

October 10, 2021 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Pastor's Perspective

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### PARISH STATUS - PART ONE

Last week I listed a number of improvements to our facilities and their approximate cost. Now it's time to **view the bigger picture**.

It's easy to forget **what led to the creation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**. Over the past 5+ years, the four predecessor parishes had completed successful capital campaigns with resulting facility upgrades, merging of the parishes, and enduring the COVID global pandemic. So here is a brief summary of where we came from, where we are now, and where we're going.

#### PAST\*

For many decades, **societal trends** have combined to severely impact the Diocese of Pittsburgh and its parishes (**333** in 1990; **57** when current mergers are completed). Reductions in Mass attendance and marriages and baptisms, the closing or merging of elementary and secondary schools, and other factors, including a sharp reduction in the number of priests, have all contributed to a **gradual, long-term downtrend** in participation in our faith community. Financial contributions have followed suit.

In response to these challenging circumstances, the Diocese responded with *On Mission for the Church Alive!*, a program to **restructure the Diocese** so it could prosper in the future. The impact of the *Church Alive!* initiative on the four predecessor parishes was dramatic, including successful capital campaigns and a merger of our parishes that was finalized in July, 2020.

*\*Next week: Present and Future*

**IN OTHER NEWS:** The **Little Sisters of the Poor** enjoyed their visits to our churches the weekend of September 18 & 19. They were delighted with their collection of **\$7,633.00** and **they send their gratitude to our parish members** for their generosity and warm welcome. Sister Josephine sent a letter of thanks for our contributions that will enable them to "...create many opportunities for the elderly poor to be cared for with the respect and dignity that they deserve."....Stay tuned for more news....

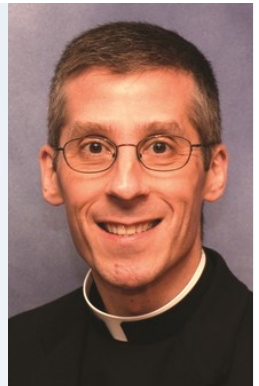
**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** "We trust, sir, that God is on our side. It is more important to know that we are on God's side."

- *Abraham Lincoln*

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

## Father Steve Neff to Speak at Spirit Refill Rosary This Wednesday

This Wednesday, Oct. 13  
7:00 p.m.  
St. Teresa of Avila Church



**Please  
remember  
to bring your  
Rosary!**



Following the Rosary, Rev. Steve Neff, spiritual director at St. Paul Seminary, will provide a presentation entitled, *“Looking At the Blessed Mother’s Photo Album—No Better Way to Get to Know Her SON!”*

## Also This Wednesday: Baptism Preparation Workshop

Our next Baptism Preparation Workshop will take place as an in-person class this Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. near the Baptismal font at St. Sebastian Church. Please call Mary Ann at 412-367-9001, ext. 8419, or email [mcooper@mountcarmelpgh.org](mailto:mcooper@mountcarmelpgh.org) to register.

## Join Us On Friday For “The Chosen,” Episode 3

Each Friday through November 12, we are running an episode of “The Chosen,” the acclaimed television series about the life of Christ, followed by a discussion about the show. Please join us in Schoppol Hall at 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. You’re welcome to join anytime.

If you miss any episodes, you can access them on our parish website following each screening.

We also ask that you reserve your seats at [www.mountcarmelpgh.org/thechosen](http://www.mountcarmelpgh.org/thechosen).

Experience Christ, His Disciples  
and Mary Magdalene As Never Before.

## The CHOSEN

Eight Fridays this fall  
through November 12  
10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Followed by a discussion.

Schoppol Hall  
at St. Teresa of Avila Church

**REGISTER AT**

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# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish



## 40 Days for Life Updates

### Second Collection This Weekend Benefits Respect Life Committee

The second collection at all Masses this weekend supports the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Respect Life Committee. Funds raised help us educate parishioners on pro-life issues and more. Please also stop by the

Respect Life table, located in the narthex of St. Sebastian Church. It will be in place all month.

### Praying at Planned Parenthood Tomorrow (Monday)

Join us tomorrow (Monday, October 11) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue, downtown. We will attend noon Mass at St. Sebastian Church and carpool from there. Or, you can just meet us there. Please contact Dianne at [diannem15237@aol.com](mailto:diannem15237@aol.com).

### Diaper Drive Benefits Catholic Charities

This takes place throughout October. Please drop off diapers and wipes in the designated boxes or playpen at any of our four parish churches. Diapers sized 3-5 are most needed.

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Knights of Columbus Council #14696 members Rich Dovi, Vince Penco and George Shaheen.

## READINGS / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: *Wisdom 7:7-11*

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

### Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-13*

The Word of God exposes the heart.

### Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:17-30*

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

### Mark 10:17-23

"Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, 'Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?' So Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and your mother.' And he answered and said to Him, 'Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth...'"

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## New Parish Library Open

Our new parish library is now open Mondays through Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A few weeks ago we “formally” introduced it via an online *Shepherd's Voice* video in which Father John toured it with parishioner Linda Ludwig, who led a team of volunteers to set it up. Please stop by.

More details are now available at [www.mountcarmelpgh.org/library](http://www.mountcarmelpgh.org/library).



Father John and Linda Ludwig tour the new library for *The Shepherd's Voice*. View the video on our parish website.



## Financial Stewardship / September 2021

September Actual Collection	159,380
2021 Parish Share Assessment	434,575
Actual 2021 Parish Share Collected (thru 9/30/21)	540,846
Over (Under) Parish Share	106,271

**Thank you for your support of our Parish!**

## Beef Raffle After Masses This Weekend

Holy Cross Academy is selling Beef Raffle tickets in the narthexes of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Athanasius churches this weekend. You get four chances to win a half a cow and a \$300 gift card for a grill or freezer! Proceeds benefit the operating budget for Holy Cross Academy. Please support Holy Cross!



## Knights of Columbus Council #13959 Says Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Council #13959 would like to thank all those who responded to their appeal on October 2-3 at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Through your generosity, \$1331 was collected for the Bishop's Project, which benefits the exceptional children of the St. Anthony School program and McGuire Home. May God bless you for helping in this important cause.

## Hymnal for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Gathering Hymn: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: (Refrain)

REFRAIN: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

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### Gloria: Storrington Mass - # 230 Gather Hymnal

### Responsorial Psalm: Your Love Is Finer Than Life

REFRAIN: O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you. Your love is finer than life.

1. As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God.  
And my flesh is faint for the God I seek, for your love is more to me than life. (Refrain)
2. I think of you when at night I rest, I reflect upon your steadfast love.  
I will cling to you, O Lord my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing. (Refrain)
3. I will bless your name all the days I live, I will raise my hands and call on you,  
My joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soul. (Refrain)

Text: Psalm 63: 2, 7-9, 5-6; Marty Haugen; Music: Marty Haugen; © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

### Preparation of the Altar: Let Justice Roll Like a River

REFRAIN: Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away;  
Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us,  
Come now, and make us anew, that we might live justly like you.

1. Take from me your holy feasts, all your offerings and your music;  
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an everflowing stream. (Refrain)
2. How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,  
The day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth? (Refrain)
3. Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of power and riches:  
The Lord will turn your laughter to tears on the wondrous Day of our God. (Refrain)

Text: Amos 5:21-24; 8:4, Micah 4:3-4, 6:8, Joel 2:12-14; Marty Haugen, b.1950; Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

## **Eucharistic Acclamations: Storrington Mass— # 233, 235, 237 Gather**

### **Distribution of Holy Communion: Come to the Water**

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:  
All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
4. All let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:  
Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 55:1,2, Matthew 11:2830; John Foley, SJ, b. 1939; Tune: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939 © 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and OCP

### **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.

### **Sending Forth: All Are Welcome**

1. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

REFRAIN: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

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# Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday October 11 <i>Weekday/ St. John XXIII, Pope</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Audrey, Andrew & David Homza †	William Homza
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Deceased of Wunderly & Lacki Families †	Art & Joan
	12:30 PM	St. Sebastian	<b>Confessions following the 12 PM Mass</b>	
Tuesday October 12 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Marie Hartung †	Sylvon McCarthy
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Carl Goetz †	Dorothy & Charles Goetz
Wednesday October 13 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Jeff Stiehler †	Stiehler Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Larry McGrath †	Yoenst Family
Thursday October 14 <i>Weekday/Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Pat & Ed Dougherty †	Jim & Helen Burnham
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Ruth & Henry Geyer †	McDevitt & Gallagher Families
Friday October 15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	Nancy Dominytus †	Natalie Pleczynski
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Officer Michael Crawshaw †	Jim & Linda Crawshaw
Saturday October 16 <i>Weekday/St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	<b>Confessions</b>	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Deceased of the Bette Family †	Tom & Christine Luchi
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	60th Wedding Anniversary of Paul & Betty Kreutzer	Craig Kreutzer
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
Sunday October 17 <b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	James (Porky) Burke †	Mary Eileen Burke
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Cyrilla Grosjean †	OLMC Christian Mothers
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Raymond & Magdalene † Donatelli †	Donatelli Family
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Christine Bezila †	Husband: Tom



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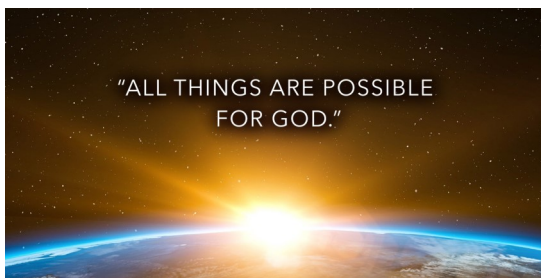
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## Parish Social Ministry



**“For Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs not His  
To the Father through the features of men’s faces.”**

**G.M.Hopkins, SJ**

**BUNDLE UP CLOTHING DRIVE**, SATURDAY, October 23, 9:00 am-noon at St Athanasius Parking Lot. Please consider a donation of gently worn clothing for people of all ages. While you clean out your closets getting ready for winter, you can help those in need. Everyone wins! Sponsored by the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

*“When I was naked, you clothed me.”*

### Four New Junior Ladies of Charity Invested Last Sunday

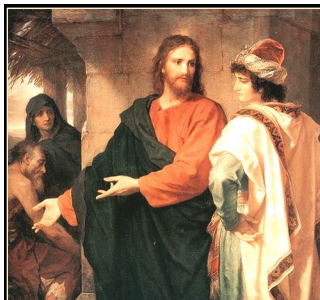
On September 19th, our parish’s Junior Ladies of Charity invested its four new members. Congratulations to Elise Dougherty, Sarah Gill, Madison Hartung, and Joanie Zilaitis, who are now members of the JLOC after demonstrating their commitment to engage in Christian Service on behalf of the Ladies of Charity. Eighth through tenth grade girls interested in more information about joining the JLOC may contact Moderator Mary Ellen O’Boyle at 412-364-0825.



**Food Pantry Needs:** Dishwashing soap, detergent, juice, and Progresso soup. *We especially need paper products.* We have set out two food collection bins 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. Thank you!



Ted Rybka



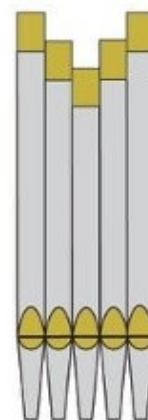
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The author of Wisdom, having been given the spirit of wisdom, rhapsodizes on the greatness of this gift, better than riches, power, and even well-being, which are all transitory. In Hebrews, we hear God's word described as a double-edged sword, ready to penetrate our very being. Jesus' words do so in the Gospel: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." May we allow God's word to penetrate our hearts.

## "THE PIPES, THE PIPES ARE CALLING"

The phrase "the pipes, the pipes are calling" from *Oh Danny Boy* is thought to refer to the sound of the bagpipes which were sounded as a call to arms to the young men of Ireland. Here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the pipes are calling us, too, but they certainly aren't bagpipes.

A few months ago, I wrote about our newly restored classic Rodgers Organ at Incarnation of the Lord, which is worth a few bucks because it was Virgil Fox's touring organ. Many collectors have sought it out which continues to add to the value. Our other three church organs hold some value as well since they are pipe organs. Folks may not realize what a luxury that is these days. Many parishes aren't fortunate enough to have one pipe organ let alone three.



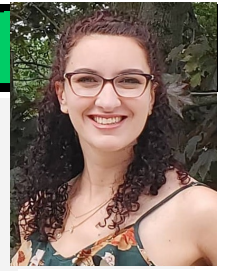
Approximately fifteen years ago, St. Athanasius completed a new organ project consisting of a hybrid pipe/digital combo—one of the finest examples I've ever seen. A year and a half ago, the swell chamber (front and center wall) at St. Sebastian was repaired. This involved work inside the chamber itself as well as restoration of the outside wooden louvers and replacement of the motor that operates the shades. And over the past year, the remaining pipes from McKeesport have been installed at St. Teresa of Avila, completing this decade-long project. In fact, this Monday, October 11th, it will be exactly ten years since the St. Teresa organ was first dedicated.

Part of the merger process is to always assess everything in the parish for insurance purposes. The music department is no exception. We recently had our three pipe organs appraised. You should be pleased to know that our investments have appreciated very well over time. Even though we didn't pay anything close to what they are now worth, the current value of the organ at St. Athanasius is \$378,000. The current value of the organ at St. Sebastian is \$650,000. The current value of the organ at St. Teresa of Avila is \$685,000. **The combined total value of the pipe organs at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish has now climbed to well over 1.7 million dollars.** Wow! Although our musical instruments may have great monetary value, they are worth far more to us in terms of how they assist us throughout our liturgies—and you just can't put a price on our worship. God has been so good to us and we have much to be thankful for.



Deacon Bob  
Koslosky

## Faith Formation



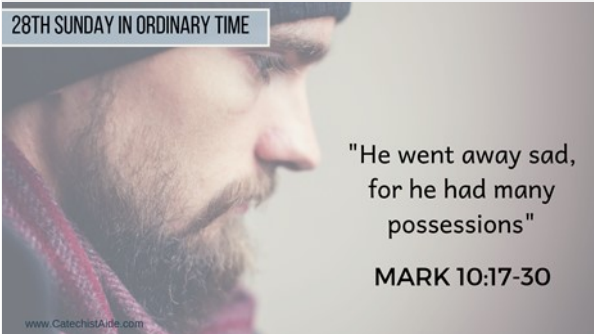
Katie Dorman

### Making God a Priority Breaking Open the Word: Mark 10:17-30

“Come, follow me.” In today’s Gospel from Mark, Jesus meets a rich young man who wishes to share in everlasting life. The young man’s attachment to his possessions prevents him from acquiring the riches of God’s kingdom. Only God can give human beings the ability to let go of everything for the sake of God’s kingdom.

**Listen to the Word:** This is a tough reading. As you hear it, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What do you find problematic?

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Look into Your Life:

**Children:** How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

**Youth:** What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

**Adults:** How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?

**Incarnate the Word:** Choose one of the following activities to further ‘enflesh’ the Sunday readings: The rich young man in today’s Gospel could not let go of his possessions. Hypothetically as a family talk about what it would be like to sell everything you own. Discuss the following: What makes you truly happy? How does God help make all things possible? Sit down with your family and have each person bring his or her purse or wallet. Take a moment for each family member to pull out one thing that is most valuable and one thing that is least valuable. Take turns explaining your choices. As a family, discuss what it means to put God first. Think about the talents your family possesses. Write each one down. Then decide how you can share these “possessions” with others.



**Religious Education is underway!** Our in person program of religious education needs your help! We are in need of interested adults who enjoy children and love to share their faith, but can’t commit to being a weekly catechist for either Sunday or Tuesday classes.

**Become a substitute catechist** and have the flexibility to share faith with our younger parish members when your schedule permits. If you are interested contact Deacon Bob, email or call. Help our children become the best version of themselves!

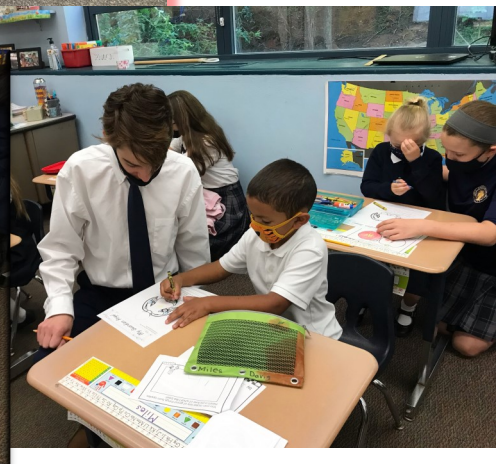
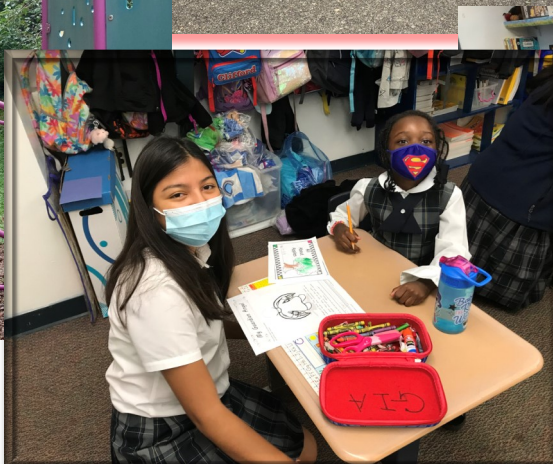
**The image and likeness of God!**



## Kindergarten at HCA is a Great Place to Be!

Kindergarten is definitely off to a great start at Holy Cross Academy! The children are adapting very well to the things we are doing to keep them safe. They wash their hands to a song they have learned, stay 3 feet apart, and wear their masks with a smile we can only see in their eyes. We are grateful for the gorgeous fall weather so we can enjoy the fresh air breaks. It is truly amazing how these children have adapted to this pandemic!

We are well into the school year and some of the things we are learning are to write our numbers, mastering the alphabet, learning sounds, reading site words and just enjoying an environment of somewhat normalcy! **Mrs. Tracy Coll and Mrs. Pat Trettle**



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