

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
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.

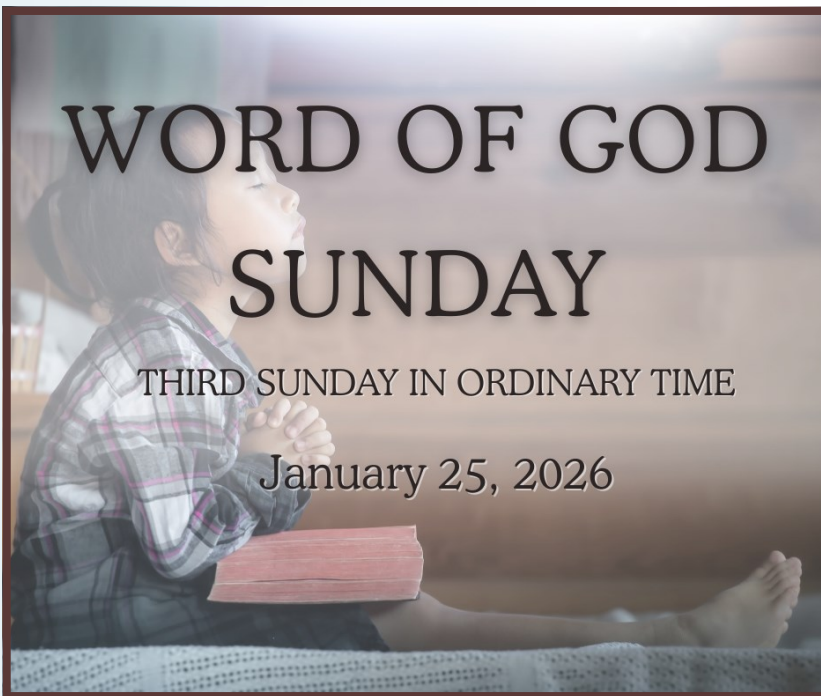
VOCATIONS

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.

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Dear Friends,

As you can see from the front cover of the bulletin, at least half of it, today is **The Sunday of The Word of God**. On September 30, 2019 (only 6 months before the pandemic in the United States), Pope Francis proclaimed the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as the *Sunday of the Word of God*. In that proclamation, the Pope reminded us that the life of the Christian must be marked by his/her relationship with the “living word” that the Lord never tires of speaking to his people. He calls the Bible the “people’s book,” which speaks to us of Christ and helps us to believe in all that He has said and done. The Scripture is a fascinating treasure of God’s relationship with the people He has chosen, first forming the people of the Old Covenant and then, the people of the New Covenant and their successors—us. We are “people of the Book”. And the Book, Sacred Scripture, speaks to us, not only of the on-going formation of those relationships, but of our relationship with that very same God and His presence in our lives. Our vehicle for recognizing that presence and for accompanying Jesus is **THE BOOK, The Word of God**. To highlight the importance of Scripture in our relationship with our God, and especially with our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Book of the Gospels will be “enthroned” in the sanctuary after the reading of the Gospel at each Mass. Please remain standing after the Gospel is proclaimed.

In order to facilitate a greater love for and understanding of Scripture, the Second Vatican Council inaugurated a three-year cycle for the readings at the Sunday liturgies, Year A, Year B and Year C. Year A is given to the readings from the Gospel of Matthew, Year B to the Gospel of Mark and Year C to the Gospel of Luke. We are presently in Year A. It’s fascinating to understand the differences in these Gospels. Matthew’s gospel contains more of the teachings of Jesus than either of the other two Synoptics (Mark and Luke). It is the most Jewish of the gospels, insisting on almost every page that Jesus fulfills the promises of the old Law and that he is, in fact, the second David, frequently using the term, “Son of David,” the second Moses, one who is greater than Solomon and greater than the Temple, itself. More than any other Gospel writer, Matthew makes far more provision for the permanence of the community of the Church as the kingdom of God. To get a glimpse of the different nuances in the four Gospels is to get a fuller appreciation of the mystery of Revelation contained in the Scripture and, therefore, to understand why the Church would celebrate **The Sunday of the Word of God**. I hope it leads many not just to a greater appreciation of that **Word** but to a determination to read it more and to make it more a part of our “religious” vocabulary.

-This weekend marks the beginning of **Catholic Schools Week**, as you can see from the other half of the bulletin cover. It is a week which showcases the achievements of and contributions of Catholic schools, particularly our own school, **The Academy of Our Lady**, the co-sponsored

school (as in joint venture) of Mt. Carmel and St. Catharine's parish, Glen Rock. The Academy has been accredited by Middle States and named a Blue Ribbon School. As a Blue Ribbon School, the Academy is acknowledged for its academic excellence. This award from the Federal Government's Department of Education is given to schools, and not school districts and only a limited number are acknowledged each year. And this "competition" is open to all schools, public, private and religious. And so the Academy is rightly proud of its status as a Blue Ribbon School.

While the Academy makes many contributions to the formation of our young people, academically, athletically and socially, its greatest contribution is to the religious formation of our children. It is a place where God's love can be openly mentioned, practiced and lived; where the Gospel message permeates the life of the school and the students and where that same love unites the student body as a community of faith. NOWHERE else can this happen.

Catholic Schools Week begins with an **Open House**, at the Academy, today, from 11:00am-1:00pm. I invite, and encourage, all our families, especially families with young children, to attend the Open House and see the difference a Catholic School education can make in the lives of your children. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus' words to Peter and Andrew in today's Gospel, "Come after Me," should echo in the ears of all Christians. It is the call to discipleship. And every Christian should be willing to give his/her all, in response. The Christian Steward answers, "Yes, Lord, here I am," and responds with gifts of his/her **Time, Talent and Treasure**. How do you respond and what do you offer?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$10,129. God bless your generous answer to the Lord's call to discipleship, exemplified in your offerings. Electronic Giving, **WESHARE/VENMO**, is an excellent way to continue to practice that discipleship in consistent support of the work of the Gospel. The final figure for the Christmas collection will appear in next week's bulletin.

All families are invited!



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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

20 Years—A Reflection

*by Ms. Clemente, Principal
Academy of Our Lady*

As many might know, I turned 40 this January. Aside from it marking a 'big birthday', it also marked the fact that I have spent half of my life at Academy of Our Lady, either as a student or educator, and I consider it one of my greatest blessings. Every day I find myself living two realities, past and present. I see the current teachers in the classrooms of course, but cannot help remembering the teachers of the past, both those who taught me and those who have moved on in the last decade. I see the Noah's Ark mural in the primary wing, but know that under that paint is a mural of circus animals and a clown with big, silly shoes, that graced that hallway in my childhood. I remember the leaky roof that precipitated the carpeting of the middle wing and dark tiles that existed underneath. I remember when the computers in the lab used to all go on from a switch on the wall and the floppy disk drives for computer games. I remember what the building looked like before Community Hall was built and before the church was remodeled. I am reminded daily of my best and most challenging childhood moments. I see parents of children in our community who I know share my memories and who are *part of my* core childhood memories—crab soccer, Rocking Horse Ranch, biography day, the May Crowning, Winston the Bear, gingerbread day—all still traditions, however different they might look now.

I may not be considered a paradigm of an Academy graduate, but I became a confident writer, a better friend, a braver learner, an actress, and faithful believer within these walls. And I am blessed to have watched many other students become more than they thought they could be. There is no such thing as a perfect community, but one that is built on faith, carried with love, infused with tradition, and radiates hope, is perhaps the best anyone can hope for. And on our best days, we have always been that. On our best days we are the paradigm of Catholic faith, academic achievement, and the Love of Jesus. In reflecting on our past while living in the present, I can say one thing for certain: we are the best hope for the future of the Catholic Church. Come visit us in our present state and sign up to be part of our future so that we can be part of your history!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Religious Education Grades 1-6



Children of the Eucharist

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

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT &

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Thursday Evenings—8PM-9PM
Now through March 26

Retreat Saturday, March 28

Lower Level of the School Building



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- ♦ 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



OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood
MOMs MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
9:15AM—PARISH CENTER

Guest Speaker: Glen McCall
Director of OLMC's Youth Ministry

Join us for a presentation by our Director of Parish Youth Ministry, Glen McCall. Glen will help us discern God's will in our lives as we grow in relationship with Him! We Can't wait! For more information, go to www.olmcmoms.com or email Alexis Kenny, OLMcmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com.

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INSPIRE: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
MEETING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
PARISH CENTER—7:30PM

TOPIC: MARRIAGE PANEL

All young adults (21-35) are invited to our Marriage Panel on Friday, February 6, in the Parish Center at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Come to hear the wisdom and witness of married couples. There will also be a Q & A opportunity so feel free to think of questions you'd like to ask the panelists. Social to follow. Bring a friend!

Questions? Email olmcyoungadults123@gmail.com

COPING WITH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SPRING SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

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 Mondays—Beginning March 16, 2026

Morning Group: 10:00AM-11:30AM

Evening Group: 7:30PM-9:00PM

Loss of a Loved One Support Group Wednesdays—Beginning March 18, 2026 7:30PM-9:00PM

Registration is required. There is no fee.

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

Note: To protect confidentiality and honor the sensitive nature of grief-related discussions, we are unable to accept new participants after the group has begun.

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 Church Welcomes...

The following 23 children who were baptized in Christ during the month of December.

Hugo Norbert & Iris Kim Cosmanescu-Vaughn,
children of Alin & Emer

Maureen Elizabeth Daly-Monaghan,
daughter Eugene & Sheila

Alaina Marie Polowniak, *daughter of Bartosz & Ashley*

Marley Aminah Rodriguez, *daughter of Edwin & Aisha*

Griffin James, Quinn Cecelia, Cameron Matthew &

Boden Michael Brennan, *children of Conor & Michaela*

Blake Giraldo & Navy Gianna Kritzman,
children of Giordan & Rebecca

Noah Thomas DuBois, *son of Martin & Catherine*

Andrew Daniel Moraes Gubb, *son of David & Clarissa*

Benjamin Daniel Marin, *son of Danny & Priscilla*

Gemma Rita Duque, *daughter of Nilton & Raquel*

Skylar Marie Tobin, *daughter of Robert & Amanda*

Kate Kelly Zulauf, *daughter of Zachary & Lauren*

Jack Robert Stires, *son of Marcellus & Kelly*

Rosie Leigh Spagnuolo, *daughter of Samuel & Meghan*

Riley Lynn, Giuseppe, & Rebecca Alin Orlando,
children of Giovanni & Rachel

Kian Ramaj, *son of Kevin & Aida*



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Psalm 27 reminds us that our greatest safety is not in control, strength, or certainty—but in being with the Lord. When the psalmist says, “One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord,” he is not asking for answers, but for presence.

In Eucharistic Adoration, we live this verse literally. We come not to escape our troubles, but to place them before the One who is our light and salvation. Here, fear loses its grip, because love stands before us. To gaze upon the Lord is to learn peace without words.

Stop by the chapel at anytime. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Better yet, sign up for one holy hour once a week, every week, to glorify God and to help keep the door open to anyone seeking God, seeking peace.

Come spend an hour with Jesus. The chapel is open 24/7.

SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED

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

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC) A MESSAGE OF HOPE—A MISSION OF LOVE

Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the gospel message of hope. Half the funds collected remain in the Archdiocese of Newark to support local efforts. The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the US and abroad. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc. Checks, payable to OLMC with “CCC” on the memo line, may be placed in the baskets or in the boxes at the doors of the church, or dropped off at the rectory.



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

“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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 25	1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir Practice (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (MR)
Mon Jan. 26	4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Prep (Library) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM SCC Core Team Meeting (PCA) 7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting (MR) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church)
Tues. Jan. 27	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8 Makeup (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) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Jan. 28	3:45PM Children of the Eucharist (Chapel) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Jan. 29	9:00AM MOMs SALT 1 (Library) 10:00AM MOMs Book Club (MR) 10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Knights Social (K of C Hall) 8:00PM Marriage Enrichment/Prep (NCW)
Fri. Jan 30	9:00AM MOMs SALT (REC1) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Men's Cornerstone Retreat (PC)
Sat. Jan. 31	9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:15AM First Eucharist Retreat (Church) 11:00AM First Penance (Church) 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM MCS Closing Mass (Church)



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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 Zelop, Jr.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The Northern Kingdom, the traditional land of Zebulun and Naphtali (two of the original twelve tribes), has fallen to Assyria and is described by Isaiah as in darkness, from war and foreign rule and oppression. But the prophet looks beyond the darkness of the moment to a time of restoration that God will bring about. The light of faith will scatter the darkness of sin and ignorance and God will deliver His people from the influence of their enemies and they will again enjoy lasting peace and the fruits of the promised land

2. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Part of the discord of the Corinthian community was focused on personalities. Some were loyal to Paul, others to Cephas (Peter), or to another Christian named Apollos (who apparently was a skilled preacher). Some seem also to have claimed a special, privileged relationship directly to Christ. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is Christ crucified Who stands at the center of the mystery and, therefore, the center of the disciple's life, not the human instruments Christ uses to announce it.

3. Matthew 4:12-23

For Matthew, writing for a community of Jewish Christians, Jesus is ever the fulfillment of all that God had announced from the beginning. In today's excerpt, his reference to the Isaiah text, which was heard in the first reading, is one of several formula citations upon which the evangelist will structure his Gospel to make this connection. The light will shine in darkness because the kingdom of God is now at hand. And the presence of this reality demands a change of life, a radical turning away from sin, in those who hear and believe. To this mission, Jesus invites others, including us.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. As a Christian, do you believe you are called to ministry? How do you experience that call?
2. What do you need to repent of in your life right now?
3. Is there something or someone you have to walk away from in order to answer Jesus' call to follow Him?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 1/31	5:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
Sun. 2/1	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. John Carlos

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

Monday, Jan. 26 *Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops*

- + 6:30AM **Elaine Lund**
req Martin & Alice Mauro
- + 8:30AM **Madeline Bullaro**
req Linda Bullaro & Family
- +12:00NN **Patrick Mercado**
req The Coralde Family

Tuesday, Jan. 27 *Saint Angela Merici,
Virgin and Religious Founder*

- + 6:30AM **Ivan Hronic**
req John & Donna Tarabokija
- + 8:30AM **Joseph Boullianne**
req Thomas Flynn
- +12:00NN **Harry Henky**
req Jeri Aikey

Wednesday, Jan. 28 *Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of the Church*

- + 6:30AM **Celia Kote**
req William & Amelia Duggan
- + 8:30AM **Mike Vrkic**
req Tracy & Anthony
Tarabocchia & Family
- +12:00NN **Charles James Kirk**
req Russ & Carole Forenza

Thursday, Jan. 29

- 6:30AM **Special Intention of the
Uber Children & Grandchildren**
req Steven & Yvonne Uber
- + 8:30AM **Barbara & Eileen Wells**
req Their Family
- +12:00NN **Deceased Family & Friends**
req Irma Obal Lucca

Friday, Jan. 30

- + 6:30AM **Greg Burde**
req The Brophy Family
- + 8:30AM **Helen Hoey**
req Carolyn Brush
- +12:00NN **John & Carol Lenihan**
req Linda & Steven Casella

Saturday, Jan. 31 *Saint John Bosco, Priest*

- + 8:30AM **Giovanna Piccinich**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + 5:30PM **Megan Corcoran**
req Joe Roche

Sunday, Feb. 1 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + 8:00AM **Terrence Quinn**
req Karen McCarthy
- + 9:30AM **Maureen McGovern**
req Veen Moore & Family
- +11:00AM **Sanna & James Brizzi**
req Dolores Morrison
- 12:30PM **For the People of the Parish**
- + 3:00PM **Aurelio Blacido Castro**
req The Blacido Fernandez Family
- + 6:30PM **Christopher Guma**
req His Family



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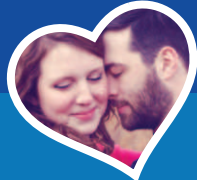
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