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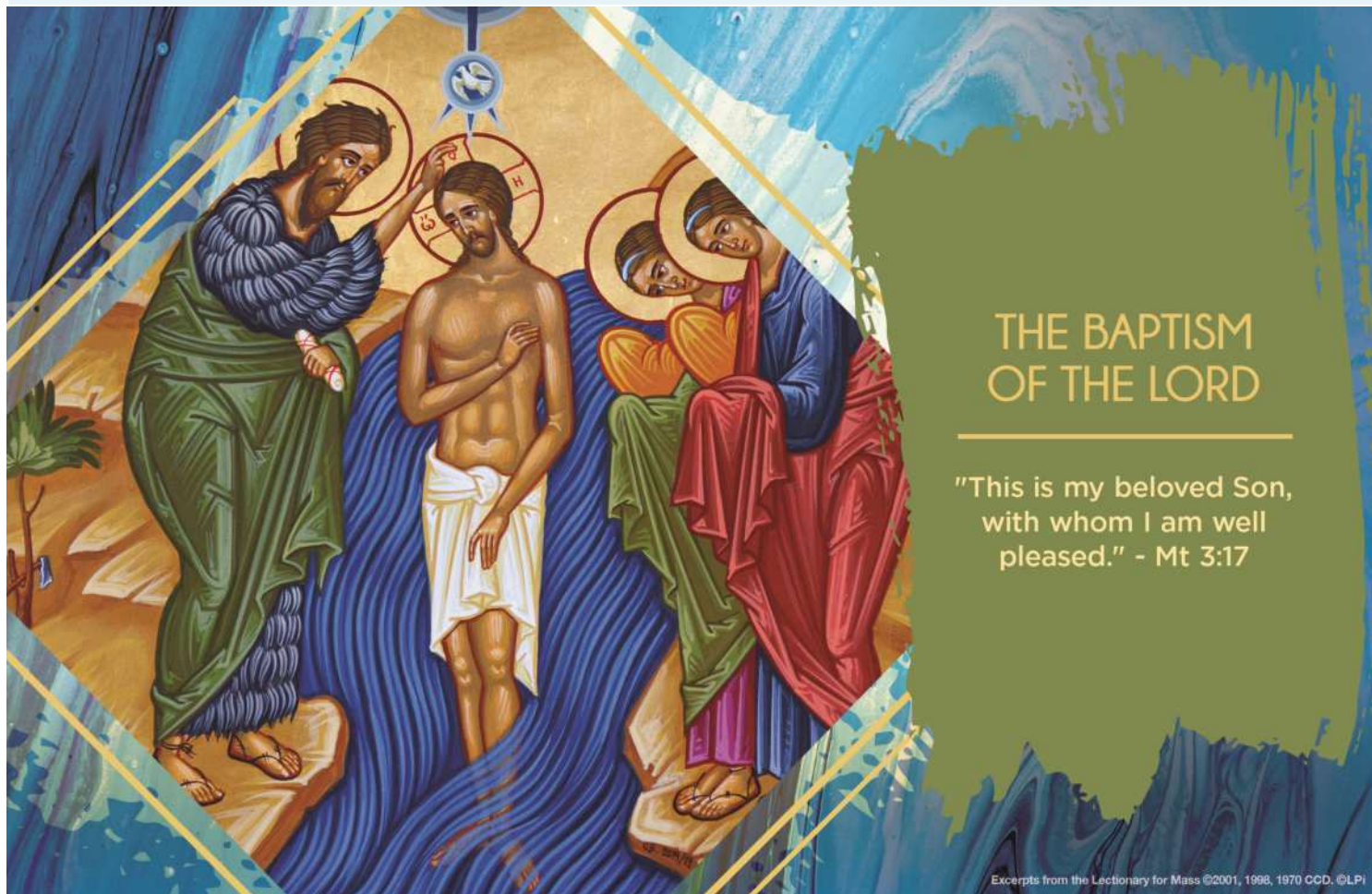
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Dear Friends,

The Church celebrates today the **Baptism of the Lord**, the “official” end of the liturgical Christmas season. Tomorrow (Monday) we return to Ordinary Time which we will stay in until Ash Wednesday. As we have always done, I invite anyone who has, or thinks they have, “a green thumb,” to take a poinsettia plant home with them after the Mass they attend. And good luck with its flowering again.

I want to step back a week to the Feast of the Epiphany which we celebrated last Sunday. Part of my homily was a reflection on a cast of characters we hardly mention—“the chief priests and the scribes of the people.” Try to picture this scenario. Wise men come from the East, following a star that announces the newborn king of the Jews. Asking Herod where he might be. Herod turns to the religious leadership for an answer about where **the Christ** was to be born and they quote scripture in giving him the answer. Herod doesn’t ask about a king but rather “the anointed one”, the “chosen one.” Clearly this is beyond a political leader but touches on ancient prophecies about one “who would shepherd my people, Israel.”

Do the religious leaders do anything beyond answering Herod? They do not. As leaders in the faith you might suppose they would be interested in seeing for themselves. Certainly, one day, they would have to figure out the place of this “anointed one,” in the religious practices of the people they lead. But they have no interest. They are complacent to this news. Maybe they disbelieve immediately. Maybe they fear loss of their own positions or influence. Whatever the reasons, they don’t want to go deeper into the announcement by these mysterious, pagan visitors.

The question to us, posed by the inaction of the priests and scribes is whether we fall into that same attitude. Have we become complacent about where our faith is at? If not complacent, maybe satisfied? Am I satisfied where my faith life is at? Do I believe that Jesus can, and wants to, offer me more, to invite me into a deeper personal encounter with Him? Can I make sense of our world which seems, at times, to have gone mad? With Jesus as my companion in this journey would I be better able to navigate the pressure, tensions and challenges of modern living?

At Mount Carmel, the parish offers a number of possibilities. At this time of year **ChristLife—Discovering Christ**, is just getting off the ground for another season. While it may be full, you might still be able to get on the wait list, if anyone drops out.

A different option, for the men of the parish, is **Men’s Cornerstone**, a 26 hour retreat, like no other, offered right here at the parish. It’s a time to hear the stories of other men and their search for Christ in their lives. I’m thinking of young, single men and especially young fathers, with all that’s on your plate. Jesus wants to walk with you, to help

you navigate between family, job, friends and everything that goes with all of that. Here's an opportunity to hear how others have opened their hearts to the Lord and have found the way. More information is in the bulletin and in the brochures at the doors of the church. The date is Friday-Saturday, January 30-31. 26 hours. And, of course, talk it over with your wives if you are married.

I hope to see you there in three weeks.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Brothers and sisters: you have heard of the stewardship of "Here is my servant ...upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice." These words, in today's 1st Reading, remind us that the Lord is consecrated to service, as are we, by virtue of our baptism. This Christian Steward understands this fundamental obligation arising out of his/her baptism, to place his/her gifts, of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, in God's service in and through the Church. Do you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$16,550. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 weeks of December was \$169,913. It was received as follows:

Online Giving (WeShare/Venmo)	106,839
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For anyone reading the bulletin Friday...

Youth Ministry Food Drive/FROZEN Pan Drop Off
This Weekend, Saturday, Jan. 10—9AM-12NN
Drive thru drop off in the school building driveway.

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver,
bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Ministry Contact: Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

REGISTER NOW!

ANNUAL MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT
FRIDAY-SATURDAY—JANUARY 30-31, 2026

Registration is now open for our Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat held in the Parish Center. Use the QR Code here to register now.

Expect to find camaraderie,
fellowship and opportunity for
renewal in a relaxed environment.
This year's event is fast approaching,
scheduled one week before Super
Bowl LX. Consider it a gift to
yourself.



Questions/More Information:
Contact Rob Michel, rpmtns@gmail.com

REFLECTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
JANUARY 13, 2026 | 7:30PM | PARISH CENTER

Open to all Parish Families

(Content geared towards teens and older.)

Join us for an inspiring evening with author "Coach" Dave Powers, who will share insights from his booklet, Reflections for Christian Athletes. Designed for athletes and their families, this event will explore how faith, discipline, and purpose intersect on and off the field. Through 22 powerful reflections, Dave helps athletes and coaches connect daily with God, strengthen their character, and live out Christian principles in today's competitive sports world. Registration preferred but not required. Scan this QR code to register.



Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings
Parish Center—10:30AM-11:45AM
All are Welcome!

For more than a year a group of parishioners have met weekly to read, study, and share the meaning of the texts so as to prepare for the upcoming Scripture at weekend liturgy. Many have commented that it has deepened their faith and made a difference in their life.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." ...St Jerome

It is not necessary that you attend every Thursday but, if you plan to attend, please contact Linda English so that materials may be available for you.

Linda—lenglish122@gmail.com or text 201.207.5920

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Religious Education Grades 1-6



First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 14th—9:30AM **or** 7:30PM
Parish Center

One parent per family should attend either session.

When Families Gather Session Options

Virtual Baking Session with Sarah Shutrop

Sunday, January 11th, 1:45PM-2:45 PM

Monday, January 12th, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Parents Only Session

Wednesday, January 21st, 7:30PM-8:30PM Parish Center

Children of the Eucharist

Wednesday, January 28, 2026
3:45PM-4:15PM or 4:25PM-4:55PM
Daily Mass Chapel

Jesus & Me Story Time

Saturday, January 24, 2026—10:30AM

Parish Center Meeting Room

Bring your child, grandchild or Godchild to a fun, faith filled, story time for young children ages 2-1/2 to 5.

To register contact Adriana DeCandia
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com
\$10 suggested donation per family

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—LISTEN UP!

We are seeking volunteers from the high school Youth Group to hang with our Jr. High students at their weekly gatherings—Thursdays, 3:45PM-5:00PM.

Lead the opening icebreaker. Run an activity. Provide mentorship. This is an excellent opportunity to grow in faith and help others with their faith journey in the process.

Scan this QR code to sign up!



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS... THERE'S MORE!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Jr. High program is seeking enthusiastic and responsible high school students to serve as teacher assistants for our 7th & 8th grade faith formation classes. Volunteers will assist with classroom activities, lead small group discussions, and foster a welcoming faith-filled environment. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn service hours while growing in your own faith.

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For more information or to register,
contact Fr. Jakov

jvidov@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.2000 x202

THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS WEEK—JANUARY 15TH



Join us for breakfast this coming Thursday, immediately following the 6:30AM daily Mass. Time permitting, one of our priests will join us. For more information or to be added to our monthly reminder email, contact:

Mike McKeon, 201.726.2482 or mfmckeeon1@yahoo.com



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SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3AM; Wednesdays: 2-3AM;
Fridays: 4-5AM; Saturdays: 5-6PM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

MISCONDUCT REPORTING TOOLS

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use EthicsPoint, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues and promote positive parish, school, and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

Report Sexual Misconduct Confidentially

The Archdiocese of Newark takes all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy, religious, and lay staff seriously. We encourage anyone with knowledge of such acts to contact us so we can take appropriate steps to protect others and support victims of sexual abuse. Please call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201.407.3256 or visit www.rcan.org/protection-of-the-faithful for more information.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service receives reports of sexual abuse or misconduct by bishops and forwards them for investigation. To report abuse, visit www.reportbishopabuse.org or call 800-276-1562.

THE KALEIDOSCOPE:

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Monthly Gathering of Support,
Community, and Purpose

Saturday, January 17—10:00AM-12:00PM

Abundant Life Church, 475 Lafayette Ave., Wyckoff



The Kaleidoscope Dementia Resource Center is a welcoming space for both care partners and people living with dementia. It's a place for encouragement, understanding, and shared experience. While care partners find education and support, individuals with dementia engage in meaningful, ability-focused activities that honor who they are. Our monthly sessions (third Saturday of each month) are facilitated by trained educators and support specialists.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 11	9:00AM Women's ISP Team (MR) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir Practice (PCB) 1:45PM WFG Baking Session (Zoom) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR)
Mon Jan. 12	12:45PM Staff Meeting (MR/PCA) 4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Team (Lib.) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM SCC Team Meeting (SMR) 7:00PM WFG Baking Session (Zoom) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church)
Tues. Jan. 13	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7 Makeup (PC) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM Baptism Prep (REC1) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (GYM) 7:30PM Reflections for Christian Athletes (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Jan. 14	9:30AM First Eucharist Parent Meeting (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8 Makeup (PC) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Jan. 15	9:00AM MOMs SALT 1 (MR) 10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM K of C Social (K of C Hall)
Fri. Jan 16	9:00AM MOMs SALT (MR) 10:00AM WCST Bible Study (SMR) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Sat. Jan. 17	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 6:30 PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Dale Adamo, Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Julianna Grace Giles, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Ramge, Linda Reo, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Nancy Steen, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Carmen Vega-Torres, Christina Volpe, Rochelle West, Rosemary Wright, Walter John Zeloff, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Anthony Bollhofer, Aedan Cannon, Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli, Michael Ortolani, Robert Smith, Thomas Tesoriero

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Jan. 12

- + 6:30AM **Nicola Della Rocca**
req Isabel & Gordon Rowan
- + 8:30AM **Michael G. Hughes**
req The Dunworth Family
- +12:00NN **Alfreda & Cipriano Diola**
req The Veloso Family

Tuesday, Jan. 13 *Saint Hilary,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- + 6:30AM **Angela M. Cevasco**
req Her Family
- 8:30AM **Special Intention**
of the Uber Children and Grandchildren
req Steven & Yvonne Uber
- +12:00NN **Frank Prosia**
req Michelle Lustberg

Wednesday, Jan. 14

- + 6:30AM **MaryLou Barry**
req Her Family
- 8:30AM **For Past & Present**
Altar Linen Volunteers
req OLMC Altar Linen Ministry
- +12:00NN **Catherine Wilk**
req Grace & Pat Gallo

Thursday, Jan. 15

- + 6:30AM **Michael B. Reilly**
req Karen Anastasia Myers
- 8:30AM **Special Intention**
of Adriana Michelle Mazzola
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- +12:00NN **Jim Wylie**
req Anne & George Skau

Friday, Jan. 16

- + 6:30AM **Neil Roddy**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **All the Souls in Purgatory**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- +12:00NN **Mary & Larry Hanlon**
req Anne & George Skau

Saturday, Jan. 17 *Saint Andrew, Abbot*

- + 8:30AM **Marie Bussanich**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + 5:30PM **Paolo Palli & Fiorella Farias Palli**
req Elena Conn

Sunday, Jan. 18 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + 8:00AM **William Peter George, Sr.**
req Peter A. Casale
- 9:30AM **For the People of the Parish**
- +11:00AM **Tony Zaccardi**
req Annamaria Zaccardi-Bock
- +12:30PM **Deceased Family & Friends**
req Gloria Lanski
- + 3:00PM **Alejandro Morales**
req Maria Morales
- + 6:30PM **Eugene Edward O'Reilly**
req The O'Reilly Family

1. **Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

This excerpt has been taken from what has been called the 1st Servant Song of Isaiah. The Servant represents one called to a unique role in God's plan of salvation for humankind. The Servant has alternately been identified as some prophet (Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc.), or a king (David, Josiah), the people of Israel, as a whole, or, for Christians, Jesus of Nazareth. He seems to have identified Himself in this role. In today's excerpt, the Servant (Jesus) is chosen for an important task—to introduce justice in the world. It is a task that will be carried out in meekness and compassion, not violence or revolution.

2. **Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38**

Peter, in a new openness to God and to the Spirit, and the interior conversion it brings about, sees the world, in terms of the Gentile Cornelius, in a new light. The Spirit has opened his mind and his heart and led him to new insights into God's plan for creation. This is the same Spirit with Whom the Father anointed Jesus at His baptism, the result of which is that Jesus entered into His mission. It produces the same result in Jesus' disciples.

3. **Matthew 3:13-17**

While almost all Biblical scholars agree that the baptism of Jesus is historical fact, it leaves many questions unanswered. Why was He baptized? What was He thinking? What is this anointing? The Gospels give us no answers. In Matthew's account, John knows Who Jesus is and is therefore surprised that Jesus would come for this baptism. The answer is given as the event unfolds, so that the Father may anoint Jesus for His mission, giving Him what He will need to carry out that mission.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever heard God speak to you in your life? How did you recognize His voice and how did you respond?
2. Have you ever encouraged others to live out more fully their own baptismal commitment?
3. What can you do now to live out your baptismal commitment more openly and fully?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 1/17	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun. 1/18	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. John Carlos
	11:00AM	Fr. John Carlos
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. John Carlos
	6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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