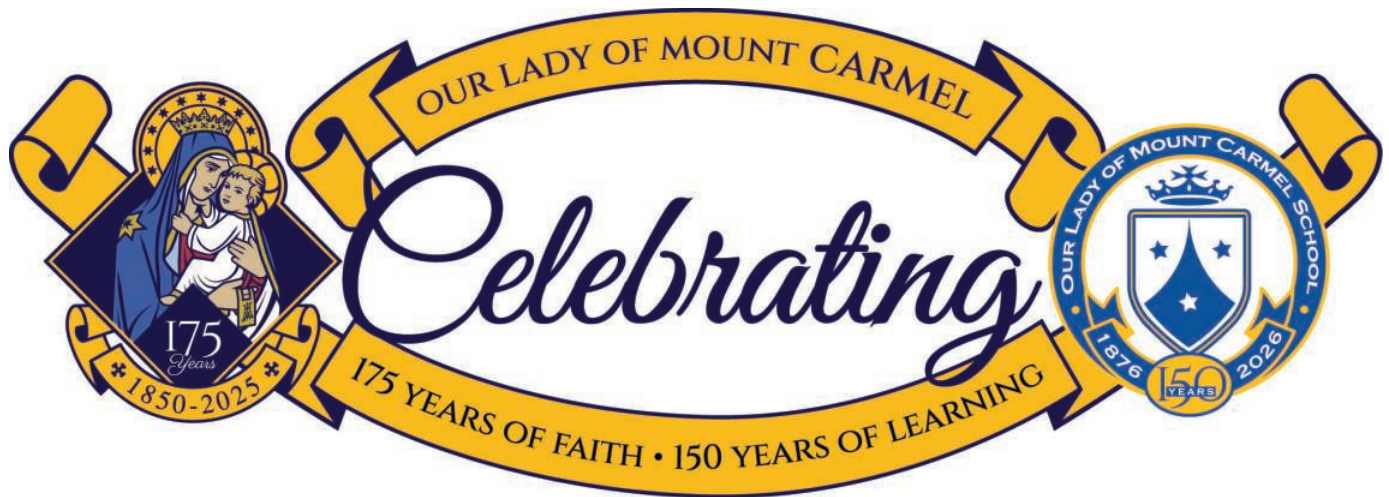




In a mother's womb were two babies.

One, named Madelyn, asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other, Gianna, replied, "Of course. There must be something after delivery. I think we're just here to prepare for what comes next."

"Nonsense," said Madelyn. "There is no such thing as 'life after delivery.' And, besides, what kind of life would that be?"

Gianna said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we'll walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe even these noses will have a purpose."

Madelyn replied, "That's absurd. Life after delivery is completely illogical. Walking? Really? And eating with our mouths? Do you see how crazy you sound? We have all we need with these umbilical cords."

But Gianna insisted, "Well, I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't even need these cords."

Madelyn replied, "Nonsense. And if there is life after delivery, then why has no one has ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. So let's just enjoy the time we have here because that's all there is!"

"I don't know, Madelyn," said Gianna, "but certainly we'll meet whoever it is that's



sustaining us ... someone we could call 'mother.'"

Madelyn replied "Mother? You actually believe in mother? That's laughable. If someone else is sustaining us, where are they now?"

Gianna said, "Maybe she's all around us ... we are in her ... without her we can't even exist." "Well I don't see anyone but us," said Madelyn. "Listen to what you're saying, it's insane."

"Sometimes," Gianna said, "when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can sense her presence and you can hear her loving voice, calling you from above."

This parable was sent to me from a parishioner, Tom Martino.

God bless you,

Father Matthew Guckin

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Please Welcome Our New Parishioners

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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 Nearby Parishes

Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
 Monday - Saturday 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
 Sunday 8:00 - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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 Saturdays 4:30 PM
 Sunday Mornings 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



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Please submit all ads, notices, flyers, graphics, artwork, etc.
 by at least 10 days prior to the Sunday bulletin date in which
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For questions and submissions
 bulletin@ourladymtcarmel.org

Prayer & Worship

Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

Altar Candles Intention for this Week
Robert Cassel

Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week
Pat & Phyllis Mandaglio

The Marian Candle Intention for this Week
Fabienne Pepe & Daughters (Living)

Sat 8/23	5:00 PM	Julie Donahue
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/24	7:00 AM	Michael Faherty
	9:00 AM ►►	Eleanor Maffei
	10:30 AM	Ronald MacDonald
	12 Noon ♥👐	Monica Oswald
Mon 8/25	8:00 AM	Jackie Lynch
Tues 8/26	8:00 AM	Parishioners of OLMC
Wed 8/27	8:00 AM	Bridget Kulp
Thurs 8/28	8:00 AM	Robert Peluso, Sr.
Fri 8/29	8:00 AM	Charles Welsh
Sat 8/30	5 PM Vigil	Joseph Casey
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/31	7:00 AM	Richard Ciampi
	9:00 AM ►►	Peter & Elizabeth Ralph
	10:30 AM 👐	Nicholas Cirriano
	12 Noon	Eileen Kenney

🎵 = Choir Singing ►► = LiveStreamed
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 ♥ = Sensory Friendly

Daily Mass Schedule

Weekly Mass Schedule *LiveStreamed* ►►

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

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

August 24 (Red Hymnal #1171)

Reading I: Isaiah 66: 18-21

Resp. Psalm Psalm 117:1, 2

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

The Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30



August 31 (Red Hymnal #1174)

Reading I: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

Resp. Psalm Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

The Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14



Archdiocese
of
Philadelphia

Archdiocesan Feasibility Study

Archbishop Perez has begun a feasibility study for a significant fundraising campaign across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

These funds would assist in the missionary efforts of the Church throughout the five counties. In a spirit of collaboration, the Archbishop wants to hear the thoughts of at least fifteen parishioners from each parish.

Would you be a voice from Our Lady of Mount Carmel?

The interview would be scheduled (in person or over the phone) at your convenience. If you are willing, please contact Father Guckin (Pastor@ourladymtcarmel.org).

Sensory Friendly Mass

Come to me.

Matthew 19:14



Sunday, August 24

12 Noon Mass

4th Sundays of the Month

Mass is interpreted in American Sign Language
parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org

Labor Day Mass Schedule



Monday, September 1
9 AM

Prayer

Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

Barbara Aikens	<i>Maureen</i>
JoAnn Bennett	<i>Krystkiewicz</i>
Nina Biller	<i>Bernard</i>
<i>Stephanie</i>	<i>Krasnisky</i>
<i>Boccuzzi</i>	Joan Krasnisky
Robert Borrini	<i>Deborah</i>
Marie Brescia	<i>Kulp-Hocker</i>
Alice Bromiley	Noah Langan
Mary Buckley	James Leung
<i>Nancy Buckman</i>	Patricia Lewis
<i>Paravecchia</i>	Vicky Longhofer
Ryan Burke	Clare Lucente
Dawn Burkie	Elaine Lund
Pamela Butkus	Monica Maeyer
Daphne Camille	James Makara
Debbie Camille	<i>Michael</i>
Joan Clougherty	<i>McConaghy</i>
Keith Cole	Mary McManemy
Rick Dalton	Rita Moore
Joy Davis	Silvia Muniz
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Ron Dolan	Bonnie Olliver
Genevieve Duggun	Kathleen Parker
Maureen Ewing	Marlena Parker
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<i>Christopher</i>	Andrew Schmidt
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Mary Guidner	<i>Tom & Joanne</i>
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Joe Horan	<i>Bernadette</i>
<i>Michael</i>	<i>Strzelecki</i>
<i>Humeston</i>	James Sullivan
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Patrick Kenney	Lucas Victor
Ella Kerr	Jeanne Wallace
Butch Kilda	Bill Walsh
Donna Kimball	Walter Zangerle
	Alexa Zoto

Please Pray for Our Troops

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Cecilia A. Davies
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Ian Donaher
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Lauren Griffith
Joseph Guckavan, III
Brandon Horak
Sydney Ives
Sean Lahetta
Ethan Malsom
Adam Mandzy
Christian Mandzy
Colin Michael
McCormack
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Cole Young



Contact
Kathleen Boucher at
kathleenboucher15@gmail.com

Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

Patricia Lewis

James P. Foley

May they Rest in Peace.



We pray for all those affected
by the Coronavirus.



**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:

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Men's Scripture Study

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Prayer



Eucharistic Adoration

**Mondays after the
8:00 AM Mass**

Reposition at 3:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Immediately Following

adoration@ourladymtcarmel.org



**"What Do you Want Me
to Do for You?"**
~ Jesus to Bartimaeus

**Experience His Call
in Adoration**

**Wednesday, August 27
6 PM - 6:45 PM in Church**

All are Invited to Pray with Us

Monthly Adoration will be held
during regularly Scheduled
Wednesday Confessions

**Children's Liturgy will resume
Sunday, September 7
at 9 AM Mass.**

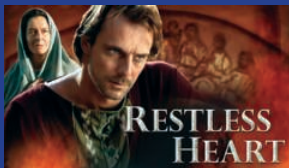
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**Wednesdays, 9:30-11am
St. Mary's Hall
\$50 Materials Fee
Starting September 24th!**

This Catholic Women's Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith.

**To register - Scan the QR Code or
Submit the bottom of this ad to the rectory**

Got questions? Christine Weyer
parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org



**Submit along with the program fee
to reserve your seat in the program!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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(Checks made payable to OLMC and in the memo: WWP)



Walking with Purpose

A Catholic Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Morning 9:30 - 11:00 am in St. Mary's Hall
(Registration starts at 9:15 am)

Final Session August 27: Spiritual Warfare

Christine Weyer

Parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org

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September 7 Youth Ministry
September 14 Capital Improvements

Save-the-date Jubilee Year Passport Pilgrimage Thursday, October 2, 2025

As a parish, we will make a pilgrimage via a luxury coach bus to the **National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia** and to the **National Shrine of St. John Neumann**, both in Philadelphia. Your faith will deepen as we embark on this spiritual journey.

We will tour both sacred Jubilee Year sites; attend Mass concelebrated by our pastor, Fr. Guckin; spend time in prayer and reflection; and if desired, receive the sacrament of reconciliation. You will even get free time to visit the gift shops. You will receive a passport that will be stamped at each location.

Watch the bulletin and Flocknote for details and signups.

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



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Blood Drive

**Monday, September 15,
2025
7:30 AM to 5:30 PM**

St. Mary's Hall
235 E. State Street
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For an appointment,
please visit:

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Under the Church Portico
Saturday, August 23
After the 5 PM Vigil Mass
Weather Permitting

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Ministry Fair
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
After the 9 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
Join Us in the Prayer Garden!

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Calling all Students!
Join OLMC ROCKs for the
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

Sunday, September 7
Meet at the Prayer Garden
after 9am Mass

Bring your backpack and
receive a blessing as we pray
for a wonderful school year!

Discipleship/Get Involved

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fall Mum Sale

Sponsored by Middle 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
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Order forms available in church entrances
August 16-17 and on Friday's Flocknote

3 Ways to Order:

1. Orders taken August 23-24 after Masses
2. Email jordanministry@ourladymtcarmel.org
3. Scan the QR Code to place an electronic order.

Sale Ends September 3, 2025
Checks made payable to OLMC
(Put Jordan Ministry in the Memo)



Pick up Mums After Masses:

Saturday, September 20 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Sunday, September 21 from 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM

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

Thank you for helping us keep the face of Christ alive
in the Middle East.

Questions?: jordanministry@ourladymtcarmel.org

Is God calling you to the Vocation of Catechist so you can share faith with our children?

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) (Formerly CCD)
invites you to say "YES" to God's call by volunteering for
the Children of OLMC Parish in the grades and times
listed below for the 2025-2026 PREP year:

Catechists

Sunday 8:30 AM – Grade 3

Sunday 10:20 AM – Grade 1

To Answer the "Call" or for further
information contact the OLMC
PREP office at (215) 345-7089.
Volunteers receive a registration
fee discount.



SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, September 23rd

The Ladies of Mount Carmel Women's Day of Reflection

Hope Does Not Disappoint

– Living the Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope –

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.

Presenter: Fr. Matt Brody

Missionaries of Mercy

Pastor, Saint Patrick Church, Norristown

Fr. Brody was assigned Parochial Vicar at OLMC from 2020 – 2022.

All women are invited to attend. Seating is limited.

Details to follow

Join the Adult Choir at Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Are you eager to uplift God's praises through song?
Come share your gift of music as a member of the Adult
Choir at Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Our dedicated choir serves as music ministers,
enriching the spiritual experience of the congregation
through sacred song. Membership is open to high
school students and adults who have a love for music
and a desire to serve.

Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from
7:00–8:30 PM in the Church choir loft. Our first
rehearsal of the season is on September 4, 2025.
The choir sings 2–3 times per month, from September
through May.

In addition to weekend Masses, the choir also
participates in several special events throughout the
year, including the Christmas Reveal Concert, Sacred
Triduum, and our beloved Summer Novena in July.
Members also have the opportunity to grow musically
through workshops led by our director and guest
professional musicians.

If you love to sing and feel called to serve through
music, we warmly invite you to join this joyful and
welcoming community!

For more information, contact
Shelly O'Hara-Tapp, Chair and
Director of Liturgical Music at:

**Musicministry@
ourladymtcarmel.org**



Discipleship/Get Involved

Peace and Justice Ministry Save the Date

Father Guckin will talk about **Creation** on **Monday, September 8, at 6:30 PM** in St. Mary's Hall. (It is also the Blessed Mother's birthday.)



The Season of Creation is from September 1 through October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) where we are called to find ways to be stewards of God's Creation. Care for God's Creation is one of the seven pillars of Catholic Social Teaching.

In July, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the first Mass for the Care of Creation and urged Christians to embrace bringing peace and reconciliation to our world and all creation.

Flocknote registration to follow.



Peace & Justice will focus on Creation this year, as well as Immigration and Poverty as we strive to live our faith by recognizing the dignity of the person and helping the poor and vulnerable.

2025 OLMC CYO Cross Country



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

Grades 1 - 8
Session starts Wednesday, September 3

Scan the QR Code for more information, including eligibility requirements, and to register.



Registration closes August 31, 2025.



Little Flowers Girls' Club is for girls in 1st - 4th grade to learn and grow in the Catholic faith. Girls earn badges like a scouting program and learn about virtues. We meet one Saturday afternoon per month during the school year. Use the QR code to register.

For more information email
littleflowers@
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**Last day
to submit:
Mon, 8/25**

Share A Church Picture from Summer Vacation!

Where Did You Worship on Summer
Vacation? Email a Picture to

Parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org

Include Your Name. Church Name. Location.



PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, September 14
After the 12 Noon Mass
Burpee Park

Lunch on the grill
Bouncy Slide
Volleyball
Basketball
Bring a lawn chair!

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Face Painting
and more!

Fun for all ages! No Charge!
Raindate: Sunday, September 21
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*175th / 150th Jubilee Celebration
Parishioner Reflection
Debbie and George Dailey*

What brought you to Our Lady of Mount Carmel?

I grew up in Doylestown & from the time I was a little girl I could walk to OLMC with my friends. My husband moved into the parish as a young teenager and attended OLMC School.

How long have you been in the Parish?

Forever! (40 plus years).

How has Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish helped you in your life?

The parish and school community have been a very important part of our family. My husband & I were married here, our children received their sacraments here and graduated from OLMC School, and I was blessed teach at the school for over 30 years.

What is your favorite memory of living in the parish?

George & I share special memories of attending Mass with our children, Brian & Kevin, as they grew in faith. As a second grade teacher at OLMC, I have been fortunate to be a part of the faith development of many young people in our parish and to be blessed with a friendship with Sister Thomasann.

What is your greatest hope for our parish in the future?

We hope our parish and school continue to grow and is a place of joy and peace for many.

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September 30 - October 3: 1PM - 7:30 PM
October 4: 10 AM - 4 PM

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Church password: **photos**



Nicole Breeze
Chair, Directory Committee
nbreeze@ourladymtcarmel.org

Final late fall dates will be announced soon.



Low-Time Commitment!



**175TH ANNIVERSARY
PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM**

**The Parish is seeking volunteer
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on Sunday, November 16**

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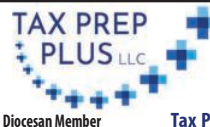
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