SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Communal Baptisms are held every month on the first Sunday at 1:30pm and on the third Saturday at 11:00am (except for Holiday weekends). Register a month or two in advance for Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)
Saturday 1:00pm-2:00pm & Monday 7:00pm-7:30pm (Sept-May)
Other times by pre-arranged appt. with a priest. Communal Penance celebrations (with individual confessions) are celebrated in Advent and Lent and will be announced.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Those who wish to enter the Catholic faith and Catholics who wish to complete the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation are most welcome to begin the journey at any time. Call the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Registered parishioners regularly practicing the Faith at our Parish are welcomed to contact the Rectory one year in advance of a proposed wedding date. Specific dates are only discussed after meeting with a Priest. Couples must attend a pre-Cana program and provide required Sacramental and other documentation.

VOCATIONS
Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at anytime in an emergency and also at parish celebrations during the year. Consult the bulletin for dates. Communion is brought to the sick, the elderly and the homebound by priests of the parish and by Eucharistic ministers. The priests also visit the local hospital regularly. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 11, 2018
November 4, 2018

Dear Members of the Archdiocese of Newark,

The Philadelphia Inquirer and Boston Globe ran a joint article today on the state of sexual abuse in the Church, claiming that as many as 50 bishops have handled sexual abuse cases since 2002 improperly. While the information must be verified, even one situation in which a bishop violated our Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People or did not put victims’ needs first is a grave concern.

The tragedy of this crisis is twofold: the deep and terrible scars caused by sexual abuse by clergy, and the broken trust caused by coverup. The Catholic Church has done much, both nationally and here in our archdiocese, to create safe, healthy, holy environments for our children in our schools and our parishes. Much of the cases being reported today happened decades ago.

But with the resignation of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, we are now realizing that some bishops did not enter into the covenant we call the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People wholeheartedly. This is sinful and unacceptable. It has caused irreparable harm to every priest’s and bishop’s relationship with the faithful. Only intentional acts of restorative justice can help us reform and renew our deeply wounded Church.

I endorse the actions already underway by our US Conference of Catholic Bishops to strengthen the accountability of bishops. After addressing the healing of victims, it is my greatest priority. I have also prioritized a review of the files and procedures of our archdiocese. I intend to ensure we are doing everything we can in this archdiocese to help victims, their loved ones, and their communities to heal from the scourge of clergy sexual abuse. And I am committed to being able to assure you that no clergy in ministry in our archdiocese has any credible allegation of abuse.

In a few weeks, I will be announcing further structural changes and new policies within the Archdiocese of Newark itself—step-by-step reforms that I hope will be embraced by other dioceses throughout the state.

Please pray for me, that I may have the strength and courage to lead our archdiocese, and pray for all who are suffering from the sins of sexual abuse. May Christ use this painful time in our Church to unite us in proclaiming his abundant love.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Archbishop of Newark
STEWARDSHIP
“…I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.” In this excerpt, it’s not the amount that counts, it’s the intention. The poor widow gave all she had, holding nothing back from God. The Christian Steward recognizes God’s generosity in his/her life and desires to give back to God, gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure. Do you hold back?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was $20,476. Today’s title for Sharing Our Gifts will be sent to St. Paul’s Outreach, supporting campus ministry at Seton Hall University. God bless your generosity in support of the work of the Gospel

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS & PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD
Please pick up 2019 Lector Book in the Rectory Office during business hours or in the church vestibule during the weekend Mass schedule.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH—7PM
KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE
(PGC Refresher Course)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH—7PM
If you volunteer with children or vulnerable adults at Mt. Carmel, you are REQUIRED to attend a Protecting God’s Children workshop. OLMC will next offer the certification workshop on Wednesday, November, 28, 2018 at 7PM. Protecting God’s Children must be renewed every FIVE years. The condensed refresher course, Keeping the Promise Alive, will be held at OLMC on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7PM.

Register online at www.virtus.org
Questions may be directed to Liz Tullo: etullo@olmcridgewood.com

SEPARATED & DIVORCED MINISTRY
GUEST SPEAKER THIS TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 13TH 7:30PM
52 PASSAIC STREET, RIDGEWOOD
Lizabeth Croland Sarakin, Esq., a divorce consultant, coach and mediator will be joining us. All are welcome! For more information, email: olmc.sd.ministry@gmail.com

DEADLINES!
Please note the following:
EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES for upcoming bulletins, STARTING TOMORROW!
NOVEMBER 18TH—MONDAY—NOV. 12—4:00PM
NOVEMBER 25TH—FRIDAY, NOV. 16—4:00PM

RCEA — a journey in faith
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Or, are you Catholic but have not yet completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, catechesis, reflection and discussion that allows the continuing discernment of God’s will in our lives. Participants include:

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For more information:
Contact Kevin & Barbara Cheslack-Postava at kevincp@gmail.com or 201.562.5180

OLMC MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS
AN EVENING OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC & TREE LIGHTING
ALL THE CHOIRS AND CANTORS WILL PERFORM
Friday Dec. 14, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Free Will Offering to benefit the Giving Tree

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
WHEN FAMILIES GATHER
NOVEMBER DATES
PARISH CENTER
Monday, November 12 Group B 6:30PM
Sunday, November 18 Group D 10:30AM

ADVENT PRE-K PROGRAM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018
PARISH CENTER MEETING ROOM
10:00AM—11:00AM
ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS!
GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH FOR CHRISTMAS.
Bring your 4-5 year old grandchild to an Advent program at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Saturday morning, December 1st, from 10am-11am in the Meeting Room. The hour class will feature songs, crafts and, of course, the Bible story of The Nativity.

Sign up at the Religious Ed Office
$10 Fee (checks payable to OLMC)

For more information contact:
Adriana DeCandia thedomesticchurch@yahoo.com

ST. JAMES YOGA: “Gentle Flow and Restore”
Sunday Evenings* | 7:30PM | Meeting Room
*Nov. 11 & 25; Dec. 9 & 30

ST. JAMES YOGA TONIGHT!
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH—7:30PM
“GENTLE FLOW AND RESTORE”
PARISH CENTER MEETING ROOM
Your free-will donations further the mission of The Ignatian Spirituality Project. Please join us, to enjoy a “Gentle Flow and Restore” practice: 30 minutes of gentle stretching and flow, followed by 30 minutes of restorative poses.
RSVP to mibolduc@aol.com is appreciated, to manage the appropriate number of props.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MINISTRY
DEVOTION & CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY—FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS

HELP FOR NEW MOMS
Birthright of Bergen County, a crisis pregnancy center dedicated to encouraging and helping women choose life for their babies, is in need of volunteers to share their time and love for God’s miracle of life. Birthright provides community resources, clothes, diapers and financial help to women. Volunteers are needed in the office at 19 W Pleasant Ave, Maywood. We are especially in need of Spanish speaking volunteers. The role of the Birthright volunteer is to greet, help and support mothers-to-be that come in or call in. If you have time and would like to volunteer, please call Mary Pat or Barbara at 201-845-4646.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)
Chapel is open 24/7
Children are welcome!
Let us embrace the whole world with prayer.

Faith is an act of practice of belief in God. Here at OLMC, we are all believers. But how do we increase our Faith? These are just some of the ways we can build up our faith.

1. We need to go to Mass and hear the word of God every week or better yet, everyday. If we are at home or work, go to USCCB.ORG. They have daily reading and video on the homily for the day.

2. Faith needs problems. Problems make us look up to God. Most of the time, problems are blessings because problems drive us to God.

3. We need purpose. Instead of blaming God and asking God why?, we ask God what He wants from us. We ask God what we can learn from what’s happening in our lives.

4. We need perspective. It’s not how big our Faith is, it is how big our God is. In the parable of the mustard seed, it’s not the size of the seed but how big the object of our Faith is. What matters is how big our God is. We need to get out of ourselves and focus on God. We are small but our God is big (e.g. story of King David and Goliath).

5. Sometimes we need to get away from our regular place or way of worship without sacrificing the Holy Mass. We have to keep our faith journey interesting. Go on a pilgrimage/retreat or visit another church from time to time.

6. We need to be surrounded with friends who have strong faith in Jesus.

7. We need to serve God by serving others like feeding the hungry or visiting the sick.

8. We need to count our blessings everyday as gifts from God and to acknowledge that God loves us.

9. We need to spend some regular time with Jesus daily, weekly, whether alone or in community, in quiet or verbal prayers. Better yet come to the Adoration chapel at any time everyday and talk to Jesus. This will definitely deepen our faith.

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel at anytime or better yet, sign up for a regular one hour, once a week every week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. PEA saves souls, including our own souls. Come, join us.

For information in English, call/text/email: Cynthia at 551.574.1063 or cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com
For information in Spanish, call/text/email: Patricia Engel at 201.410.5159 or Camuscitat2@yahoo.com
For information in Korean, call/text: Sophie Youn at 646.943.1293 or hyoyoun@yahoo.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Nov. 11: 12:00NN RCIA (SLLA)
1:00PM Career Resource Min. (PC/A)
1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA)
7:30PM St. James Yoga (MR)

Mon. Nov. 12: 9:00AM MOMs Journal Group (Lib)
9:15AM Spiritual Yoga (MR)
6:30PM WFG Group B (PCA/B)
7:30PM Journey Parent Prayer Svc (Chapel)

Tues. Nov. 13: 3:45PM Jr High 8A (PCA/B, MR, Lib)
4:00PM Rel Ed SM (School, REC, YC)
5:00PM Jr. Choir Practice (Choir Rm)
7:00PM Opus Dei (Chapel, PC/A)
7:00PM Separated & Divorced (YC/A)
7:30PM Adult Choir Practice (Choir Rm)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)

Wed. Nov. 14: 9:00AM MOMs Core Team Mtg. (Library)
3:45PM Jr High Grade 7 Makeup (PCA/B)
4:00PM Rel Ed SM (School, REC, YC)2
7:00PM Rel Ed Home Group Project (MR)
8:00PM Neo Catechumenal (NCW Rms)

Thurs. Nov. 15 6:00PM Baptismal Prep (Library)
7:00PM WCST Team 18 (NCW-D)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (PCA, MR)

Fri. Nov. 16: 9:15AM SALT (Library)
Sat. Nov. 17: 7:30AM Men’s Cornerstone (SMR)
8:00AM WCST Communion Breakfast (PC)
6:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)

PLEAS FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH
Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick, so we can include them in our prayer list.

THIRD THURSDAY MEN’S BREAKFAST
This Thursday—November 15th

The Third Thursday Men’s Breakfast, immediately following the 6:30am Mass, will take place this Thursday, Nov. 15th. Please join us for Mass and a bite to eat, time permitting, attended by one of our priests. If you would like to be placed on an email reminder for this monthly event, contact:

Rich Scalione at nwbma@yahoo.com or 201.444.2585

St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly—Totowa, NJ
The Little Sisters of the Poor
Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale
Saturday, November 17, 2018 | 10AM-4PM
973.942.0300 or www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)
1. 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah’s mission was to win from the royal house of King Ahab an acknowledgement of God as true King of Israel. As long as Ahab proceeded as if he were not accountable to God, he would risk bringing down heavenly judgment, as in the case of the drought Elijah brought down on the kingdom. Journeying to Sidon, the homeland of Ahab’s wicked Queen Jezebel (where there is also drought and famine, as a sign their gods are powerless in the face of Israel’s God), Elijah turns to a poor widow for support. Meeting Elijah’s needs and believing in his assurance of God’s care, her trust is rewarded as God provides for her, her son and the prophet. If only Ahab would do the same.

2. Hebrews 9:24-28

The author describes Jesus’ sacrifice against the background of the celebration of the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. Unlike the High Priest, Jesus enters the sanctuary, the Holy of Holies, with His own blood (shed on the Cross), not the blood of goats. Because of the value of His sacrifice, He enters but once, not year by year, as the High Priest. Having taken away sin, by His sacrifice, when He comes in glory it will be to lead those who believe in Him to salvation.

3. Mark 12:38-44

Mark places this episode near the end of Jesus’ earthly life. It raises the question: who really serves God? The religious leaders, the rich, or a simple and poor widow? Among the first group, Jesus continues his constant confrontation with hypocrisy, as opposed to authentic discipleship. What are the signs of the former? Public displays, public recognition, special honors. For the second group, the value of the gift is not measured by its quantity but by the interior service to God it symbolizes.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Are you a giver or a taker? Sometimes? Half the time? Most of the time?
2. Have you ever experienced “poor” people as freer and more generous?
3. Would you call yourself generous? Do you trust the Lord will provide?

NEXT WEEKEND’S PRESIDERS

Sat. 11/17 5:30PM Fr. Tony
Sun. 11/18 8:00AM Fr. Robert
9:30AM Fr. Kevin
11:00AM Fr. Ron
12:30PM Fr. Robert
3:00PM Fr. Kevin
6:30PM Fr. Tony

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00NN on the Saturday of that weekend.