COME WORSHIP WITH US

Weekends
Saturday:  5:30 pm
Sunday:  8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am
12:30 pm, 3:00 pm (Spanish) and 6:30 pm

Weekdays
6:30 am, 8:30 am and 12:00 noon
Saturdays:  8:30 am

Holy Days
Eve:  7:30 pm (anticipated)
6:30 am, 8:30 am, and 12:00 noon
Dear Friends,

This is a weekend for two celebrations and an announcement. Yesterday (Saturday), the Archbishop ordained seven new priests for service of the Church of Newark. Ordinations remind me to ask all of you to pray for vocations. The materialistic world is a tremendous lure. Against the noise of this world, the Lord speaks a call to serve in His Church. But that call needs to be recognized and to be heard. Pray for that, that those to whom the Lord is speaking will be able to hear His Voice against the noise of this world. I see generous hearts all around, like the teenagers in our Confirmation program who engage in all manner of service projects. But they need to hear first. Pray that they do. And pray for these seven new priests that God will help them be true servants of Jesus Christ, in love with Him and the people to whom they are sent. And pray for the Church, under the leadership of Pope Francis, that it may be ever more holy, ever more conscious of the Lord’s presence and ever more courageous in announcing Jesus as Lord through their ministry. And along with all of them, pray for those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of helping men discern that call to serve in the church as priests. I especially commend to your prayers, Fr. Gino de la Rama who has accepted a new assignment as Director of the Office of Vocations and will be leaving Mount Carmel next month. It falls to Fr. Gino and the Vocations Office to recruit new candidates for the priesthood and to help them discern the call of the Lord to serve in His Church. You will be hearing more about this change in the next few weeks.

As you might have just guessed, this is also the time for the assignment of the newly ordained priests and the newly ordained deacons, and the re-assignment of priests throughout the Archdiocese. I have been informed of the assignment of Fr. Antonio Kuizon as the new Parochial Vicar at the parish, replacing Fr. Gino and the assignment of Rev. Mr. (Deacon) Jakov Vidov, as a transitional deacon for the coming year. The transitional deacons are those who will be ordained priests one year from now. More about these two men in the coming weeks as well.

At the same time, two other members of the parish staff will be leaving, Melissa Peters, from the position of Assistant Parish Catechetical Leader and Kim Birdsall, from the position of Director of Jr. High Youth Ministry. We are sorry to see all three of them leaving and we wish them well. More information will be forthcoming about a day and time for proper recognition of their contributions to the life of the parish.

The second celebration is tomorrow, Memorial Day. It is the special day set aside by the nation to remember all those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom, and the other precious gifts we enjoy as a free people. These men and women, from all the wars our nation fought, answered the call to look at life in a larger way, beyond their homes, families and work. They were asked to see that life cannot be measured by what I have, or even what concerns or affects me; but to see, at times, I need to...
acknowledge that I am part of a wider world, and what happens “out there” also impacts me.

These men and women made the supreme sacrifice in giving their lives, sometimes in causes they may not have fully understood. But, by their sacrifice, they secured a way of life for us and we now reap the benefits of our national heritage because of them. And the call to serve, with the same risk, continues to be made and men and women continue to offer the same supreme sacrifice. And let’s not forget those men and women wounded in our most recent military wars, those who bear the physical and psychological scars of those wars and have returned home to face a bleak future, even in hospitals which, apparently, aren’t serving them in the way they deserve to be cared for. We need to be attentive to every opportunity to assist them, and with more than our prayers.

Take time out on Monday to remember the dead, either at our special Memorial Day Mass at 8:30 AM, or at the program in Van Neste Square Park, or in some other way. Be inspired by them and learn from them that we do not live our lives just for ourselves.

Happy weekend, everyone.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

**STEWARDSHIP**

“I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do… I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.” In His priestly prayer in today’s Gospel Jesus teaches us that He has accomplished the work the Father gave Him and has given that work to His disciples and they have accepted it. The Christian Steward understands that his/her work is the very work given by Jesus and he/she uses gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure to accomplish that work. Do you know you have been given works to do by Jesus?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was $18,407. This week’s tithe for Sharing Our Gifts will be used in support of the From Houses to Homes project, building homes for the poor in Guatemala. God bless all who are generous in doing the “works of God.”

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS TOMORROW**

There will be no Monday evening Confessions during the summer months, beginning with this Monday, May 29th. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be available on Saturdays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

**RESPECT LIFE MEETING—MONDAY, JUNE 5th**

For those afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill their hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need; We pray to the Lord.

Join us at a Respect Life Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:30pm. Guest speaker, Maggie Sori, to speak on 20/20 Project of LIFE.NET. Location to be announced.
Information Meeting to be held in the Parish Center on:

PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER, 2017, are requested to attend the Parents with a child planning on entering the Confirmation or volunteer your time, please visit www.bit.ly/homelessretreat

Grand Prize $25,000 with 10 Consolation Prizes of $500/each!

Drawing—Sunday, June 11th

Look for Academy families at the doors of the church after all Masses the weekend of June 3rd & 4th. Tickets are also available at www.academyofourlady.org, the school office, 201.445.0622 and in the Mt. Carmel Rectory office Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION—2018

JUNE 12TH IN THE PARISH CENTER

Parents with a child planning on entering the Confirmation Program in September, 2017, are requested to attend the Information Meeting to be held in the Parish Center on:

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 10:00AM OR 7:30PM

Candidates should not attend.—ONLY PARENTS.

Homeless Retreat Ministry Launches with First Retreat for Men

Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners, OLMC sponsored its first retreat for 10 homeless men in April at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Morristown. The overnight retreat invited the men to share their experiences that led them to homelessness and drug use. They spoke about their hopes and fears, spent time in prayer with scripture, and enjoyed the peace and serenity of the grounds. As one participant shared, “I haven’t stood on grass in over two years”, referring to his time walking the paved streets of Paterson, New Jersey. The personal stories of faith the men experienced through adversity were powerfully shared with the three parishioners who led the retreat: Nick Aninos, Ramon Hache, and Joe Roche.

This new ministry is due to the generosity of so many parishioners who have come together to give men (and soon women) time away to explore their relationship with God. Parishioners have provided over $11,000 to support two retreats (one for men, and one for women) along with the necessary training and support required to run a retreat for people who may struggle with very challenging issues such as drug addiction, chronic pain and disabilities, and mental illness. Volunteer parishioners drove men from their temporary housing in Paterson to and from the retreat center in Morristown. Other parishioners overwhelmed them with generous care packages that included NJ transit passes, gift cards to food franchises, and toiletries. A Confirmation class joined the men in solidarity by staying up in the evening outside in cardboard boxes on the parish grounds and raising money for this ministry. They also wrote personal letters to the participants, which was a particularly touching experience for several of the men retreatants. And one family led a color day at Academy of Our Lady, where school kids can elect not to wear their school uniform, opt for more casual clothes, and donating money to the Homeless Retreat Ministry.

The retreat provided an opportunity for the men to connect with others and their God. Some of the comments made were: “I realize without God I can’t survive”, “I need to slow down and let God tell me where to go”, “I learned it’s not about me at all. It’s about others and God”, “This retreat helped me to connect with God”, and “I found myself”.

In July, the parish will sponsor its second retreat for homeless women July 18-19. The Homeless Retreat Ministry hopes to continue to expand its efforts and grow from one retreat each for men and women to two retreats per year. We also plan to rotate parishioners into this ministry to facilitate the retreats. With the continued generosity of parishioner’s time and the willingness to financially support this ministry in the future, we hope to continue to grow this effort to respond to Pope Francis’ invitation to go to the margins and accompany others. If you would like to contribute to this ministry or volunteer your time, please visit www.bit.ly/homelessretreat

RELI GIOUS EDUCATION

Registration: Registration is currently closed for the Summer Program, When Families Gather, and Home Groups. Registration for the School Model Program remains open, but there is a $50 late fee.

Catechists Needed: If you are interested in being a volunteer Religious Education teacher (catechist) in either our summer or weekly School Model Programs, please contact Melissa Peters at mpeters@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.0211 x401.

EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

Join Father Gino and the Young Adult Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark July 7th through July 16th on a hiking pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Saint James. A life-changing experience like no other, El Camino de Santiago de Compostela has been a destination for pilgrims for over 1,000 years. Do something different this summer! All young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome! See the Young Adult Ministry page on the parish website for details.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTICADORATION (PEA)
Chapel is open 24/7—Children are welcome!  
Let us embrace the whole world with prayer.

June 18-Blessed 15th Year Anniversary of PEA
Procession of the Holy Eucharist after the 12:30 Mass
Reception in the Parish Center Immediately Following

It is only by God's grace and by the intercession of our Blessed Mother that we are celebrating our 15th year anniversary today. What a blessing!!! But for every blessing, there is a corresponding responsibility. Kudos to all the Scheduled Adorers, Substitutes and Coordinators. The Adorers have been faithful and diligent in their scheduled hours of Adoration, We all treasure our hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us all keep it up for the Glory of God and for our transformation and sanctification as well as for all of our loved ones and all of mankind.

Interested in PEA? Please sign up. Want to be an Hour Coordinator, a Division Leader, or a Head Coordinator? Please step up. This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord.

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for everyone to come in at anytime to pray to Jesus. Better yet, sign up for a regular one hour once a week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. Join us in this wonderful and profound spiritual act of worship.

Please do not forget to come to the Procession of the Holy Eucharist as well as to celebrate our 15th year at the Parish Center. Bring your family and friends.

Scheduled Adorers Needed

- Sunday: 2-3AM (URGENT);
- Monday: 6-7AM, 11PM-12midnight (URGENT);
- Wednesday: 2-3AM (URGENT); 5-6PM; Friday: 9-10AM;
- Saturday: 5-6AM (URGENT)

Morning, Noon, Evening and Midnight substitutes.

For information in English, call/text/email
Cynthia at 551.574.1063 or cynthiabtorees@yahoo.com
For information in Spanish, call/email
Patricia Engel at 201.410.5159 or Camuscatt@yahoo.com

GREEN KNIGHTS BASKETBALL CAMP
St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site of the 29th annual Green Knights Basketball Camp this summer for boys ages 9 to 15. The camp runs in three sessions: July 10-14; July 17-21; and July 24-28. The camp day is from 9:00am-3:00pm. (Note: Friday dismissal at Noon). Great fun & competition… guest lecturers… free basketball & player jersey to each camper! Please call 201.391.3300 for camp applications and further information or visit www.sjmj.org.

BISHOP GEORGE AHR/ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL
To Celebrate its 50th Anniversary
Calling all alumni! If you have not provided us with your most recent contact information, please email/call us now at dchippendale@bgahs.org or 732.549.1108 x605 so we may keep you informed of events planned for this milestone celebration.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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PLEASE PRAY 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.

World Apostolate of Fatima
Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine
674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ
First Saturday, June 3, 2017
"You at least try to console me..."

Honor the plea of Our Lady on December 10, 1925 requesting First Saturdays for five consecutive months. For a full schedule of the day, visit www.wafusa.org or call 908.689.1700 x210

TRUE LOVE WAITS SEMINAR
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017 – 8:45AM-2:30PM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – MONTCLAIR
LIFENET will present a training seminar for adult youth leaders, teachers, and parents called "True Love Waits" – a program to empower young people to save sex for marriage. Be trained to bring this 5-session program to your youth group or high school/junior high age students. Discover how to use this program, which includes skits, videos and discussions, to help you communicate the message of sexual purity to youth in an interesting and positive way. For more information, or visit www.lifeneteducation.org or call 973.497.4500
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY’S READINGS

This short excerpt of only three verses leaves the reader hanging, something not finished, as perhaps the author intended. Two things sharpen the focus. The mention of the Sabbath journey brings to mind that the apostles still operate within their Judaic background. They are still children of Abraham. But they go to the upper room where they wait and pray. No longer in fear, but now in anticipation, their faith is strengthened as witnesses to the Risen Lord.

2. 1 Peter 4:13-16
Suffering has become a way of life for the community to which this letter is addressed. The author doesn’t just ask the reader to put up with it. He encourages them to unite that suffering with the suffering of Jesus, who suffered first. In doing so, believers become participants in God’s plan of salvation. Even this is not enough; the author goes on to advise believers to rejoice when they suffer for Christ. Then the Spirit of glory and of the Father will rest upon them.

3. John 17: 1-11
The final part of the Last Discourse of Jesus is His priestly prayer to the Father, excerpted as today’s Gospel. The whole prayer consists in a series of petitions highlighting the themes of glory, love, the fragile disciples, Jesus’ gift of Himself and, finally, the revelation of God. In these verses Jesus prays for glory, both God’s glory and His own glorification. In having completed the work the Father gave Him, the Father is glorified in the glory of Jesus because of the intimate Father-Son relationship. Having accepted this revelation because they have accepted Jesus, the disciples themselves become the object of Jesus’ prayer. In accepting Jesus, they show themselves to be God’s gift to Jesus, Who now prays for their protection.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Peter advises to deal with suffering with acceptance and even joy. How do you feel about that?
2. When have you sensed that you share in Jesus’ mission?
3. Do you find the energy, commitment and enthusiasm needed to be a part of that mission? Where?

NEXT WEEKEND’S PRESIDERS

Sat. 6/3  5:30PM  Fr. Gino
           8:00AM  Fr. Robert
           9:30AM  Fr. Robert
           11:00AM Fr. Kevin
           12:30PM Fr. Ron
           3:00PM  Fr. Kevin
           6:30PM  Fr. Gino

Sun. 6/4  8:00AM  Fr. Robert
         9:30AM  Fr. Robert
         11:00AM Fr. Kevin
         12:30PM Fr. Ron
         3:00PM  Fr. Kevin
         6:30PM  Fr. Gino

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