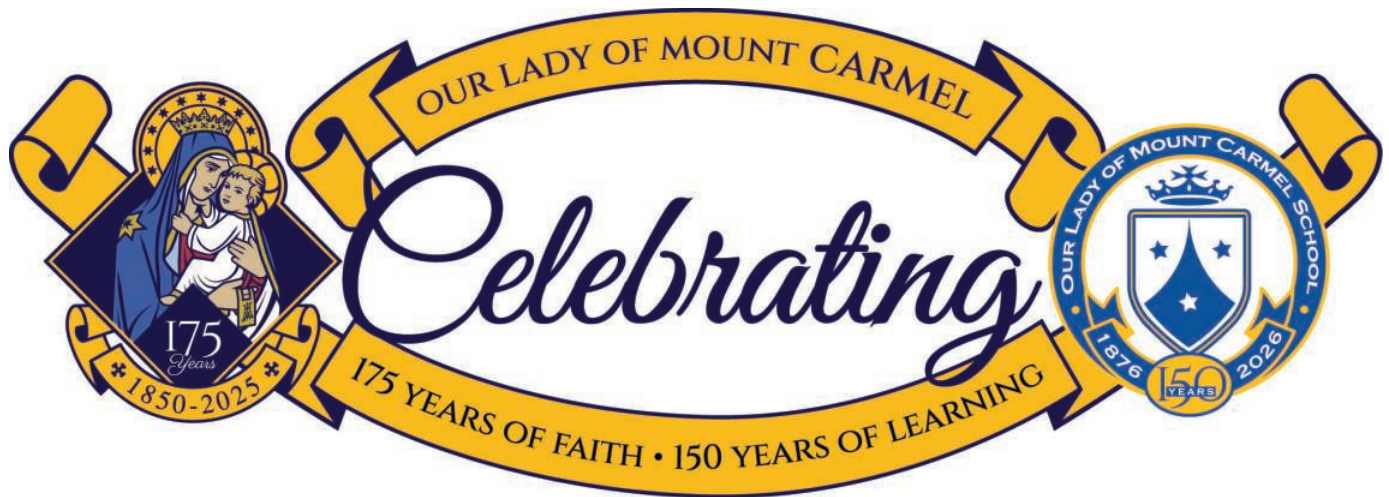




*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.*

These words of Jesus changed my life.

They continue to remind me that God's love isn't just a nice idea but, rather, something real and personal. They're meant for me ... and for you.

Growing up I thought faith was about rules and rituals, something distant from everyday life. But when I began taking seriously the Faith my parents shared with me, I realized that Catholicism is about a relationship – it's about a God Who loves me enough to enter my world, carry my burdens, and offer me a life beyond anything I could imagine!

In Christ, God is never far away; He walks with us, suffers with us, and gives to us the hope of eternal life.

Friends, this is Catholicism. This is what I invite you to embrace more tightly and take more seriously if you're a life-long Catholic. And if you're not Catholic ... I invite you to consider becoming one.

Authentic Catholicism is never an imposition. Instead, it's a proposition. And the proposal is this: at Baptism, we're welcomed into the Body of Christ as children of God. In the Eucharist, we encounter Christ Himself – His very Body and Blood – to give us food for our journey through life. In Confirmation, we're



strengthened to defend and spread this Good News. And in Reconciliation, we confess our sins and feel the weight of guilt lifted, replaced with peace and freedom.

Friends, these are not just rituals. They are encounters with the living God.

If you are not Catholic and are searching for a deeper meaning to life ... if you want a deeper sense of peace and belonging ... I invite you to become one. Our gatherings begin on Sunday, October 5th.

Reach out to Christine Weyer, Director of Parish Discipleship. She can be reached at [parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org)

God bless you,

**Father Matthew Guckin**

# Home, Prayer & Worship

## Find Us. Meet Us. Join Us.

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**Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Hagan, Pastor Emeritus**  
**Rev. Shane Flanagan, Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon William J. Barrow, Permanent Deacon**  
**Deacon Charles D. Dern, Permanent Deacon**  
**Deacon Lyle Benner, General Manager**  
**Shelly O'Hara-Tapp, Chair & Director of Liturgical Music**  
**Dawn Parker, School Principal**  
**Julianne Donahue, Director of Religious Education**  
**Dawn Solly, Youth Minister**  
**Christine Weyer, Director of Parish Discipleship**  
**Mary Eileen Baltes, Director of Parish Engagement**

**Rectory/Parish Office ..... (215) 348-4190**  
*Monday through Thursday*  
*9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

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 Youth Ministry..... (215) 345-7089  
 OLMC School ..... (215) 348-5907  
 PREP/Religious Education..... (215) 345-7089  
 St. Vincent DePaul Society ..... (215) 348-8833  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Maron Man & 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 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

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Saturdays 4:30 PM  
 Sunday Mornings 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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**Sunday, at 9 AM Mass**  
**CHILDREN AGE 4 - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**



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# Prayer & Worship

## Weekly Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Altar Candles Intention for this Week**  
*Trudy Lynch*

**Sanctuary Lamp Intention for this Week**  
*Noel & Lyn Brinker*

**The Marian Candle Intention for this Week**  
*Josephine DelGuidice Cevasco*

|                                                                     |                          |                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sat 9/13</b>                                                     | 5:00 PM Vigil            | Morrison "Moe" Plaisance |
| <b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b><br><br><b>9/14</b> | 7:00 AM                  | Thomas Joseph Cevasco    |
|                                                                     | 9:00 AM ►►               | Nancy Lelli              |
|                                                                     | 10:30 AM ✋               | Mike Behn                |
|                                                                     | 12 Noon                  | Kathy Lambert            |
|                                                                     | ▲ = Capital Improvements |                          |
| <b>Mon 9/15</b>                                                     | 8:00 AM                  | Parishioners of OLMC     |
| <b>Tues 9/16</b>                                                    | 8:00 AM                  | Gerard Pirolli           |
| <b>Wed 9/17</b>                                                     | 8:00 AM                  | Charles Miller           |
| <b>Thurs 9/18</b>                                                   | 8:00 AM                  | John Sisk                |
| <b>Fri 9/19</b>                                                     | 8:00 AM                  | Anthony Pontello         |
| <b>Sat 9/20</b>                                                     | 5 PM Vigil               | Will & Eileen Gehring    |
| <b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><br><b>9/21</b>              | 7:00 AM                  | Bill & Edna Roberts      |
|                                                                     | 9:00 AM ►►               | Sarah Wasson             |
|                                                                     | 10:30 AM ✋               | Cami Polgardy            |
|                                                                     | 12 Noon                  | Joseph J. Bach           |

🎵 = Choir Singing ►► = LiveStreamed  
▲ = Special Collection ✋ = ASL Interpreted  
❤ = 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

## September 14 (Red Hymnal #1224)

Reading I: Numbers 21: 4b-9

*Resp. Psalm* *Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38*

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

The Gospel: John 3: 13-17

## September 21 (Red Hymnal #1183)

Reading I: Amos 8: 4-7

*Resp. Psalm* *Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8*

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13, or 10-13

Current and future readings can be found at:  
<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>



## Important Parish Picnic Parking Update



**Sunday, September 14:** The Parish Picnic, celebrating the Parish's 175th anniversary and the School's 150th anniversary, will be held immediately following

the 12 Noon Mass on the School grounds and at Burpee Park. Please plan on parking in the church parking lots. There will be limited parking available in the smaller school lot on Ashland Ave. (adjacent to the preschool playground and the PREP/Religious Education Office) for members of our parish family who have mobility challenges. The large school parking lot (adjacent to Burpee Park) will be closed to accommodate picnic activities. Limited on-street parking will also be available. In the event of rain, the Parish picnic will be rescheduled for **Sunday, September 21.**

## Sensory Friendly Mass

*Come to me.*

Matthew 19:14



**Sunday, September 28**

**12 Noon Mass**

4th Sundays of the Month

Mass is interpreted in American Sign Language  
[parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org)

# Prayer

## Sick & Homebound In Our Prayers

**Maripily Braffa**  
**Laurie Lerner**

|                                           |                                |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JoAnn Bennett                             | Bernard Krasnisky              |
| <i>Stephanie Boccuzzi</i>                 | Joan Krasnisky                 |
| Robert Borrini                            | <i>Deborah Kulp-Hocker</i>     |
| Marie Brescia                             | Noah Langan                    |
| Alice Bromiley                            | Catherine Latessa              |
| Mary Buckley                              | James Leung                    |
| <i>Nancy Buckman Paravecchia</i>          | Patricia Lewis                 |
| Ryan Burke                                | Vicky Longhofer                |
| Dawn Burkie                               | Clare Lucente                  |
| Pamela Butkus                             | Elaine Lund                    |
| Keith Cole                                | Monica Maeyer                  |
| Tara Conway                               | <i>Michael McConaghy</i>       |
| Rick Dalton                               | Mary McManemy                  |
| Joy Davis                                 | Benny Morrissey                |
| Ronan DeStefano                           | Silvia Muniz                   |
| Ron Dolan                                 | Eleanor Noll                   |
| Dorothy Fahie                             | Bonnie Olliver                 |
| Scarlett Fehrl                            | Kathleen Parker                |
| Joseph Fellona                            | Marlena Parker                 |
| Barbara Finn                              | Jack Pfeifer                   |
| <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. Roland Fernandez</i> | Marilyn Richards               |
| <i>The Fruman Family</i>                  | John Roche                     |
| Anna Gallicchio                           | Bryan Rosica                   |
| <i>Christopher Gannon</i>                 | Brian Sacco                    |
| Edwina Gill                               | Andrew Schmidt                 |
| Mary Graeff                               | <i>The Joe Schramek Family</i> |
| <i>Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Hagan</i>        | Bob Solly                      |
| Lisa Hall                                 | Joseph Stanley                 |
| Joe Horan                                 | Pat Stoerle                    |
| Tommy Humeston                            | <i>Bernadette Strzelecki</i>   |
| Benjamin Keller                           | Joe Tyrone                     |
| Kaitlyn Kelly                             | Lucas Victor                   |
| Patrick Kenney                            | Jeanne Wallace                 |
| Butch Kilda                               | Bill Walsh                     |
| <i>Maureen Krystkiewicz</i>               | Susan Ward                     |
|                                           | Walter Zangerle                |
|                                           | Alexa Zoto                     |

## Please Pray for Our Troops

Andrew Bailey  
Maggie Borek  
Joshua Bozarth  
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  
Sydney Ives  
Sean Lahetta  
Ethan Malsom  
Adam Mandzy  
Christian Mandzy  
Colin Michael McCormack  
Conor McFadden  
Jeff McGearry  
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 Venziale  
Charles J. Weyer  
Ryan J. Whitney  
Jeffrey Woosnam  
Cole Young



**Contact**  
**Kathleen Boucher at**  
**kathleenboucher15@gmail.com**

## Please Remember All the Faithful Departed

**Michael Humeston**  
**James Schramek**  
**Donna Kimbel**

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:

**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](mailto: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, September 24  
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



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This week we remember  
Our Lady of Sorrows. A  
perfect time to begin a  
"journey through scripture"  
to get to better understand  
Mary's role in our lives.



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VIRGIN MARY  
JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE



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## Christian Formation

### Are you considering becoming Catholic?



Join us for OCIA (*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*), previously known as RCIA. This process is a period of discernment, discovery and growth in the Catholic faith. Our goal is to help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and learn how to live as His disciple in the Catholic Church. OCIA is designed for:

- Those who have never been baptized
- Those baptized in another faith
- Baptized Catholics who haven't yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

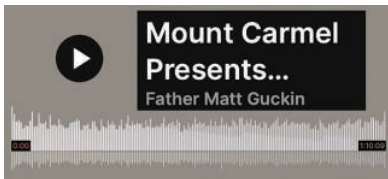
Through this process, participants—called Catechumens (unbaptized) or Candidates (already baptized)—prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation) and enter the Catholic Church.

#### Program Details:

Our OCIA program at Our Lady of Mount Carmel begins October 5th and continues through mid April.

- We meet and attend the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays
- Following Mass we gather in St. Mary's Hall
- Sessions conclude promptly at 11:30 AM

If you'd like more information, contact Christine Weyer at [parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org)



### A New Episode of Mount Carmel Presents

Growing Up Christian  
in a Communist  
Country

Kathrin Wirth-Torrente - A Doylestown wife, mother, author and business owner - grew up in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). She is a Christian and shares with us what it was like to be raised as a Christian in an atheistic country. Candidly, she shares the reality of antisemitism and draws frightening parallels with former East Germany and modern day Western Civilization.

Here's the link to the episode:  
[bit.ly/41Ozhwd](https://bit.ly/41Ozhwd)



The **Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Deaf Apostolate** will assist in providing Religious Education for children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and use **American Sign Language (ASL)**.

For more information, please contact Natalie Morales at [DeafCatholic@archphila.org](mailto:DeafCatholic@archphila.org) or call (215) 587-3913 (voice).

If you know American Sign Language and would be available to serve as a catechist, we invite you to please contact the Deaf Apostolate.



## Stewardship



[parishgiving.org](http://parishgiving.org)

**Special Collections** ▲

September 14 Capital Improvements

October 12 Capital Improvements

## An Easy Way to Support Us

You can support our nonprofit organization with First Bank's Affinity Advantage.



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**The St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is This Weekend September 13 & 14**

**Remember to Save Your Altomonte's and McCaffrey's Simply Fresh Receipts**

Now collecting receipts for July, August & September (Receipts expire after 3 months).



Please place receipts in the baskets by the Church doors.

**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  
Doylestown, PA 18901

For an appointment, please visit:

**RedCrossBlood.org**  
and use the sponsor code olmc  
or call **(800) RED-CROSS**  
**(800) 733-2767**



## OLMC School

Dear Friends:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School joyfully opened its doors this week for the start of the 2025-26 school year! The classrooms and hallways are once again filled with the energy, laughter, and excitement of our students and teachers. This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our school—a true milestone of faith and education in our parish community. We begin this year with hearts full of gratitude: for our students and families, for our dedicated faculty and staff, for our priests, and for the many generations who have built and sustained OLMC School. Please keep our school community in your prayers as we begin this historic year together.



God bless,  
**Dawn Parker**



*Interested in joining our school family?*  
**Tour Tuesdays at OLMC School**

Tours are available from 9am-2pm every Tuesday! Come visit our twice awarded National Blue Ribbon School! PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Call Michelle Stetler to schedule your tour.

215-348-5907

Email - [michellestetler@olmcs.org](mailto:michellestetler@olmcs.org)





## Discipleship/Get Involved

### The Chosen Season 5: The Last Supper Join Us • Showings Begin the Week of October 6

| Mondays<br>1:00-2:30 PM | Thursdays<br>6:30-8:00 PM |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Episode 1: 10/6         | 10/9                      |
| Episode 2: 10/13        | 10/16                     |
| Episode 3: 10/20        | 10/23                     |
| Episode 4: 11/3         | 11/6                      |
| Episode 5: 11/10        | 11/13                     |
| Episode 6: 11/17        | 11/20                     |
| Episode 7: 12/1         | 12/4                      |
| Episode 8: 12/8         | 12/11                     |

Please register and let us know you are attending.  
Three ways to register:  
1. Click the link in the Flocknote  
2. Call the rectory  
3. Email [Parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:Parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org)

### Little Flowers Girls' Club

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

[littleflowers@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:littleflowers@ourladymtcarmel.org)



### Mum is the Word

Thank you to everyone for a very successful MEFT Mum Sale.

We are grateful for your support of our sister parishes in Jordan.

**Remember to Pick Up Your Mums After All Masses September 20 and 21 at St. Mary's Hall.**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

WAR MEMORIAL FIELD, CB WEST

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Passport Pilgrimage  
Thursday, October 2, 2025**

Visit the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia and to the National Shrine of St. John Neumann, both in Philadelphia. You will receive a passport that will be stamped at each location.

- Bus departs Church parking lot at 8 AM.
- Bus returns at 4 PM.
- Bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus between shrine visits.
- Cost is \$40/person (Includes luxury bus fare and tip for the driver along with a donation to each of the shrines).
- Seating is limited. Payment reserves your seat. First-come, first-served.

Visit the Rectory today to reserve your spot with your payment. Cash or checks only, please.

**Christine Weyer, Director of Parish Discipleship**  
[parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org)



This Month Sponsored by:  
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**Sunday, September 28, 2025  
After the 9 AM and  
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**WEDNESDAY 22  
SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup> 05**



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## Discipleship/Get Involved



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**ROCKs stands for  
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We welcome families with children ages newborn - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



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WEDNESDAY, SEP. 17 • 10:30-11:30AM**



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[rocks@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:rocks@ourladymtcarmel.org)




**Cub Scout Pack 52**

Fall 2025 Open House • Rainutter Regatta  
Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 PM • Burpee Park

Pack 52 Meetings  
**Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School  
Boys and Girls Grades K - 5  
[doylestownpack52@gmail.com](mailto:doylestownpack52@gmail.com)




**Donate your vehicle to Wheelz2Work**

Thank you OLMC! Two parishioners have donated cars already. Can you join them and donate a car so someone struggling can work?

**Peace & Justice** has been asked by the Bucks County Opportunity Council to advertise that car donations are needed for the Wheelz2Work program. Ten people are on the waitlist for cars.

Because Bucks County is so long - 62 miles - not having a car is often the biggest impediment to self-sufficiency.

Contact Danielle Bush at [dbush@bcoc.org](mailto:dbush@bcoc.org) (215) 345-8175 ext. 209 to start the donation process.



**Villa Joseph Marie High School  
Admission & Financial Aid Webinar  
Tuesday, September 16**



Join us online Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 7:00–7:30 PM to learn more about Villa's admission process and financial aid opportunities.

Register at [vjmhs.org/visit](http://vjmhs.org/visit) to receive the Zoom link.

**Ladies, You're invited!**

Join us for the  
**Fall 2025 *Walking With Purpose*  
Women's Bible Study!**



**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  
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Got questions? Christine Weyer  
[parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:parishdiscipleship@ourladymtcarmel.org)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash or Check**  
(Checks made payable to OLMC and in the memo: WWP)





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

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

**Kona Ice Truck**  
**Live Music**  
**Face Painting and more!**

**Fun for all ages! No Charge!**

**Important Note For Parents Regarding the Bouncy Slide:**  
 The Slide Includes A Water Feature. Please Plan Accordingly.

**Raindate: Sunday, September 21**  
**215-348-4190**

## The Rise of a New Church

*"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts:  
 My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord."*

These words from the 83rd Psalm, 2nd verse were the opening lines of the Homily given on May 11, 1968 at the solemn dedication of the new Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Work began on the new church in June of 1966 and was completed in March 1968. This red brick Georgian Colonial style church was designed to blend with the surroundings of the historic Doylestown Borough. A portion of Linden Ave was closed to permit the construction. With seating for 1,020 on the main floor and 104 in the balcony, there were also future plans for a new parking lot. The transept wings, set at an angle, were part of a floor plan that had every seat facing directly to the center of the sanctuary for an unobstructed view.

The new stained glass windows were executed by the local Edward J. Byrne studio and depicted the history of the church and events from the life of Jesus and Mary. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of the parish, is highlighted in a large center window in the choir gallery. The soft blue interior of the new church was set off with wood trim in a Colonial off-white. The carpets in the aisles and Sanctuary were also blue to match the interior walls.

The statues, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Sacred Heart of Jesus, were designed in Doylestown and carved in Italy of Lindenwood.

A carillon was installed in the church tower, with speakers, which could play chimes manually from the organ or by programmed recordings from a location in the sacristy. The entire building cost approximately \$700,000 to build.

The celebrant of the dedication Mass and laying of the cornerstone was His Eminence, John Cardinal Krol. A reception followed, and the menu for that celebration can be found in our 175th Anniversary Cookbook.

**Dear Parish Family: It's time for a New Directory**  
 Celebrate the Parish's 175th Anniversary by Participating  
**Our parish directory will not be complete without you. Join us in celebrating faith and family.**

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**Fall Appointments Now Available**  
**September 30 - October 3: 1PM - 7:30 PM**  
**October 4: 10 AM - 4 PM**

Scan QR Code to make an appointment in St. Mary's Hall  
 Church code: **pa1171**  
 Church password: **photos**



**Nicole Breeze**  
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