

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.



The Parish Family of

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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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

The Last Sunday Mass This Weekend Will Be at 4:30PM



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 8, 2026

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Dear Friends,

As you may have read in the Deacon's column on what's now called the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, we begin today the "ritual" progression of the journey from unbeliever to fully initiated believer, having received the Sacraments for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If we understand it in that way, it's easier to get a complete picture of the whole journey, it's for those never baptized, those who have never gone beyond the sacrament of Baptism and/or Holy Eucharist (we call them uncatechized), and those who seek full communion into the Catholic Church (but already baptized into another Christian community).

I have already called this a journey several times. Because it truly is. When I was ordained we called this "convert" classes, usually a one-on-one with the priest. But since the mandate of Vatican II to reform the way adults were brought into the Church, this process has been seen as a journey, a passage from unbelieving to believing, with all the ups and downs of life. A journey to encounter the Risen Christ and the life he offers to the world, lived in the power of the Spirit, that the whole human race come into the unity of God's love and family. What a wonderful hope to bring to the world, especially our world, with all its divisions, hatred, violence, war injustice and cruelty—a family united in God's love. When seen this way, no wonder the Church moved away from those one-on-one convert classes to a journey that truly transforms lives.

I already mentioned the "ritual" progression on this journey. Each step in the journey is marked by a ritual. I often say at infant baptisms, we are a ritual church; we celebrate with signs and symbols which are not magic but are signs of the deeper faith being expressed. The signs in the OCIA help us grasp the particular step marking another significant moment of progress in this journey. Deacon Bob has already explained the step we celebrate today. And we do it publicly, before the whole community so that (1) the individual knows that the community supports him/her with their prayers, and (2) the community's faith is deepened when it experiences the Word continuing to call others to a life of faith. Other rites will follow in the weeks ahead and we've chosen to celebrate them at the 11:00AM Mass so I don't need to give a fresh explanation every time. But as I have said so often in the past, the Church is never more the Church than by the way it continuously announces the GOOD NEWS, calling people to faith.

Because of these Rites, Pledge Sunday, Commitment Sunday for the **Annual Appeal**, which was originally scheduled for March 7/8, will now be held February 28/ March 1. More about that in the weeks ahead.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel remind us that our faith in Him must bring light to the world, to others. The Christian Steward offers his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to do just that. Do you let your light shine? How?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$16,840. God bless your generosity in letting your light shine for the building of God’s Kingdom. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the Sundays of January was \$129,189. It was received as follows:

Online Giving (WeShare/Venmo): \$65,538
In-Pew/Mailed to the Rectory \$63,651

The final figure for the Christmas Collection was \$213,259

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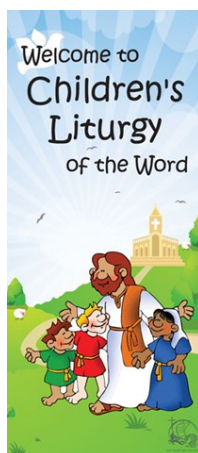
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Children's Liturgy of The Word Volunteers Needed

Our children need your help at the 9:30AM Mass! We are looking for leaders and assistants to help present each Sunday's readings in an age appropriate and engaging way. Training and materials will be provided.

Our parish warmly welcomes young families and wants every child to feel like an important part of our parish family. We can only accomplish this with your help.

Please pray about this and, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call/text Nancy Nardelli at 201.665.8849.



The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process to guide an inquirer towards a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the sacraments that are celebrated in the Catholic Church during Easter.



The OCIA journey of faith begins when inquirers are ready to listen to the teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to prepare their hearts and minds to the truth. One type of inquirer is the non-baptized who is seeking to become a Catholic. This inquirer is an adult (18+ years old) whose baptism is not recognized by the Catholic Church or whose religion is not based on Christianity. Such inquirers are designated as “**catechumens**” who are seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist in the Easter Vigil.

Additionally, there are other inquirers designated as “**candidates**,” i.e, Catholics seeking Confirmation and, in certain cases, also the Eucharist and baptized Christians whose baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church seeking to be in full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving both Confirmation and Eucharist.

An OCIA team of catechists leads the Catholic and Baptized Christians “candidates” and the Non-Baptized “catechumens” through the OCIA process. The sacraments are administered by a bishop or a delegated priest. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is blessed to have a catechumen journeying to Easter 2027.

Msgr. Ron will celebrate the OCIA Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate for the catechumen, Jun Lee, on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at the 11:00AM Mass. It marks the official start of the faith journey of a non-baptized inquirer into a catechumen in the Catholic Church. The parish community is invited to pray for catechumen, **Jun Lee**, as he opens his heart and mind to know Jesus Christ at a personal level.



FREE BOOKS!

**Next Sunday, February 15th
10:30AM-2:00PM
OLMC Parish Center**



Looking for something enriching to read this winter?

The library in the Parish Center is being updated to a meeting room with enhanced media capabilities. As a result, we are looking for new homes for the many spiritual books currently in the collection.

Please stop by after Mass to take a look and take home a book! *Or, two! Or, three!*

Cost: Free

(Donations to the Sr. Lucy Fund are welcome.)

SUPER BOWL LX—FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Today is “Super Bowl Sunday.”

**The last Mass today, February 8,
will be at 4:30PM.**

Have fun watching the game!

**Religious Education
Grades 1-6**



The Summer Religious Education Program is open to all children entering grades 1-6 this coming September.

**SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
DATES/TIME**

June 25, 26, 29, 30; July 1 & 2 ~ 9:15AM-1:00PM

**SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
PARENT REGISTRATION MEETING (Select One)**

Wednesday, February 25—9:30AM
Monday, March 2—7:30PM

Attendance at one of these two meetings is required if you want to register your child(ren) for the Summer Religious Education Program. There will be no exceptions.

Summer Program registration links will be emailed to interested families after the Parent Registration meetings.

For more information contact Cathy Hunt in the Religious Education office: chunt@olmcridgewood.com, or 201-444-0211.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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.

Scan this QR code to sign up!



**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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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Bounty of Gratitude

We want to express our sincerest and deepest gratitude to everyone who offered prayers for my recent surgery. The medical procedure was a success. My recovery is going well. We are also grateful to the neurosurgeon and the medical team at NY-Presbyterian Hospital in Queens. They provided excellent medical care.

Many OLMC prayer warriors brought up their fervent prayers to heaven and, definitely, were answered. We send our blessings and love to you all.

Deacon Bob & Tessie Liwanag



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
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Most saints lived a faith that was quiet, steady, and faithful. They trusted that God works powerfully through hidden acts of love, prayer, and perseverance.

This is the heart of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. In PEA, nothing dramatic happens on the outside. We sit. We watch. We listen to God speaking quietly to our hearts. Like many saints, we believe that simply being present before Jesus—faithfully and quietly—changes hearts, families, and even the Church. Much of the world's healing happens unseen.

If you are tired, burdened, or simply longing for peace, and would like to pray for loved ones, the marginalized and peace for the entire world, come and spend time with the Lord. You do not need perfect words or great strength—only a willing heart.

All are warmly invited to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Come and rest with Him.

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

**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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Feb. 8	9:00AM Women's ISP Team (MR) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir Practice (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC)
Mon. Feb. 9	3:45PM Children of the Eucharist (Chapel) 4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Prep (Library) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM SCC Core Team Meeting (PCA) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church)
Tues. Feb. 10	3:45PM Jr. High 8A (PC) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (GYM) 5:30PM Shlake Religious Ed. (REC1) 7:00PM ChristLife: Discovering Christ (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Feb. 11	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 8B (PC) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:45PM Opus Dei (Chapel, PCA) 7:00PM WCST Evening of Reflection (MR) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Feb. 12	9:00AM MOMs SALT 1 (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. Feb. 13	9:00AM MOMs SALT (MR) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Sat. Feb. 14	9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

SAVE THE DATE

**Knights of Columbus
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 14, 2026**



Dinner! Dancing! Entertainment!

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 Risor, 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.



Monday, Feb. 9

- + **6:30AM Janett Balboa**
req Linda & Steven Casella
- + **8:30AM Carl Funke**
req Candy Funke & Family
- + **12:00NN Eileen Siegel**
req Joan Lalonde

Tuesday, Feb. 10 *Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

- + **6:30AM Richard A. Allen**
req Marie Ferrer & Family
- + **8:30AM Lowell Edward Ruggles**
req His Family
- + **12:00NN Paul Dominick Alfieri,
Rose Alfieri & Theresa Greco**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

Wednesday, Feb. 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

- + **6:30AM Alba Posada Garcia**
req The Engel Family
- 8:30AM Success of the Cornerstone Ministry**
req A Friend
- + **12:00NN Michael McKim**
req Emma's ChristLife Friends

Thursday, Feb. 12

- + **6:30AM Sylvia Frances Greaney**
req Chris & Peggy Sullivan
- + **8:30AM Segundino Garrido**
req The McClure Family
- + **12:00NN John Riley**
req The Riley Family

Friday, Feb. 13

- + **6:30AM Michael Penik, Sr.**
req Rich Kritzer & Linda France
- + **8:30AM Katherine Elizabeth
(Katie) Eidschun**
req Her Beloved Family
- 12:00NN Special Intention of the
Uber Children & Grandchildren**
req Steven & Yvonne Uber

Saturday, Feb. 14 *Saint Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*

- + **8:30AM Victor Messineo**
req His Family
- 5:30PM For the People of the Parish**

Sunday, Feb. 15 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM Edward Fortcher**
req Brian Keegan
- + **9:30AM Pasquale Ciorciari**
req Paula Nicklous
- + **11:00AM Deceased Members
of the Reedy Family**
req Ron Reedy
- + **12:30PM Marie & Jay Pallone**
req Louise Pallone
- + **3:00PM Alicia Ruiz & Edgar Aguilar**
req The Aguilar Blacido Family
- + **6:30PM Stella Biglioli**
req Richard & Patricia Pazer

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 58:7-10

The pride of kings and the idolatry of the nation have led to its collapse. But this will be the display of true religion, to share food with the hungry, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless and to show compassion to all. When the nation does this, it gives evidence that it is finally listening to God. Then it will be a light to all the world.

2. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul put no stock in fancy rhetoric, flowery speech, sublime words or worldly cleverness. Such merely human devices would accomplish nothing for the gospel and would not survive trials or persecutions. Faith comes not from clever speech or human wisdom, faith comes from preaching Christ crucified. It was in Christ crucified that Paul discovered the mysterious wisdom and power of God.

3. Matthew 5:13-16

While the images Jesus uses in these sayings are not very specific, and therefore allow for a wide variety of interpretation and application, the message Matthew conveys is clear, the daily life of every believer attests to the glory of God. Salt is used to season, purify and preserve. The follower of Christ seasons, purifies and preserves the world through authentic daily gospel living. Likewise, the follower of Christ, enlightened himself/herself by Christ, is to enlighten others by an authentic witness to Christ, not for self-gratification or approval, but totally on Jesus through whom the world will be saved.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Is the crucified and risen Christ at the center of your life? How?
2. Jesus tells us that good deeds are a shining light, not on ourselves, but on God. In what ways do your good deeds glorify God?
3. Would people who know you think of you as salt and light?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 2/14	5:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
Sun. 2/15	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Jakov
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
	3:00PM	Fr. John Carlos
	6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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