

The Parish Family of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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WELCOME

*We the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
believe in Jesus Christ and embrace his teachings.
Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we accept His call to be
the Light of the World through Word, Worship,
Community Building and Service to all.*

DECEMBER 10, 2017

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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist
appeared in the
desert proclaiming
a baptism of
repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.

- Mk 1:4



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Dear Friends,

As I mentioned last week, I have been on retreat all week and so I turn my column over to five young people who share their reactions to their attendance at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis a couple of weekends ago.

During my time in Indianapolis, I was astounded by the sheer amount of young people who chose to travel from all over the country to take part in this event. Some kids came from within the state of Indiana, while others came from Alaska, California, New Orleans, Louisiana and so many more places. Before the trip, I expected to be surprised by the amount of people there, but the real shock was when all ~25 thousand of us sat down for mass, on the last night. Just the idea that 25 thousand teenagers, just like me, all made the decision to take 2 days off of school, forfeit any other weekend plans, travel to a city (brand new to most of us,) all for the one thing every single person shared, their faith. I am so grateful that I had a Church and Youth Group willing to take the 14 hour bus ride to make this pilgrimage.

Liam Shea

I recently spent a long weekend in Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference. Walking into Lucas Oil Stadium that first time was one of the most surreal moments of my life. I was in a room full of over 20,000 people, yet I could safely say we all had one thing in common: our faith. Throughout the NCYC weekend I met people from all around the country and heard the many different experiences each person has had in their own parish. I spent each day listening to inspirational stories from both successful adults to teenagers just like me. Each person had a different reason as to why they were there. Some felt they already had a strong faith in God, some felt that they had lost the connection and needed to get it back. I went to two workshops a day and each one had a unique perspective as well as a lesson to be learned. Everyone was happy to be there and everyone knew the importance of a once in a lifetime trip like this. For those four days we all felt a part of something so special, and I will never forget the sense of belonging I felt when surrounded by 20,000 people who share the same faith as me.

Laura Dever

For me, this experience was life-changing. I had heard great things about NCYC from people who attended it two years ago; however all of the expectations I had were beyond exceeded. It was amazing to see 25,000 people like me gathered in one place who were all extremely passionate about our Catholic faith and understood the true importance of it. Each keynote speaker inspired me in different ways and helped me look at my faith in a new way through powerful analogies. For example, a nun who spoke to us compared our lives to a baseball career. She said we shouldn't define our lives based on the strikeouts because there is a much bigger picture and purpose. In addition, each workshop I attended was unique and

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provided me with several messages that helped me better understand my faith and grow my relationship with God. One of the most astounding things I encountered on this trip were the people I came across while walking around the thematic village. Although they weren't keynote speakers, they made a huge impact on me. The passion they have for their faith and the genuine kindness in their hearts gave me an entirely new outlook on my life and further inspired me to be the best person I can be and live in God's image every day of my life.

Callie Orsini

While waiting for the bus at Kearny prior to our departure for NCYC, I was filled with excitement and also suspicion about what was in store. Being a senior, I knew that I couldn't miss such a unique experience and was wholeheartedly ready to strengthen my relationship with God. I knew there was more to my faith and wanted to see what it would feel like to be fully immersed in it. The weekend was very moving and emotional to me. Through intelligent presenters, eye-opening workshops, inspirational key note speakers and beautiful music, I found myself in a way I never had before. There is nothing as powerful as praying in a stadium with 25,000 other teenagers. I am so incredibly thankful for the opportunity I had to attend NCYC and to have such an important role model as Glen in my life. I will forever remember the friends I made, the relationships I strengthened, the funny moments my youth group experienced together and most of all, the genuine happiness I felt. The numerous pins and goofy hats were fun and allowed me to talk to others from across the nation and the various songs that were performed are still playing in my head. I am so lucky to call youth group my home and those involved my family. Now that we are back from Indianapolis, it is now our job to go out and spread the love.

Olivia Loccke

Looking back on NCYC and thinking about all the fun I had, a few things that stuck with me is the amazing atmosphere and how kind everyone one was to each other. It was so fascinating to see how amazing and inspiring the speakers were during the conference. I would like to thank Glen's hard work that he put in to make this happen.

Stephen Pfeiffer

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

Morning prayer will be held Monday-Friday at 6:00am in the lower level of the school building. Enter through the rear door

**CALLING ALL
SANTA'S HELPERS!**



We will decorate the church for the Feast of the Nativity on **Friday, December 22nd**, immediately following the **8:30am Mass**. We would be grateful for anyone who can help—even for a little while—with stringing lights, climbing ladders, arranging poinsettias, etc. Please contact Peggy Frazza at pfrazza@olmcridgetwood.com or 201.444.2000 x205



TODAY—DECEMBER 10TH—1:00PM
PARISH CENTER
"INTERVIEW,
CULTIVATE OFFERS & NEGOTIATE"

Every discussion with a hiring manager should be considered an interview. Your role in the discussion is to position your skills, talents and experience as a solution to the challenges they face in their organization. Your task is to cultivate an offer by helping the hiring manager see you in that role, and eventually make you an offer.

Email Carol Shea, carol.shea@att.com or Tom Lewis, tomlewis812@aol.com with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." Mark tells us in the opening of his Gospel, quoting the prophet Isaiah. We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too. For the Christian Steward, that holiness shows itself in our gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** for the building of the Kingdom.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$19,628. Today's collection is already dedicated. No tithe is taken. Below is the monthly Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 Sundays of November, including the weekly e-giving of \$6166. You will also find the tithes for the month for **Sharing Our Gifts**. God bless all who generously support the works of the Gospel.

11/5	\$24,826	11/19	\$26,307.
11/12	\$22,828.	11/26	\$27,570.

TITHES

11/5 Already a dedicated collection. No tithe is taken.
11/12 \$2,282 *Owen's Army/The Jimmy Fund.*
11/19 Already a dedicated collection. No tithe is taken.
11/26 \$2,757 *Ridgewood Social Services and Center for Food Action*

SHARING TREE

The Sharing Tree has been set up again this year. Gifts will be provided for the Nurturing Place and St. Mary's in Jersey City, St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa, Raphael Life House in Elizabeth, Good Counsel in Suffern, and the LifeWay Network which provides housing for survivors of human trafficking. We are also providing gifts for families and individuals in Ridgewood and our surrounding community.



*Please take a tag from the tree and return your wrapped gift with the tag attached by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th**. It helps if you return the gift to the Rectory but you may also leave your gift under the tree.*

Please call **Anne Denyeau at 201.970.1798** if you have any questions or know of anyone who could use some help this Christmas.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHEN FAMILIES GATHER

Sunday, December 10 Group D Parish Center
Monday, December 11 Group B Parish Center

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION—JANUARY 7TH

If you have registered with the parish from October 2016 to the present, look for an evite from mahblau@aol.com for you and your family to attend a complimentary buffet breakfast in the Parish Center. Questions may be directed to Ellin Carroll at 201.444.2434 or at ellterry2@verizon.net.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALE

Proceeds support our youth program

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 10 - 8:30am to 2pm
Monday, Dec. 11 - 10am - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm
Tuesday, Dec. 12 - 10am - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 10am to 5pm

WHERE: Youth Center (located in School Building)

ORNAMENTS ~ JEWELRY ~ ROSARIES ~ ANGELS
BOOKS FOR ALL AGES ~ TOYS ~ PUZZLES
STATUES ~ CRUCIFIXES ~ NATIVITY SETS
FISHER PRICE NATIVITY ` STOCKING STUFFERS
and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Knights of Columbus Council #1736

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 1:30PM-4:00PM

The K of C will hold their annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th from 1:30pm-4:00pm in the Parish Center. The afternoon will include lunch, music and entertainment, as well as a visit and gifts from Santa! All Seniors are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Mike Megnin, 201.689.0562 or Mark Stappenbeck, 201.444.3346.

ATTENTION LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

Pick up your 2018 Lector Book in the rectory during normal business hours or in the front sacristy after weekend Mass.



AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

The words of Advent echo down the centuries to us today: "Prepare the way of the Lord, Make straight his paths."

One way to prepare and make straight the Lord's way into your hearts and into your homes is to decide today to participate in Cornerstone 2018. Cornerstone is a spiritual and social experience for women who seek a special community. This one-day retreat is sure to make a difference in your life. All you need to bring to this experience is an open heart.

<http://tinyurl.com/WC2018Retreat>

Questions: Email:

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Leah Sonnick: leahsonnick@hotmail.com; 551.999.4870

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

RECONCILIATION

PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER
7:30PM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY, 23 DECEMBER
1:00 – 3:00PM

NO CONFESSIONS CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00PM

4:00PM (Auditorium)

5:30PM

5:30PM (Auditorium)

7:00PM

Carols begin at 11:30PM

MIDNIGHT

MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:00AM

12:30PM

12:30PM (Spanish—Auditorium)

NO 6:30PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, NEW YEAR'S EVE

6:30PM Mass for the Sunday Obligation

MONDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY

(Mary, Mother of God—Not an obligation this year)

8:30AM

10:00AM

12:00NN

3:00PM (Spanish Mass)

NO 6:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

****Attention 7th and 8th Graders****

JR. HIGH SOCIAL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH | 7PM—9PM | YOUTH CENTER

GAMES! CRAFTS! SNACKS! FELLOWSHIP!

ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

Christmas Sweaters encouraged!

PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA & ITALY

JULY 5—17, 2018

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: FR. IVAN SCIBERRAS

For more information and reservations, go to:

www.bravotours.com

or email Lou Dinella at lou@bravotours.com

ATTENTION BULLETIN CONTRIBUTORS

Please note the upcoming early submission deadlines!

Dec. 17th Issue—Deadline **TOMORROW**, Dec. 11th

Dec. 24th Issue—Deadline Friday, Dec. 15th

Dec. 31st Issue—Deadline Wednesday, Dec. 20th

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

Chapel is open 24/7
Children are welcome!
Let us embrace the whole world with prayer.

**PEA CHRISTMAS GATHERING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND—7:00PM
STONY HILL INN HACKENSACK, NJ**



PEA Christmas Dinner Dance! All are welcome! Bring your family and friends. It's our 15th year. Let's be festive!
Cost: \$60/person. **RSVP by sending your check, payable to OLMC (with PEA Stony Hill on the memo line), no later than Wednesday, December 20th, to:**

Cynthia Torres, 618 Bartell Place, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
Any additional donation you may consider to assist with expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Scheduled Adorers needed:

Sunday: 12noon-1pm (**urgent**), 5-6pm; Monday: 9am-10am;
Wednesday: 6am-7am, **9am-10am (urgent)**,
11pm-12 midnight (**urgent**);
Friday: 12midnight-1am, 2pm-3pm, 3pm-4pm;
Saturday: 6pm-7pm

For information in English, call/text/email
Cynthia at 551.574.1063 or cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com
For information in Spanish, call/email
Patricia Engel at 201.410.5159 or Camuscat2@yahoo.com

ST. MARY'S CHURCH | 20 LEGION PLACE | CLOSTER, NJ
A special Mass and support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at St. Mary's in Closter on **Saturday, December 16th at 12:00 noon**. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly infected with the abuse of alcohol or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201.768.7565. *At this mass we are asking for donations of any clothing, especially coats and packages of socks. Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas.*

REBOOT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH—7:00-9:30PM

ST. CATHERINE OF BOLOGNA PARISH—RINGWOOD, NJ
FEATURING CHRIS STEFANICK, internationally acclaimed speaker, author & TV host. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization.

Info/Tkts: RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot

**MASSES CELEBRATED FOR THE DIFFERENTLY-ABLED
NATIVITY CHURCH—MIDLAND PARK**

Nativity Parish will celebrate a monthly Mass for the differently-abled members of our community. All are welcome!

Sunday, December 24, 2017—5:30PM (Christmas Eve)
Sunday, January 14, 2018—9:00AM
Sunday, February 11, 2018—9:00AM
Sunday, March 11, 2018—9:00AM
Sunday, April 8, 2018—9:00 AM
Sunday, May 13, 2018—9:00 AM (Reception after Mass)

For more information, contact Janet at janetlynnnec@yahoo.com or 201.444.6362

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. Dec. 10:** 10:30AM WFG Group D (PCA/B)
10:45AM Rel Ed SM (School, REC)
11:00AM RCIA (SLLA)
1:00PM Career Resources Meeting (MR)
2:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
4:15PM Spanish Christmas Party (PCA)
- Mon. Dec. 11:** 9:30AM Spiritual Yoga (MR)
11:00AM WCST (Library)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
6:30PM WFG Group B (PCA/B)
- Tues. Dec. 12:** 9:45AM MOMs Coffee & Playgroup (PCB)
3:45PM Jr. High 7D (PCA/B, MR, SMR, Lib)
4:00PM Choir Practice (Choir Rm)
4:00PM Rel Ed SM (School, REC)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:45PM Opus Dei (Chapel, PCA)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms, MR)
- Wed. Dec. 13:** 9:00AM Neo-Catechumenal (REC 3FI)
3:45PM Jr High 8th Grade Make up (PC-All)
4:00PM Rel Ed SM (School, REC)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:00PM Jr High Lock-in Team Mtg (SLLA)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)
- Thur. Dec. 14:** 4:00PM Ms. Liz's Rel Ed (REC 1FI)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:30PM WCST Team 18 Mtg (REC 1FI)
- Fri. Dec. 15:** 9:30AM Neo-Catechumenal (REC 3FI)
5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
7:00PM Jr High Social (SLL)
- Sat. Dec. 16:** 7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (SMR)
2:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym)
6:30PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW-All)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Luke Abbadessa, Joey Arcilla, Kevin Bombace, Russ Burnside, Francis Cabrera, Josefa Calero, Peter Colgan, Maria De la Rosa, Maria Angelica Delgado, Maria Garate, Michael Harcher, Lauren Harpster Hines, James E. Hough, Carl King, Anna Lobascio, Beverly Magner, Tristan Morris, Joseph Pasculli, Troy Pelfrey, III, Kerri Prettitore, Adele Rivas, Christopher Roddy, Rose Marie Rutz, Francis Savage, Luke Schwendeman, Tommy Shea, Kenny Sheehan, Joseph Sidote, Mark Steppe, Susan Sullivan, Tim Tileston, Patricia Uzzalino, Antonina Turdo Volpé, Christina Volpé.

Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick, so we can include them in our prayer list.



**REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY PRESENTS
A CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Dec. 15th - 6:00pm or Dec. 16th - 1:30pm
672 Passaic Avenue, Kearny, NJ**

Enjoy a wonderful concert where our own Deacon Jakov will direct one number and have a featured solo in another! Scaled Ticket Cost: \$50/each for single tickets—or \$40/each (for 3 tkts); \$35/each (for 4-9 tkts); \$30/each (for 10+ tkts)

For more information or tickets, contact Fr. Kevin at kwaymel@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.2000 x202

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

- Monday, Dec. 11th** *Saint Damasus I, Pope*
 + **6:30AM Richard Medaska**
 req Joan & Jack Miller
 + **8:30AM Bridget Brody**
 req The McDowell Family
 +**12:00NN Eileen & Barbara Wells**
 req The Wells Family
- Tuesday, Dec. 12th** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 + **6:30AM Bob Tagliabue**
 req The Rollins Family
 + **8:30AM Cynthia Hartmann**
 req Barbara & Jeff Dorsey
12:00NN Special Intention of Matthew Frazza
 req His Family
- Wednesday, Dec. 13th** *Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*
6:30AM Special Intention of the Gozdz & Rieger Families
 req Lucy Rieger
 + **8:30AM Fortuna Genot**
 req Michelle & Joel Lustberg
 +**12:00NN Edward McDonald**
 req The Orzetti Family
- Thursday, Dec. 14th** *Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
 + **6:30AM Joan Brophy**
 req Linda & Kevin Brophy
 + **8:30AM Richard A. Medaska**
 req Louise Gervolino
 +**12:00NN Anna Picinic-Stjepanova**
 req Her granddaughter, Marija Picinic-Lizzi
- Friday, Dec. 15th**
 + **6:30AM Robert Fitzgerald**
 req Kathleen & Gardner Yeaw
 + **8:30AM John Brody**
 req The McDowell Family
 +**12:00NN Joseph G. Fearon**
 req Kathleen E. Fearon
- Saturday, Dec. 16th**
 + **8:30AM Nellie Hennelly**
 req Margaret Campbell
5:30PM For the People of the Parish
- Sunday, Dec. 17th** *Third Sunday of Advent*
 + **8:00AM Moya McEnroe**
 req Monica & Ed McCabe
 + **9:30AM Deceased Members of the Simonetti & Bohan Families**
 req The Family
 +**11:00AM Anna & Jacob Rutz**
 req Rose Marie Rutz
 +**12:30PM Peter J. Fearon**
 req Kathleen E. Fearon
3:00PM Special Intention of Leopoldo & Giuseppina DiMartino
 req Alicia Di Martino
 + **6:30PM Moya McEnroe**
 req Jean & John Boyle

TODAY'S READINGS

- 1. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**
 Chapter 40 begins the *Book of Comfort*. The first thirty nine chapters of Isaiah constituted a warning to Israel about the consequences of its infidelity, resulting in exile and deprivation. The prophet has now received a different commission, announced in the twice-repeated opening of today's reading – to give comfort to the people. Even in the throes of their most desperate struggles, God's presence brings good news: peace, reconciliation and restoration would come to a people once they had learned through repentance to be receptive to God's word.
- 2. 2 Peter 3:8-14**
 Of all of the New Testament writings, 2 Peter speaks most realistically to our present world, located as we are between the first and the final comings of Jesus. Probably the last-written of all the New Testament writings, this letter acknowledges the difficulty of believing in and waiting for the 2nd Coming. The author explains that human calendars have no relevance to God and that this "time" offers a continued opportunity for repentance. When the time comes, God will purify the world and renew all creation.
- 3. Mark 1:1-8**
 As mentioned last week, Mark begins his Gospel with a straight-forward profession of faith, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark wants the reader to know that he fully recognizes the divinity of Jesus even though his story will portray the humanity of Jesus more radically than any of the other Gospels. John the Baptist is introduced as the precursor, preparing the people by calling them to a baptism of repentance. Likened to Elijah (by clothing and diet), the Baptist, nonetheless, acknowledges he is not the Messiah; another will come who will be.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. When my life seems like a desert, do I take "comfort" in my Shepherd-God?
2. Which of Isaiah's strong images (in the 1st Reading) strikes me the most now in my life?
3. How might I be a joyful "herald of good news" this Advent?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat.	12/16	5:30PM	Fr. Robert
Sun.	12/17	8:00AM	Fr. Kevin
		9:30AM	Fr. Ron
		11:00AM	Fr. Tony
		12:30PM	Fr. Tony
		3:00PM	Fr. Kevin
		6:30PM	Fr. Robert

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