

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
www.olmcridgewood.com

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 16, 2025

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Dear Friends,

As I write this on a Wednesday morning, after, yet, another overnight snowfall, with the expectations of another one tonight, and again on Saturday night, I want to say—enough already. I think after these storms (if you can call them that), we will have spent more money on snow removal than we spent in the last two years combined. In addition, there is always the tension involved in trying to decide when, or whether to, suspend or open Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, trying to keep the Adorers safe from coming out in the bad weather. So I say again—enough already.

On the horizon—SPRING, spoken tongue in cheek.

Other things on the horizon.

-The Annual Appeal, formally called the AAA. In a previous column, I had mentioned that Pledge Weekend would be March 1 & 2. When I looked at the calendar I realized that 3/1 & 2 was also the weekend of an Antioch Retreat, a retreat in Kearny for those involved in Youth Ministry. Since I try to make parts of that retreat, especially the closing Mass on the Sunday, I realized I would have to juggle my schedule with preaching at all the Masses. Because that's almost impossible to do well, I've decided to move up Pledge Sunday to next weekend, Feb. 22 & 23. The scenario will be the same. We will show this year's message from Cardinal Tobin and I will say a few words, asking everyone to consider their support for the Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the pews. But again, as I said a few weeks ago, most of the parish families should have already received info in the mail and I am hoping many will have already made their response. My column next week will be devoted, again, to the Appeal.

-The weekend of March 1 & 2 will be the last weekend before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. I invite everyone to begin thinking of an appropriate Lenten sacrifice now. Lent is the time to change our hearts, to make them more open and more receptive to God's word and God's presence in our lives. It is the time to use one of the "tools" of Lent, deeper prayer, fasting or alms giving (charity) to root out the sins which have a hold on us so that at Easter (the Resurrection) we too might be raised to new life, and bring that new life (and light) into the coldness and darkness of our world, to be instruments of God's love in the world around us. In these few weeks before Ash Wednesday, don't just go back to the old and familiar, to the same old, same old that you may have been doing for years. Give some serious thought to a "tool" that will lead your spirit to a new experience of Christ's love and presence for you in your life. And be ready on Ash Wednesday to jump into action. More in two weeks.

-On the long horizon. The baptism of two adults at Easter, 2026. Last weekend we welcomed into the catechumenate

(the process of preparing for baptism) two young women, Kim and Jennifer, who will be journeying for the next year as they prepare for that future baptism. As I have said many times at masses involving those who walk the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (the OCIA), the Church is never more the Church than when she announces the Gospel so as to attract the unbaptized to hear the call of the Lord and to follow it, whatever instruments (family, friends, an experience) the Lord uses to accomplish this. What an inspiring moment to welcome them into this journey for next year, remembering that there are two others who have been on this journey and will be baptized this Easter. More about all of those walking the OCIA journey in future columns. On the horizon—SPRING, if not climatologically, then at least, spiritually.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.” Surely this is the Christian man or woman who practices **Stewardship**. In good times or in bad, he/she remembers the Lord’s goodness and continues offering gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, knowing the Lord will not be outdone in generosity. Do you have that kind of trust?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,486. Electronic Giving, **WeShare/Venmo**, is the best way to support the work of the Gospel, in good times and in bad, through thick and thin, in good weather and bad. Why not try it? God bless your generosity in your practice of **Stewardship**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a collection this weekend for the support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Checks may be made payable to OLMC with “C/E Europe” on the memo line. Donations may be dropped in the regular collection basket, the boxes at the doors of the church, or dropped off at the rectory. Your donation will help to restore the church and build the future.

FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN PAN MINISTRY

PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF—NEXT SATURDAY, FEB. 22ND

(AT OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN)

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry this month. Easy recipe options are provided with pans and lids. Casseroles must be **FROZEN**. Your generous response will make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal.

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624



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

Academy of Our Lady Home School Association Calendar Raffle

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND—2/15 & 2/16!

92 CHANCES TO WIN!

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DRAWINGS BEGIN EARLY MARCH 7TH!

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BUDELMAN/JAMIOLKOWSKI CONFIRMATION GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

Our team is working with St. Joseph’s Hospital. They are in the midst of renovating their children’s playrooms and our goal is to provide comfort, joy and a break from their daily routines to relax and play as kids. We will also create wall art with the hope that it will inspire and provide these youngsters courage. Your support in this effort would be so greatly appreciated.

We will be collecting:

- **Books** (ages 5-15)
- **Legos**
- **Art Supplies** (bracelet making kits, painting/coloring/sticker books, crayons, colored pencils/markers, glitter, glue, construction paper, water color pens, construction paper, water color paper, water color & acrylic paints, paint brushes, pastels, chalk, sketch books, stamps, and craft scissors).

Donations may be placed in the collection boxes that will be at the doors of the church **Saturday, February 15 through Sunday, February 23.**

Questions? Email robertsteph@me.com

NO CONFESSIONS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED TOMORROW—FEB. 17TH

In honor of Presidents’ Day, all parish offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 17. The only Mass celebrated will be at 8:30AM. A priest is always available for emergencies.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather Remaining February Session

Monday, Feb 24th—Parents Only Session
7:00PM-8:00PM—Parish Center

Summer Religious Education Program—2025

This program is open to students entering grades 1-6 in September. The program dates are Friday, June 20 and Monday-Friday, June 23 through Friday, June 27—9:30AM to 1:00 PM weekdays.

REQUIRED SUMMER PROGRAM PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

If you would like your child to participate in the summer religious education program, **you must attend the last remaining parent meeting shown below.**

Thursday, February 20th | 9:30AM | Parish Center



YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE NEXT SATURDAY—FEB. 22ND 9AM-12NN

DRIVE THRU—SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY

FR. ENGLISH: Anything high in protein!! Bagged or Canned Beans (Black & Kidney), Chick Peas, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Nuts, Canned Meats (Chicken, Spam, Hams), Tuna, Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Juice (Apple, Tomato, V8), Jiffy or Similar Muffin Mix, Coffee, Tea, Saltine Crackers, Raisins, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Veggies

SOCIAL SERVICES: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, 100% Fruit Juice, Hearty Soups, Canned Veggies, Canned Tuna/Chicken/Ham, Rice, Shelf Stable Milk, Cleaning Products, Laundry Detergent

RIDGECREST Depends for Women any size, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tuna, Canned Chick Peas/Chicken/Lentils; Raisin Bran, Cheerios (original), Low/No Sugar (instant oatmeal, pudding, Jello), Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise, Bagged Beans, Shelf Stable Milk, Sponges, Toilet Bowl Cleaner

HEALING MEALS: Fresh Carrots/Celery/Onion; Garlic (fresh/jars); Lasagna Noodles; Whole Wheat Flour; Olive Oil, Pasta Sauce (cans/jars); Canned Diced Tomatoes; Marinara Sauce; Canned Cannellini Beans; Dark Brown Sugar; Molasses; Quart Size Freezer Bags; Latex-Free Gloves

Questions? Contact Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS WEEK—FEBRUARY 20, 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:

Mike McKeon, 201.726.2482 or mfmckeon1@yahoo.com



ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 8th
SCHOOL GYM—7:00PM-11:00PM

Celebrate the life of Saint Patrick at the Annual Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance. Gather with family and friends and enjoy an all you can eat buffet including:

Cornd Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Scarpariello, Eggplant Rollatini, Salads, Desserts, plus beer & wine!

Entertainment Includes:
A Bagpiper, Irish Singers, & DJ

Reservations are \$60/person

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For questions or more information, contact Mark Mulvey
mmulvey22@gmail.com

SETON HALL BASKETBALL OUTING

Join us for a group outing to the last men's basketball home game of the regular season! Seton Hall Pirates vs. Creighton Bluejays. **All families & friends** of the OLMC, St. Catharine, and Academy of Our Lady communities are invited. **Feel free to share the link!**

WHEN: Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00PM

WHERE: Prudential Center, Newark

COST: \$30 per ticket
(30% discount, reg. \$45)

To register, scan this QR code or
Follow this link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/tQluEY3B>



Spanish Bible Study Beginning March 22nd

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Saturday, March 22, 29, April 5, 12 & 26
10:00AM—11:30AM | Meeting Room

Email Fr. Jakov or Alba to register
or for more information:
jvidov@olmcridgewood.com or albaludmer@yahoo.com

All are welcome but, please note,
this study will be conducted in Spanish



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT & PREPARATION

Thursday Evenings Through April 3rd
8-9PM—Lower Level of the School Bldg.

Retreat Saturday, April 5

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, 201.444.2000 x202



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

WHEN DID PERPETUAL ADORATION BEGIN?

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration, in general, dates back to the early centuries of Christianity but Perpetual Adoration, as an organized and ongoing devotion developed later.

9th-11th Century—Theological discussions about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist intensified, leading to greater devotion outside of the Mass.

1226 AD—One of the first instances of formal Perpetual Adoration was established in France after King Louis VIII's victory over the Albigensians. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed for continuous veneration in the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Avignon.

16th Century AD—The Council of Trent (1545-1563) strongly reaffirmed belief in the Real Presence, encouraging Eucharistic Adoration.

17th-18th Century AD—Various religious orders, such as the Benedictines, Franciscans, and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, established Perpetual Adoration in convents and monasteries.

19th Century AD—St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as the Apostle of the Eucharist, founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in 1856, dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration.

20th-21st Century AD—Perpetual Adoration spread to parishes worldwide, often as a response to Marian apparitions and calls for deeper Eucharistic devotion; e.g., Fatima, Lourdes).

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Tuesday: 12NN-1PM; Thursday: 10-11AM;
Fridays: 6-7PM; Saturdays: 5-6PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

**Marianist Family Retreat Center
417 Yale Ave., Cape May Point, NJ
Contemplative Prayer Retreat
March 21-23, 2025**

All are welcome! This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience and will include prayer, quiet personal time, special liturgies, and daily Mass.

Cost \$155/pp (Single occupancy, unless married.)

Call 609.884.3829 for more information or to register.

SAVE THE DATE

**Next Jesus and Me Story Time
Saturday Morning—March 8, 2025, 10AM
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.

More information to follow.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Feb. 16	1:00PM Women's ISP (SMR) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 2:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 2:00PM Pray the Rosary—Spanish (Chapel) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 7:30PM Meleski Confirmation Group (YCB)
Mon. Feb. 17	4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Tues. Feb. 18	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. Feb. 19	3:45PM Children of the Eucharist (Chapel) 4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer (Library) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Reh'l (Church)
Thur. Feb. 20	9:30AM Rel Ed Summer Program Reg. (PC) 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) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary-English (Chapel) 8:00PM Marriage Enrichment (NCW)
Fri. Feb. 21	9:00AM SALT (SMR) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Jr. High Lock In (PC)
Sat. Feb. 22	9:00AM Youth Group Food Drive (Driveway) 9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (PC)

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Feb. 17 *The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day*

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Feb. 18

**6:30AM Special Intention
of Giuseppina Calabrese**
req Stefania Galasso

+ **8:30AM Bob Delaney**
req The Levitan Family

+ **12:00NN Peter Hepburn & Family**
eq Lois & James Wylie

Wednesday, Feb. 19

+ **6:30AM Richard Scalione**
req Mary Ellen Lenihan

+ **8:30AM Marjorie Hassell**
req The Grathwohl Family

+ **12:00NN Maureen & John McNamara**
req The Callanan Family

Thursday, Feb. 20

+ **6:30AM Mildred Reeves**
req Bob & Marge Reilly

+ **8:30AM Frank DeLizza**
req Jasmine Aloni-Cohn & Family

+ **12:00NN Juliann Franchina**
req Her Family

Friday, Feb. 21 *Saint Peter Damian,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

+ **6:30AM Aileen M. Grover**
req Rickie Petersen

+ **8:30AM Robert Delaney**
req Tony & Marie Malloy

+ **12:00NN Frank Civile**
req Joan Lalonde

Saturday, Feb. 22 *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

+ **8:30AM Michael Callanan**
req The Culleton Family

+ **5:30PM Angelo Bove**
req Michelle Lustberg & Family

Sunday, Feb. 23 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM Dona Wright**
req The Brophy & Lane Families

9:30AM For the People of the Parish

+ **11:00AM Frank Battaglia**
req Karen & Lou Battaglia

+ **12:30PM Robin Morrison**
req Her mother in law, Dolores

+ **3:00PM Modesto & Teofila Perales**
req Maria Morales

+ **6:30PM Michael Callanan**
req His Family

1. Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah served as God's prophet during the troubled final years of the kingdom and the prophetic word he spoke was consistently rejected, especially by the royal court. The curse and the blessing, often used in prophetic messages, is employed by the prophet in today's excerpted text and they bring into focus two opposing human choices, trust in God or trust in human beings. The royal court has chosen the latter, depending on the strength of their alliances with foreigners. It will end up like a barren bush. Trusting in the Lord, however, is like a tree planted near a flowing stream; it will thrive in the harshest conditions.

2. 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

What is the central ingredient of the message that Paul proclaims? The bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead is his answer, spoken loudly and clearly. So sure is Paul of this that he startles his readers with what are both a profound truth and a real threat—if Jesus did not rise from the dead in His body, your faith is in vain.

3. Luke 6:17, 20-26

Luke's counterpart to Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount" is Luke's "Sermon on the Plain," which forms the excerpted text of today's Gospel. The curse and the blessing is employed by Luke, much as it was by Jeremiah in today's 1st Reading. In Luke, these blessings are much more concrete, the real experiences of poverty, hunger, weeping and hate. God is on the side of those who experiences these in their lives and their present condition will not be their final condition; they can count on the reversal in the future fulfillment in God's kingdom. Likewise, that reversal, in the form of the woes, will be in store for the rich in the Kingdom.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. How have you experienced "resurrection" in your own life?
2. How do you feel today, with all your life's circumstances—dead to the world, fully alive, or somewhere in the murky middle? What can you do to awaken more to life's possibilities in the here and now?
3. Faith is taking Jesus at his word. Is your faith that strong?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 2/22	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 2/23	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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

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