School and PREP engaging with the students.
- Foundational formation of relationships with Jesus Christ and with the community.
- Pastor now in-servicing faculty every other month.

Safety, Security and Beauty of our campus for all

- Maintaining and enhancing our church, school, buildings, websites and grounds.
- Faith Formation of our parishioners
- Continuing to provide opportunities to build and strengthen faith across our community.

7:50 PM – The meeting closed with a prayer for our parish and all those struggling with life challenges.

~Submitted by Mike Stefanski



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Stewardship



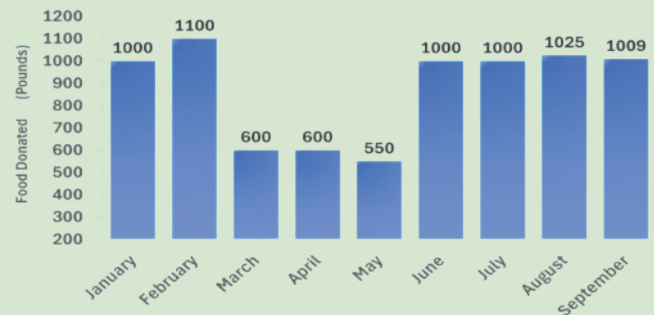
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Special Collections

- ▲ October 11 Capital Improvement
- ▲ October 18 World Mission Sunday

St. Vincent de Paul



2026 Food Donations



Our neighbors in need and the St. Vincent DePaul Society once again thank our parishioners for your generosity. 7884 pounds of food have been donated so far this year compared to 4200 pounds during the same period in 2025. Thank you for your outstanding support.

Winter Coat Collection Saturday & Sunday, October 17, 18

Do you have a winter coat that you could donate to a needy child or adult? The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, will be collecting winter coats to distribute to those in need.

Please bring new, or clean, and gently used winter coats when you come to church on the weekend of October 17 & 18.

Men's, Women's and especially Children's' coats are needed. Collection bins will be at all the church exits or you can drop them off at the St. Francis Center. Coats will be distributed to the families at the Doylestown shelters, Central Bucks Schools, Code Blue shelter, Our Lady of Hope church on North Broad Street, in Kensington, at DePaul Catholic School in North Philadelphia and at Face-to-Face ministries in Germantown.

Thank you for your generosity.

OLMC School

Dear Friends:

Back-to-School Night is one of those wonderful school traditions that gives parents the chance to socialize, visit their children's classrooms, and get a little glimpse into their child's school day. Each year, our teachers have students prepare projects, artwork, or messages to welcome their parents.



This year, our 8th grade teachers decided to give parents an especially interesting glimpse into the minds and hearts of their children. Students were asked to anonymously complete the sentence, "I Wish My Parents Knew..." They also completed goal sheets and selected a motto for the year.



The responses ranged from heartfelt to hilarious. Parents learned that their children are grateful for their sacrifices, appreciate their education, and love them more than they sometimes show. One student wrote, "I love you guys! I try my best. Sometimes that's not good enough, but it's the effort that counts." Another shared, "I am more grateful than I show...no matter how I show it." Several students expressed gratitude for everything their parents do for them and for the sacrifices they make to provide their education.



And then there were the other revelations! Parents learned that some students drink soda without permission, eat candy in secret, eat gummies with braces, and procrastinate "a lot more than you know." One student confessed to failing two spelling tests and added the wonderfully appropriate question, "Whoops! (Did I spell that right?)" Another wanted Mom and Dad to know, "I don't like it when you talk during movies and shows." Apparently, 8th graders have standards!



The students' chosen mottos were equally entertaining and, in many cases, quite inspiring: "Choose hard," "Risk is better than regret," "Everything is earned, nothing is given," and "If you help someone else, you help yourself." One student borrowed a familiar sports phrase: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."



Perhaps the best part of this activity was seeing how much love and gratitude were tucked between the jokes and confessions. Our eighth graders may be growing more independent, but these messages reminded us that they still notice, appreciate, and need their parents more than they sometimes let on.

It was a wonderful—and very entertaining—peek inside the eighth-grade heart!

God bless,
Dawn Parker

Discipleship/Get Involved

Join Us as We Celebrate the Feast of
St. Francis of Assisi

The Annual Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 3 at 1 PM

in the Prayer Garden



Sponsored by: Youth Ministry



erafferty@ourladymtcarmel.org

Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

October 18 - Submit by Wednesday, October 7
October 25 - Submit by Wednesday, October 14

Questions? bulletin@ourladymtcarmel.org

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Second Sundays

On the Church Portico

Sunday, October 11
After 9 AM Mass

Serving donuts & water

Join ROCKs
after donuts for a
playdate at
Burpee Park!



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7th - 12th Graders:
Welcome to Youth Ministry!

You Belong Here.
There is a place for you here.

A place to belong.
A place to grow.
A place to serve.



youthministry@ourladymtcarmel.org



Welcome Back
to OLMC PREP!

Opening Days: 9/27 & 9/28

May God Bless all students, their
families and our dedicated Volunteers -
Catechists, Assistants and Staff - as we
begin another year of
religious education.



For more information
contact Julianne Donahue:
jdonahue@olmcs.org or
215-345-7089



Peace & Justice Ministry
Monday, October 5

6:30 - 7:30 PM
St. Mary's Hall

What Would Jesus Do?

We can all help—the immigrant, the poor, the homeless,
the marginalized. Learn how you can join with other
parishioners to find ways to respect the dignity of each
person at the first Peace & Justice meeting of the
2026-2027 season. All welcome! No commitment.

Bring friends, neighbors
and your ideas!

Questions? (215) 738-2544

peacejustice@ourladymtcarmel.org



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Spanish Mass with Confessions
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Chapel Saint Juan Diego

October 17 • 7 PM

Discipleship/Get Involved

Shepherds of Bethlehem Handmade Olive Wood Crafts for Sale October 3 & 4 After All Masses

Shepherds of Bethlehem imports all of their works of reverent art from the finest Christian craftsmen in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.



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We will display and sell the carvings after the scheduled Masses On October 3 & 4.

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9-11 HEROES
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
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1PM OPENING CEREMONY
2PM RACE START



REGISTER:



Our Lady of Mount Carmel
2026-2027 Basketball
Registration is Open



We invite all children in the parish, grades 4 thru 12, to participate and experience the atmosphere of OLMC Bulldog Basketball. Registration is now open through our web site:

www.olmccyo.org

Our basketball program provides every parish child who wants to participate in basketball the opportunity to do so. The goal of our organization and coaches is to teach the fundamentals of the game in a fun, friendly and inclusive manner.

If you are interested in coaching or have any questions, please contact Jim McCusker at: mccusker-jim@comcast.net



*The Ladies of Mount Carmel
Invite You to Attend Our*

"Meet and Greet Evening"

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Join us at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Hall

**Learn about our Mission to Serve Our Church,
Parish School, Community, and Others**

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Social Worker Position

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- MSW preferred or BSW with 5 + years experience
- Experience working with the adolescent population is required.
- Experience with reporting suspected child abuse, working with teens in crisis and working on a multidisciplinary team within a school is recommended.

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<https://careers.catholicchurchofphila.org/jobs/621275303>



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