

September 27, 2020 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to ...



*Our Lady of*  
**Mount Carmel**  
Parish

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## Pastor's Perspective

# MISSION RESCHEDULED

As you may recall, we had a great Parish Mission scheduled for Lent last March. But like everything else in Lent—and even long after—the Mission had to be postponed. Now we are **ready to move forward with a revised program** thanks to Fr. Mike Zavage and his crew, who have found creative ways to provide us with a Mission while observing the necessary distancing and safety precautions.

The **Mission theme is Reignited**, acknowledging the many challenges of our recent lockdown and examining how to relight the flame that is within us, looking beyond ourselves and seeking God's will for each of us personally and for all of us collectively as a parish. **We cannot build a new parish if we are not rebuilding ourselves.**

We have experienced a lot of upheaval and distress in the Church and in our personal lives these past few years, and we are full of anxiety and uncertainty, having trouble fighting our fears and **worrying about what might come next**. When we reach out to the Lord for help we might be tempted to think that we get no answers, but sometimes the answers come to us through those who are gifted speakers, and particularly through our participation in Missions like this one.

The Mission will take place from Saturday, October 3, through Wednesday, October 7 and will feature Joe Farris, a combination of evangelizer and stand-up comedian, and Passionist Father Curtis Kiddy as speakers. There will be something for everyone, and you'll need to check the schedule *on page 5* of this bulletin to find out where the various events will take place.

Because of seating restrictions, it will be necessary for you to **register** for whatever events you wish to attend.

**IN OTHER NEWS:** On October 6 we will say farewell to **David Dashiell**, our Associate Director of Liturgy, who was resigned in order to take on work that will enable him to spend more time with his family. For almost a year and a half David has consolidated, trained, scheduled, and educated our many liturgical ministers, reorganized all four sacristies, maintained vestments, altar linens, hosts, wine, candles, incense, etc. We wish him the very best as he moves on....**New Mass times this weekend!** Please check the schedule carefully....stay tuned for more news....

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** When the legendary John Rockefeller died, his accountant was asked: "How much did he leave?" The accountant answered bluntly: "All of it."

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## New Covid-19 interim Mass Schedule Effective 9/26-27

Saturday	4:00 pm at Saint Teresa of Avila 5:00 pm at Saint Athanasius 6:00 pm at Saint Sebastian
Sunday	8:00 am at Incarnation 9:00 am at Saint Athanasius 10:00 am at Saint Sebastian 11:00 am at Saint Teresa of Avila
Monday thru Friday	8:30 am at Saint Athanasius 12:00 noon at Saint Sebastian

### ***DON'T FORGET—Register for Weekend Masses***

The wonderful news is that Mass attendance has increased ever since we returned in June. ***This makes it critically important that you register so we can honor physical distancing and not have to turn anyone away.*** Register online at <https://mountcarmelpgh.org/>. You can register for every week in the month, however registration closes at 9:00 pm on Friday for Masses on the upcoming weekend.

For those who are unable to register online, call **(412) 219-9254**. Registration by phone closes at 4:00 pm on Friday for Masses on the upcoming weekend. When you call, please leave:

Your Full Name; Your Phone Number; the Date, Church, and Time of the Mass; and the Number of People Attending with you.

### **READINGS for the 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

*It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

*Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.*

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:28-32

*Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.*



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## Migrants and Refugees

Below are excerpts from Pope Francis' message for September 27, 2020 in observance of the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

"Situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies, aggravated by climate change, are increasing the numbers of displaced persons and affecting people already living in a state of dire poverty. Many of the countries experiencing these situations lack adequate structures for meeting the needs of the displaced."

"In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of COVID-19."

"We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: **welcome, protect, promote and integrate**. To these words, I would now like to add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions.

1. You have to *know* in order to *understand*.
2. It is necessary to *be close* in order to *serve*.
3. In order to *be reconciled*, we need to *listen*.
4. In order to *grow*, it is necessary to *share*.
5. We need to *be involved* in order to *promote*.
6. It is necessary to *cooperate* in order to *build*."

*"May Saint Joseph, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places."*



### ***Rite of Reconciliation of Individual Penitents***

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturdays at Saint Athanasius church from **11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** with two confessors.

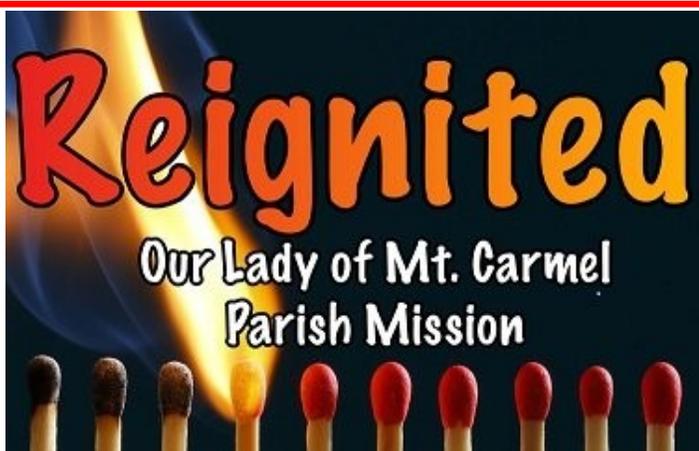
### **COVID-19 Information for Travelers**

If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended by the Pennsylvania Department of Health that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. The following list of states for which a 14-day quarantine is recommended was updated on September 11, 2020:

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee.

Be mindful of this recommendation before coming to Mass or other parish event.

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish



## Mission Theme

We all have been almost immobilized as a result of the pandemic, issues in our Church, and strife in our country. Our “new normal” is “sheltering.” But Our Lord does not expect us to be treading water...He doesn’t expect us to be timid and “bury our talents.” Our Lord is calling us forward in our relationship with Him and in service of building the Kingdom. The flame within each of us needs to be Reignited. No longer should we be just walking in fear—“hunkering down”—getting by.” Our Lord is calling us to fan the flames of our love for Him. Powered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we need to increase our personal zeal for the Lord and look beyond ourselves. We need to seek His will for us personally and collectively as a parish... and then take action.

## Mission Schedule

(Registration is required at <https://www.mountcarmelpgh.org/parish-mission>.)

### Marriage...From good to great!

*Date:* Saturday, October 3rd

*Location:* St. Athanasius church

*Time:* Following 5:00 pm Mass

### Men: Holy Smoke...The Virtues of St. Joseph

*Date:* Sunday, October 4th

*Location:* St. Teresa parking lot shelter

*Time:* 4:00 pm

### Being Transformed...From Fear to Power

*Date:* Monday, October 5th

*Location:* St. Sebastian church

*Time:* 7:00 pm

### Being Called...Can you hear Him now?

*Date:* Tuesday, October 6th

*Location:* St. Sebastian church

*Time:* 7:00 pm

### Being Sent...How to walk on water!

*Date:* Wednesday, October 7th

*Location:* St. Sebastian church

*Time:* 7:00 pm

## Presenters

- ♦ Joe Farris, part storyteller and part comedian, with experience in business and church ministry.
- ♦ Fr. Curtis Kiddy, CP, native of Beaver County with rich and diverse pastoral experience.



## Information & Sign-up Night

Thursday, Sept. 24th 6:30-7:30pm

St. Teresa – Schoppol Hall

Ian Conaway – Cubmaster

412-716-0204 or [ianc1379@hotmail.com](mailto:ianc1379@hotmail.com)

Meetings 2 nights a Month – Plus other Fun Family Events.

All in attendance must cover their mouth and nose with a mask and practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet.



Ted Rybka

## Hymnal for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27 September 2020

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### Gathering Hymn: Come, Christian, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; our cry he will attend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's joyful shore His goodness we'll adore;  
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Text: 66 66 D; Christian H Bateman, 1813-1889, alt. Music: Anon. melody, Philadelphia, 1826.

### Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your Mercies

REFRAIN: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Your ways, O Lord make known to me, teach me your paths.  
Guide me, teach me, for you are my Savior.
2. Remember your compassion, Lord, and your kindness of old.  
Remember this, and not my sins, in your goodness, O Lord.
3. Good and just is the Lord, the sinners know the way.  
God guides the meek to justice, and teaches the humble.

Text: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; © 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL; Music: © 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

### Preparation of the Altar: Send Down the Fire

REFRAIN: Send down the fire of your justice, send down the rains of your love;  
Send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people and we shall be people of God.

1. Call us to be your compassion, teach us the song of your love;  
Give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring, Make us ring with the song of your love.
2. Call us to learn of your mercy, teach us the way of your peace;  
Give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal, make us walk in the way of your peace.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Distribution of Holy Communion: Let Us Be Bread

REFRAIN: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more. (Refrain)
2. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends. (Refrain)
3. See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you. (Refrain)
4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. (Refrain)

Text: Thomas J. Porter,, b.1958; Tune: Thomas J. Porter, b. 1958 © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Distribution of Holy Communion 2: Unless a Grain of Wheat

REFRAIN: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
It remains but a single grain with no life.

1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him; if we hold firm we shall reign with him. (Refrain)
2. If anyone serves me, then they must follow me; wherever I am, my servants will be. (Refrain)
3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you; those who remain in me bear much fruit. (Refrain)
4. If you remain in me and my word lives in you, then you will be my disciples. (Refrain)
5. Those who love me are loved by my Father; we shall be with them and dwell in them. (Refrain)
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give is my gift. (Refrain)

Text: Based on John 12:24-26; 14:23, 27; 15:4-5, 7-8; 2 Timothy 2:11-12. Text and music © 1983, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

## Sending Forth: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens

1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore him; Praise him angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord: for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail;  
God has made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high his pow'r proclaim;  
Heav'n and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Text: 87 87 D: based on Psalm 148; verses 1,2, *Psalms, Hymns, and Anthems of the Foundling Hospital*, 1796; verse 3, Edward Osler, 1798-1863. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.



# Sunday Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday September 28 <i>Weekday/St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Joseph Matis †	Linda Ludwig
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Ken, Joan & Philip Bancroft †	Family
Tuesday September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Living and Deceased of Ordination Class of 1979	Reverend John Rushofsky
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Carol McMillan †	Cook/McMillan Families
Wednesday September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Stella & Charles Rauch †	Patty & Chucj McGuire
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Kerry Aquadro †	Wife
Thursday October 1 <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Helen Burda Trant †	OLMC Christian Mothers
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Paul Stiehler †	Stiehler Family
Friday October 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Ernest Mikec †	Al Kowalski
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Dr. Richard Doerfler †	Mom
Saturday October 3 <i>Weekday/BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	<b>Confessions</b>	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Marie & Joseph Koska †	Daughter, Sandra
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	For the People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Catherine Pawlak †	Joe Pawlak
Sunday October 4 <b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Richard Clafshenkel †	Daughters
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Deborah Locante †	Marriage Encounter Friends
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Evelyn Abbott †	Janese Abbott
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Robert J. Raible †	Carol Raible



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MaryJo Robbins

## Parish Social Ministry



### Apostle of Charity

September 27 is the feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul. As a young priest in France, he was placed in charge of distributing money to the poor, and along with St. Louise de Marillac, he established the Daughters of Charity and the Ladies of Charity. St. Vincent sought to see the face of Christ in the poor. Only much later, in the late 1800s did Blessed Frederick Ozanam found the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Both the Ladies of Charity and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are still thriving, as can be seen here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. **We have 43 active LOC (Ladies of Charity) and 22 active members of SVDP (St. Vincent DePaul).** St. Vincent is known for his many writings in which he encourages a balance of action and contemplation. Vincentians seek holiness through their works of charity, making their works more than simply distributing food or funds. Through their actions, they not only see the face of Christ in the poor, but they bring the love of Christ to the poor in a very real and tangible way. If you are interested in serving Christ through the poor, contact the Social Ministry office for more information.

**Food Pantry Needs:** Juice, peaches, pears, Knorr rice sides (rice only), Uncle Ben’s rice, Rice a Roni, hamburger helper, jar pasta sauce, beef stew, Campbell’s tomato soup, Progresso Soup, canned carrots, beets, and potatoes, boxed potatoes, applesauce, condiments, jelly, cereal, paper products, dishwashing soap and detergent. We have set out a food collection bin outside of Haber Hall at the St. Sebastian site. You can also drop off donations in the narthex at St. Athanasius Church when it is open, or leave in the bin outside of Athanasian Hall. *Please do not leave any perishable items.* Thank You!

### LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 4, 2020 RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 2:00-3:00 pm

On Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 2:00—3:00 PM the Pro-Life Committees of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will participate in this national event by meeting at the parking lot of the Great Hall, 1003 Perry Highway at 1:45 pm. The chain will line both sides of the highway and respond to passersby with silent prayer. Please join us as we plead for God’s intervention into the horrible slaughter of our youngest brothers and sisters. **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Signs will be available.

Questions: Call Dianne at 412-366-7869

Prayer is our greatest weapon as we struggle to protect those who cannot protect themselves.





Victor Boerio

The Gospel is one more “stick-it-to-me” parable which is slowly getting Jesus in deep trouble with the religious leaders of his day. The great thing is that he just keeps saying his truth, his mission. Just as in the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke’s Gospel, so in our Gospel today there are also two sons. The first son is asked to go into the vineyard, but says “no.” He later changes his mind and goes. The second says “yes sir,” but does not go. Jesus then asks his listeners which of the two did the father’s will. Of course, their correct answer strengthens Jesus’ case against them.

They had seen and heard John and said “no” to and about him and then did not change their minds. John had invited them into the “new vineyard” of which he was the announcer. While they continue to say “no” to Jesus, tax collectors and prostitutes who in former times had said “no” have changed, and are living their “yes.”

Here is essential Christianity. The tax collectors, prostitutes in their pasts, and we too have, in our lives, said “no” to God’s call to “Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.” Perfection is our origin and orientation, but not our practice.

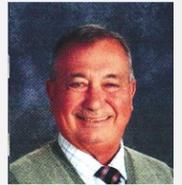
Hypocrites seem not to be able to admit and live with their histories. By our believing in Jesus’ call of mercy we admit our having said “no,” but in another sense, we admit Jesus into our present that we might more eagerly go into his “vineyard.”

With us it is sometimes “yes” and sometimes “no,” but for Jesus it always was, is now, and ever will be, “yes!” Our futures do not redeem our pasts; Jesus is the Redeemer. Our futures will need redeeming as well and Jesus’ “yes!” allows us to walk His ways and not fear our stepping on anybody’s toes nor tripping over our own perfectionistic feet.

So often we say “no” to God’s call, because we hear our fears to trust. With prayer and reflection our actions reverse our natural fearful hesitations and we do “yes.” Trust in God’s love does not do away with our natural timidity. Even when our actions are a fearful “no” Jesus is the eternal redemptive “yes” which frees us to rise again to go into the Owners vineyard.

It's Not  
What  
You Say...**It's  
What  
You Do**

**Breaking  
Open the  
Word: Mat-  
thew 21:28-32**



Deacon Robert  
Koslosky

*In today's par-*  
*able, Jesus com-*

*pares two sons to two groups of people. The first group spoke piously but did nothing; the second group included sinners who eventually acted in faith and repentance. The sin of the virtuous might be their refusal to act, their refusal to believe. The repentance of the sinners revealed their belief and resulted in action.*

**Listen to the Word:** When you read or hear the story of the two sons, who do you identify with? What image lingers in your memory from this reading?

**Look into Your Life:**

**Children:** How do you show your love for Jesus? How do you make the choice of doing good even when the choice is difficult?

**Youth:** Today’s parable reminds us that it isn’t what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions alone?

**Adults:** Can you think of a time when you were like each of the sons in the Gospel?

**Incarnate the Word:** *Choose one of the following activities: Each day for family prayer this week, pray the "Prayer of St. Francis."*

***Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.***

***Where there is hatred, let me sow love.***

***Where there is injury, pardon.***

***Where there is doubt, faith.***

***Where there is despair, hope.***

***Where there is darkness, light.***

***Where there is sadness, joy.***

***Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.***

***For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.***

*... Listen to local/national news or look through the newspaper this week to find stories about people who actively live faith. Encourage family members by thanking them for their kind actions/faith living.*

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## Religious Education Registration Form



Due to the Covid Pandemic, the first two cycles (18 weeks) of religious education will be all **homeschooling**. During the second nine weeks, and depending how the virus is impacting our community, families will be surveyed to gauge the readiness to move into a family model with some direct instruction, a fully-fledged classroom instruction for the final nine weeks, or a combination of both. Our deepest hope is that our 2021-2022 catechetical year would return to “normalcy.”

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 at Saint Teresa of Avila campus is suspended until further notice.***

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone for *Flocknote* Emergency Text \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Regularly Checked E-Mail Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

School District in Which You Reside \_\_\_\_\_

1. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

2. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

4. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

5. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (*in Fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

***If 2<sup>nd</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, please provide copy of baptismal certificate, unless baptized at a Lady of Mount Carmel Parish church. Please check the church of Baptism:***

***Saint Athanasius    Incarnation of the Lord    Saint Sebastian    Saint Teresa of Avila***

Additional Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Parent Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Parent Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Allergies/Health/Developmental Issues \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees - Reduced Rates

**This year's registration fee is \$25.00 per student. This is only to help defray the cost of student texts (both tangible and virtual).**



Mrs. Osekowski  
Principal



## First Grade News!

We are so excited to be back at school with our friends and teachers! We have become experts at wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and social distancing!

We are learning that Kindness is caring about others and doing nice things for them. We will convey the virtue of kindness to others through service projects. We are going to make Baptism cards for the newly baptized members of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish. We are also going to be pen pals with the seminarians in the Diocese. Some of the seminarians are even going to come for lunch and recess with us! Even though this year looks a little different, we are so happy to be back at HCA - learning, helping, and having fun!



Mrs. Koch & Mrs. Sobien