

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held every month on the first Sunday at 1:30pm and on the third Saturday at 11:00am (with some exceptions). Register a month or two in advance for the 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 973.313.6190, Newarkpriest.com

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.



The Parish Family of

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Our Mission

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.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm

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

WEEKDAYS

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

Saturdays: 8:30am

HOLY DAYS

Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 19, 2025

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Dear Friends,

The persistent cold that we've had so far this winter reminds me of what the students at the Seminary in my time used to call **Darlington February** (even though it's not February). The formal name of the Seminary was Immaculate Conception Seminary but more often than not we used the shorter form, *Darlington*, the name for that section of Mahwah, to refer to the place we lived and were schooled. The February referred to that time of year from our return from Christmas break to the Easter break and usually in the negative, because we were never allowed off the grounds. And with the cold and the wind (and anyone who's been to Maryrest can attest to this), a *Darlington February* was a kind of bleak time in our lives.

As we are almost at February I can't help but think back to those days even though our days at OLMC are nothing like that. As I write this, the new session of **Discovering Christ** begins tonight. In a week, the **Men's Cornerstone Retreat** will be held and two weeks after that the 2nd Journey Retreat for our Confirmation candidates will be held at the Youth Retreat Center in Kearney. The faith community here at Mount Carmel keeps growing. All of the priests, and members of the staff, have commented that even the weekend attendance at Mass seems to be on the rise, not only for Christmas but for the weeks of Advent before it, and even, so far, the Sundays after it. Praise the Lord for the grace He continues to pour out on this community.

I want to go back again to the **Men's Cornerstone Retreat**. First, a thank you to all the men who spoke at the Masses last weekend. Their witness was a powerful word about the place of *Cornerstone* in their lives. Since the slow-down in the pandemic, the thought has been coming to me over and over again of how much more Jesus wants to offer us. Maybe it started in the days of the lockdown when life was so radically changed in ways we could never have imagined. So much of our lives were changed by that experience. I see that still in the number of people whom I saw regularly before the pandemic but I haven't seen since. Though you see it less and less, there are still those who wear masks when out in public and it's kind of a surprise to see that. And it comes up in conversations when we hear reports of the bird flu or the norovirus. And it seems to me people are more conscious of how close they are when speaking with others. And I think we are all conscious of how things can quickly change and are beyond our control.

In all of this, the Lord walks with us, by our side, never abandoning us. Jesus wants to offer us fullness of life no matter the circumstances that surround us, to offer us a friendship that will sustain us every day, in our personal struggles, societal challenges, international crises and more. But we need to open that door for him. **Cornerstone** offers a way to open that door, not through lectures but through the eyes, hearts and experience of men just like you who have found in Jesus a source of support and friendship. The Lord wants to touch the heart of every person of faith, to

deepen that faith. Give Him a chance by registering for this **Cornerstone today**. I promise you, you won't regret it. Registration information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin as well as the QR code for all of you younger guys. I'll be looking for you on the 24th and 25th.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

PS. During the holiday season, the painters have been working on the entrances to the church. As you can see from the scaffolding behind the altar, they have now moved into the interior of the church. Expect to see the scaffolding for the next couple of months as they move around the church. As a PPS. I can't believe how dirty the paint had become. Just check out the side entrances to see the difference.

STEWARDSHIP

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." In today's 2nd Reading, St. Paul reminds us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. The blessings may be different, but the reason is always the same—to continue His work on earth, building up His kingdom. How has God blessed you? Are you using His gifts to accomplish His works? Or your own?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$17,971. The Stewardship of Treasure for the Christmas collection was \$228,872. Thank you and God bless all who build the kingdom through the generous sharing of their material blessings.



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We Are His Witnesses:

Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin

As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read ***We Are His Witnesses***, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read ***We Are His Witnesses*** and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.

This pastoral letter can be found, in its entirety, on the homepage banner of the Archdiocesan website: www.rcan.org

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED TOMORROW MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all parish offices will be closed. The only Mass celebrated on Monday will be at 8:30AM. A priest is always available for emergencies.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
United Methodist Church of Ridgewood
Monday, January 20th—10AM-12NN

Registration Deadline—This Tuesday, January 21st!!

ANNUAL MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT FRIDAY-SATURDAY—JANUARY 24-25, 2025

If your spiritual batteries are in need of a recharge, then this Cornerstone retreat may be God's answer. 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 two weeks before Super Bowl LIX. Consider it a gift to yourself.

Questions/More Information

Contact Dan O'Keefe, danokeefe@icloud.com

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Please consider volunteering to lead or assist. the more volunteers we have, the less time people need to commit! We provide training and materials for each leader. If you work during the week, this ministry is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved. Our goal is to have the children of our parish enjoy coming to Mass and learn about the weekly readings at their younger level of understanding.

**For more information and to volunteer, contact:
Angela Krempel at a_krempel@hotmail.com**





Religious Education
When Families Gather

Parents Only Session

Monday, January 27th—7PM-8PM—Parish Center

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

This Wednesday, January 22nd—9:30AM OR 7:30PM

ATTENTION ALL MOTHERS OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

Moms of all stages of motherhood are invited to join a small faith connection group at OLMC!

Grace Within: A Journal Experience is a spiritual and personal journey that takes place over the course of six weeks (Tuesday mornings in January/February, 9:30-11:30am) utilizing the Grace Within Personal Journal. If you are feeling called to find peace in the ordinary, during these challenging days, this is your invitation to understand how you can grow spiritually; to seek and know your inner spark of divinity; and to become who God created you to be! Join this small, intimate group and make lasting connections with other moms!



Please fill out this form in the this QR code with your YES! (Further contact information is included on this form.)

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT
&
MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Thursday Evenings—8PM-9PM
January 30—April 3

Retreat Saturday, April 5

Lower Level of the School Building



- ◆ Do you see a need for a more Christ-centered marriage?
- ◆ Are you interested in living out the sacrament of marriage more deeply?
- ◆ Are you preparing to enter marriage? If so, this course fulfills the marriage preparation requirement.

This course is open to all couples—both those who are already married and those who are preparing for marriage.

For more information or to register,
contact Fr. Jakov

jvidov@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.2000 x202

Join fellow parishioners to pray the rosary
each week in the Daily Mass Chapel.

Spanish—Sundays—2:00PM
English—Thursdays—7:30PM



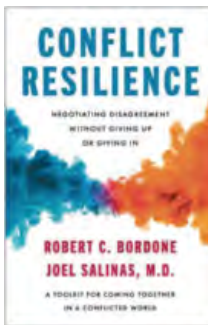
**Having Difficult Conversations:
Tools for Speaking with Those We Love and Those We
(Sometimes) Don't**

As Christians we are called to act with charity toward all. But when we have strong disagreements with each other, charity often yields to fractious fighting or unhealthy avoidance, neither of which build positive relationships or advance God's reign. As Catholic Christians, how can we be true to ourselves, to others, and to our relationships through our disagreements?



In this talk, Bob Bordone, author of the upcoming book *Conflict Resilience: Negotiating Disagreement Without Giving Up or Giving In*, will introduce the concept of *conflict resilience* and offer strategies for how to navigate our most difficult conversations at home, work, church, and school.

Bob is Senior Fellow at Harvard Law School, the Founder of Harvard Law School's Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program, and the founder of the Cambridge Negotiation Institute. He is an active member of the Pastoral Council at the Paulist Center in Boston, MA and also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Paulist Fathers National Initiative on Toxic Polarization and on the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. He is originally from Washington Township, NJ and is a graduate of Bergen Catholic High School.



Speaking Dates

Tuesday, February 4th 7:00-9:00 PM (starts with 30 min. social) @ **Church of the Presentation Community Room, Upper Saddle River**

Wednesday, February 5th 7:00-9:00 PM
(starts with 30 min. social)

@ **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Ridgewood**

Special session for mothers:

Wednesday, February 5th 9:15-11:00 AM

@ **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Ridgewood**

RSVP not required, however, to be notified about when you can pick up a free copy of the speaker's new upcoming book, *Conflict Resilience: Negotiating Disagreement Without Giving Up or Giving In* sign-up via the QR Code. Books are given away on a first come basis (due out in March, 2025).



You can support OLMC via Venmo!

Find us under "Charities" @olmcridgewoodnj or scan the QR code here.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith, Thomas Tesoriero



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

We see more and more young parents visiting Jesus in the Adoration Chapel with their children. We also see many new Adorers in their 30's, 40's and 50's—unlike when Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) began at Mt. Carmel where the majority of Adorers were 60+.

With our busy and noisy world, the PEA chapel is a refuge. By participating and practicing PEA, Adorers find that they are more productive. One hour loss in worldly life is actually a gain because God gives back a million fold. Spiritual gain produces more spiritual and temporal fruits such as peace, joy and love, which lead to a deeper focus on our family, relationships and jobs.

Come and join us. Simply stop by the chapel any time or sign up for one Holy Hour that is good for you to glorify God and to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—even during the wee hours overnight.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 5-6AM, 1-2PM; Wednesdays: 7-8AM;
Thursday: 1-2AM; Fridays: 2-3AM, 8-9AM, 7-8PM;
Saturdays: 3-4PM, 5-6PM, 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

COPING WITH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

It is in taking the time to grieve that we are healed.

This eight week program is offered by The Church of the Presentation's (Upper Saddle River) Bereavement Ministry and is open to anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Trained, compassionate facilitators lead this program in a safe, confidential environment.

Loss of Spouse Support Group

Begins March 24th—10:00AM or 7:30PM

Loss of a Loved One Support Group

Begins March 26th—7:30PM

For more information, to register, and for one-on-one support until the group begins, call 201.327.1313

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DRAWINGS BEGIN EARLY MARCH

**TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE MT. CARMEL RECTORY OFFICE
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-4PM**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 19	1:00PM Women's ISP Team (SMR) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 2:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 7:30PM Budelman Confirmation Group (RE1) 7:30PM Meleski Confirmation Group (YCB)
Mon. Jan. 20	4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Tues. Jan. 21	9:30AM Grace Within Journal Group (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 8A (PCA) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30pm CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM ChristLife Discovering Christ (PC) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Jan. 22	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 9:30AM First Communion Parent Mtg (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High 8B 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM First Communion Parent Mtg. (PC)
Thur. Jan. 23	10:30PM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 3:30PM Jr. High Youth Group (Gym) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd Community (YCB) 7:15PM WCST Team 24 (MR)
Fri. Jan. 24	9:30AM SALT (SMR) 10:30AM WCST Bible Study (Library) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Men's Cornerstone Retreat (PC)
Sat. Jan. 25	7:00AM Men's Cornerstone Retreat (PC) 9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (PC) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone Closing Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsas, Andrea Aluisi, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, 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, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Nancy Steen, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Christina Volpe, Rochelle West, Rosemary Wright, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

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



Monday, Jan. 20 *Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;*
Saint Sebastian, Martyr

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Jan. 21 *Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

+ **6:30AM James & Ruth Little**

req Bob & Marge Reilly

+ **8:30AM Neil Roddy**

req His Family

+ **12:00NN Deceased Friends & Family**

req Gloria Lanski

Wednesday, Jan. 22 *Day of Prayer for the Legal*
Protection of Unborn Children

+ **6:30AM Clara Ostrowski**

req The Kranenburg Family

+ **8:30AM Carl Funke**

req The Kennedy Family

+ **12:00NN Mary & Larry Hanlon**

req Anne & George Skau

Thursday, Jan. 23 *Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;*
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

+ **6:30AM For All the Souls in Purgatory**

req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich

+ **8:30AM Ernest Jelcich**

req The Brenovich Family

+ **12:00NN Deceased Members**

of the Vazquez Family

req Jose & Adela Vazques

Friday, Jan. 24 *Saint Francis de Sales,*
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

+ **6:30AM Ed & Norma Lippert**

req Jeff & Carol Link

+ **8:30AM Carol Trasborg**

req Ridgewood Elementary Principals

+ **12:00NN Michael Callanan**

req Russ & Marianne Titus

Saturday, Jan. 25 *Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*

+ **8:30AM Mildred Mary Gallagher**

req The Cena Family

+ **5:30PM Terezina Skrivanic**

req Anthony & Tracy Tarabocchia

Sunday, Jan. 26 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM Barbara Polak**

req Thomas & Donna Bain

+ **9:30AM Michael Callanan**

req Bernadette & Jack Marcasciano

11:00AM For the People of the Parish

+ **12:30PM Sanna & James Brizzi**

req Her daughter, Dolores Morrison

+ **3:00PM Aurelio Blacido**

req The Blacido Family

+ **6:30PM Miriam Engel**

req Patricia & Richard Engel

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 62:1-5

The oracles of the last chapters of the Book of Isaiah celebrate the restored relationship between God and His people. Once led astray by the lure of power and self-reliance, the years of exile give a new wisdom about the privilege of serving God. Israel now enjoys a restored relationship, imaged by both royal status (glorious crown, royal diadem) and the marriage relationship. In this, especially, the intimate bond between God and His people is highlighted by new names, "My delight" and "Espoused." And this new transformation will not only benefit Israel, but all the nations of the world.

2. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians that because of their faith in Jesus, they are no longer just individuals, they are a community of the beloved, inspired and enlivened by the very Spirit of Jesus, Himself. As a result, they are intended to cooperate with one another so that their Spirit-endowed gifts would be a source of strength and growth for the community and of edification for the world as they give witness to God's love and power working in and through them. While there may be many gifts, they all come from the same source, the Spirit.

3. John 2:1-11

The Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana are all linked as part of the manifestation theology of the Gospels. Today's uniquely Johanne account has been called "replacement theology." Jesus gets involved in what could have become an embarrassing situation at the behest of His mother. (a clue that she knows something about His power that others, including His disciples, do not.) Jesus' wine replaces the water intended for purification under the old law. And the amount far exceeds what would have been needed at the wedding. John is beginning the series of seven signs in which Jesus is announced as the true Messiah and the true and only source of salvation.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. What gifts do you have to bring to the community? Do you value both their God-given origin and their religious purpose?
2. The disciples came to believe after the "first sign." Have you ever recognized any signs of God's actions in your life? Have you ever missed any signs that you only recognized later?
3. Have you experienced moments where God's plan for you turned out to be better than anything you might have asked or imagined?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 1/18	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 1/19	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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

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