

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

One Passaic Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 11, 2024

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Dear Friends,

A long column this week, so don't get bored.

Church law dictates that when a Cardinal reaches the age of eighty, he is no longer eligible to vote in a papal election. And in my experience in working in the Chancery Office in the Archdiocese, if a Cardinal who heads a diocese remains on good terms with the Pope, he usually will be allowed to go beyond the retirement age for bishops which is seventy-five. But I've never seen a Cardinal-diocesan bishop remain in office once he reaches the age of eighty. I share this seemingly unconnected, and perhaps pointless, information with you because I have asked for, and been granted, another extension to my term as pastor, now ending on June 30, 2025. Within four months of that date, I will turn eighty. With everything I've shared above, **I will not ask for another extension beyond that date and will, therefore, retire on June 30, 2025.** If this should come up in conversation, I have asked the staff to assure people that I will hold fast to this determination. I'm sure I will have more to share with you in the coming months.

Now on to more significant matters.

First, Wednesday of this week is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent. As you have heard many times before, the word Lent derives from a German root which meant – spring – as in the season, but originally meant – long – referring to the time of year during which the days grew longer. While spring is still more than a month away, the temperatures these last few days have certainly put us in a more spring-like mood than in a winter mood (let's hope it stay like that through both February and March). And Daylight Savings Time begins four weeks from today (March 10th). And that seems really early this year.

Lent should be a truly special time of the year for Christians, much the same as Ramadan is for the Muslims. It is a time to take stock of our lives, at the same time performing acts of sacrifice and penance to change those aspects of our lives that turn us away from God. **It is a time to allow God to grow Himself more deeply in our hearts and therefore in the ways we live our lives.** Couldn't we all benefit from that?

I encourage everyone, man, woman and child to take this Lent more seriously than at any other time. Do something that's a real sacrifice. Challenge yourself in ways that you never thought possible. Sacrifice something that you really like, like sleep, getting up a bit earlier to go to daily Mass (6:30, 8:30 or 12:00). Or say a Rosary everyday or read a chapter from one of the four Gospels each day. Or fast every day of Lent (Monday thru Saturday, like in the "old days, or, if that's too much, Wednesdays and Fridays (see the piece in the bulletin about what fasting entails). Encourage your children to sacrifice something they really like, such as giving up some time on one of their electronic gadgets, using that time to help you or someone else). And help them to stick to it throughout the whole season. As a society, we rarely speak about sacrifice but we practice it every day; teenagers sacrifice time with their friends in pursuit of athletic excellence, dads sacrifice early nights at home for that extra advantage at work, moms either sacrifice career opportunities to be stay-at-home or time with their children because they need to be "working moms." People sacrifice all the time without identifying

it as sacrifice. The Church invites us not only to do it, but to name it so that we may focus all our spiritual energies during this "spring" time, lengthening the awareness of God's presence in our lives and to see if God really holds a special and center place. If not, Lent is the time to put Him there.

Of course, don't forget to get off to a good start by coming to church on Ash Wednesday to receive that one, special sign which is one of the signature signs of being a Catholic, although many Christian denominations have now returned to the practice – ashes. Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 12:00 noon and 7:30 PM. Services (but not Mass and therefore, no Holy Communion), will be celebrated at 4:00 PM, and 5:30 PM. At all of these celebrations, the ashes are distributed after the Gospel and homily.

Another good way to allow Lent to have a deeper meaning in your life is the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Penance, confession. Confessions are heard every Saturday, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, with two priests hearing, and on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. Don't wait for Holy Week. Avoid the rush and go to confession early.

Second, I hope you had the opportunity to review the materials sent home to you concerning the **Annual Appeal**. As I mentioned in my talk, if you did not receive them in the mail, there are materials (brochures and pledge envelopes), scattered around the church. As I also mentioned in that same talk, over all these years, my main goal has always been to increase the number of households who participate in the campaign and there are reasons close to home (hospital and college campus chaplains) for participating if you have not done so in the past. Please join with so many parish households in being part of the support for all the Church of Newark does to announce the Gospel and proclaim the Kingdom. You may contribute by going to the link on the homepage of our website or using one of the pledge envelopes scattered around the church.

Lastly, this is the last weekend parents from the Academy will be at the church with tickets for the Calendar Raffle for the support of the Academy. Please help in preserving the availability of Catholic education for our children by supporting this raffle. Thank you.

Blessings for a fruitful Lent,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." St. Paul's words in today's 2nd Reading are a tall order. But the fact is we are called to give God that glory, in the Our Father we pray, "hallowed be thy name." How can we do that, in everything we do? One sure way is through our gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. When we use these for the building of God's kingdom, we not only give God glory, we keep that purpose in the forefront of our lives. Try it; you'll find it works.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,949. God bless your generosity in building the Kingdom, and giving glory to God through it. Online giving helps the parish stabilize its resources and properly plan for the future.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

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From the drop-down menu

Checks (payable: 2024 Annual Appeal) may also be placed in the collection basket, in the boxes at the doors of the church, or mailed/dropped off at the rectory.

A Night of Prayer
Sponsored by Hallow
This Friday, February 16, 2024



Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Center
Lite refreshments will be provided.

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On Saturday, February 17, 2024, baptized candidates who are on the RCIA spiritual journey will attend the celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in the Archdiocese of Newark. Cardinal Joseph Tobin is the celebrant.

The 2024 OLMC baptized candidates are: Ava Brett, Thomas Connors, Micaela Loa, Stephanie McConville, Wendoly Mora, Frank Ortiz, and Jackeline Ponce. Five of them are to receive Confirmation only and two are to receive both Confirmation and Eucharist.

The parish RCIA team has been accompanying them to provide spiritual guidance and to enlighten them about the Catholic faith. All parishioners are invited to please pray for these candidates.

**Beginning
This Thursday
February 15th**

All are Welcome!
**Join us for Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday—6:00AM**
**Lower Level
of the School Bldg.**
Enter through the rear door.

LENT

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Religious Education When Families Gather



February Sessions

Every family in the program must attend one session per month.

Parent Only Session

Monday, Feb. 12th | 7PM-8PM | Parish Center

Summer Religious Education Program Parent Meeting

Religious Education Office Phone, 201.444.0211
Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

For anyone reading the online bulletin Friday...

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY—9AM-12NN

Fr. English is in urgent need of breakfast items!

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Oatmeal, Cereal, Pop Tarts,
Muffin & Pancake Mix, Syrup, Granola Bars

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bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Questions? Contact Glen, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

FR. ENGLISH FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF
THIS SATURDAY AT THE FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN
FROZEN casseroles can be dropped off during our
monthly Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent, beginning on February 16 through
March 15, 2024, parishioners are invited to pray the Stations
of the Cross in the main church immediately after the noon
Mass. Deacon Nick DeLucca and Deacon Bob Liwanag will
take turns to lead the prayers.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Greeters Ministry Invitation

This Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 pm, Fr. Frank will host a training for anyone who is interested in becoming a Greeter (even if you missed the Info Session) The training will take place in Church and will not exceed 1 hour! Having a vibrant Greeters Ministry before and after Mass is one to the simplest and most effective ways to advance the mission of our parish to create a positive first impression, warm hospitality, generous welcome, radical inclusivity, community building, and of course, evangelization! If you possess a warm and friendly way, come! No registration needed to attend.



THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 15, 2024

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:

Rich Scalione, 201.444.2585 or nwbma@yahoo.com



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Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



**PEA COMMUNION BREAKFAST—OPEN TO ALL!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for a Communion Breakfast immediately following the 11AM Mass.

**Adults: \$25 Children (5-12 yrs): \$10
Under 5: No Charge**

RSVP: Text/Call Cynthia, 551.574.1063

Make checks payable to OLMC; note PEA Breakfast on the memo line and **mail/drop off to the Rectory NOT LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.**



MASSES

6:30AM 8:30AM 12:00NN 7:30PM

SERVICES

4:00PM 5:30PM

***Ashes will be distributed immediately following
the homily at the Masses and Services.***



Ridgewood Health Department presents

A WOMAN'S HEART

A conversation for women about heart health
facilitated by Valley Health System

**This Thursday, February 15th | 10:30AM-11:30AM
Village Hall, First Floor Youth Lounge**

Registration required. Register on Community Pass at:
<https://register.capturepoint.com/ridgewood>



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Feb. 11	1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 2:15PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 7:00PM Nally Confirmation Group (YCA) 7:30PM NCW Lenten Announcement (PC)
Mon. Feb. 12	5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM WFG Parents Only Session (PC)
Tue. Feb. 13	9:15AM MOMs Grace Within (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 8A (PC) 4:00PM Religious Education (Gym) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Feb. 14	3:45PM Jr. High 8B (MR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM MOMs Meatless Dinner (PC) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thur. Feb. 15	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM NCW-3 (NCW-A) 8:00PM Pre-Caná (NCW-A)
Fri. Feb. 16	9:30AM MOMs SALT (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Sat. Feb. 17	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 12:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (CW)

SAVE THE DATE

**Knights of Columbus
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 9, 2024**



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsa, Gilbert Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Katie Gillen Eidschun, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Kenneth Gershbort, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Patricia Haug, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letiza, Anna Lobascio, Joel Lustberg, Cambell McArthur, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Feb. 12

- + **6:30AM Richard Svadeba**
req The Bessel Family
- + **8:30AM Segundo Garrido**
req The McClure Family
- + **12:00NN Eric G. Smidt**
req Annabelle & Lito Pacifico

Tuesday, Feb. 13

- + **6:30AM Brenda Eickmeyer**
req Barbara & Michael Jones
- + **8:30AM George & Anne Minicus**
req The Minicus Family
- + **12:00NN Manuel Dantas Pedreira**
req Sherri Fowler

Wednesday, Feb. 14 *Ash Wednesday*

- + **6:30AM Victor Messineo**
req His Family
- + **8:30AM Cecilia Amparo & Isaac Vargas-Zapata**
req The Vargas-Torres Family
- + **12:00NN Maria DeBenedetto**
req Annamaria Bock

Thursday, Feb. 15

- + **6:30AM Sally Bercaw**
req Robert Klemm
- + **8:30AM Grace Bernero**
req The Findlay Family
- + **12:00NN Anthony Prescott**
req Mary Leale

Friday, Feb. 16

- + **6:30AM Anna Mirkovic**
req John Bussanich & Gilda Waryha
- + **8:30AM Harry Barron**
req Roger & Kathy Campbell
- + **12:00NN Ted Kramer**
req Candy & Carl Funke

Saturday, Feb. 17 *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

- + **8:30AM Max & Muriel Santlofer**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
- + **5:30PM Special Intention of Marija Zanki**
req Julie Okeke

Sunday, Feb. 18 *First Sunday of Lent*

- + **8:00AM Filomena & Lawrence Orlando, Sr.**
req Ann Carol Orlando
- + **9:30AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **11:00AM Marie & Jay Pallone**
req Louise Pallone
- + **12:30PM Paula Bergen**
req Adele Bergen
- + **3:00PM Alejandro Morales**
req His Wife, Maria
- + **6:30PM Rhonda Campanello**
req Christopher Keating

**THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL—7:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

1. Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

During the year in which the Chosen People remained at the base of Mount Sinai, before setting out for the Promised Land, they received detailed instructions on what was expected of them as God's chosen people. Some of these instructions dealt with an understanding on who was in and who was outside the community. Today's excerpted passage belongs to legislation regarding purity, which renders the sufferer unclean for public worship. In this case it is "leprosy," which might refer to any blotch, scab or blemish. Such a sufferer not only had to remain separated, but also had to announce that uncleanness and dwell apart from the rest. Only when the priests determined that the ritual impurity had been rectified could the person be welcomed back into the community.

2. 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

In giving advice to the community at Corinth, Paul relies, not on his authority, but on his example. As he imitates Christ, so should the Corinthians imitate him. In passages before today's excerpt, and concluding with this passage, Paul suggests that those of the community who continue to attend festivities in the pagan temples endanger themselves and others by such participation, by provoking Christ because everything that is done, including eating and drinking, should be done to give glory to the One God.

3. Mark 1:40-45

Leprosy described a wide variety of skin diseases. Regardless of the kind, the person was considered to be ritually unclean, and therefore isolated from the community. In today's excerpt, Jesus disregards the rules regarding ritual purity, stretches out his hand and touches the leper, becoming ritually unclean himself. The cleansed leper is now to show himself to the priests, as proscribed in the Mosaic Law. This interaction communicates God's love and care and Jesus' touching of the leper is His affirmation to His followers that there can be no one who cannot be "touched" by that same love.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Do I make judgments about a person based on externals, skin color, accent, appearance, or do I wait to see what they're like "inside"?
2. In what ways does fear narrow the scope of my life?
3. Can I name a time when I experienced healing, of body, mind, spirit or relationships, that made me feel whole and accepted again?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
(always subject to change)

Sat. 2/17	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun. 2/18	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	3:00PM	Fr. Betancourt
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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