

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held every month on the first Sunday at 1:30pm and on the third Saturday at 11:00am (except for Holiday weekends). Register a month or two in advance for 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.



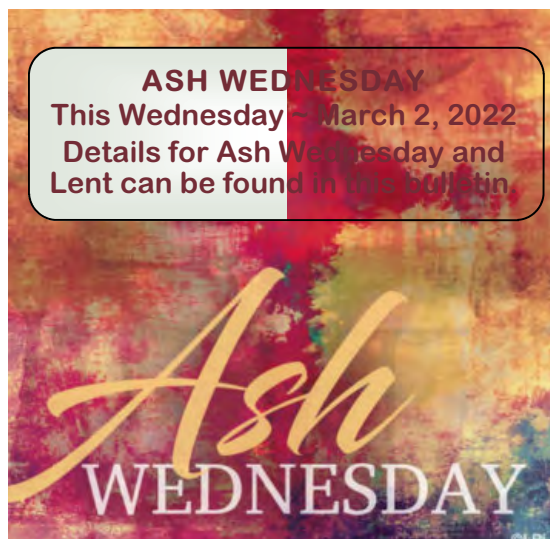
The Parish Family of

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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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.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 27, 2022

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Dear Friends,

Varia—a grouping of unrelated items, in this case, reflections.

Ash Wednesday—Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent, a journey about a journey. As I mentioned in last week's column, it is a 40 day reflection on our own journey through life, or, at least, through this past year and, perhaps, these last two years. This will be the first year since 2019 that we will be able to experience Lent as we have known it. It should be, and can be, a 40 day examination of my own interior life. Where am I in life? How did I get here? Is this where I want to be? Where am I going? Where do I want to go? And how can I get there? Pretty heady stuff, especially in light of the last two years.

The first part of Lent, the first three and a half weeks, starting with Ash Wednesday, focuses on Gospel conversion, beginning anew, fasting, prayer and almsgiving, mutual forgiveness, justice and love, hardness of heart and, most importantly, the call to holiness. It is a time to check out our inflated egos, to challenge self-deceit about the quality and depth of our discipleship and all illusions about ourselves, our lives, our relationships with one another and with God. And the greatest illusion about ourselves is that we are invincible. If Covid has taught us nothing else, it has certainly taught us that. This is why on Ash Wednesday Lent begins with the sobering words, "*Remember, you are dust.*"

With all of that said, Lent is a time to begin anew. The word **LENT** is the shortened form of the Old English word *lencten*, meaning spring season. It is the season during which the earth and nature come back to life. And so, Lent is a time of new life, a time of renewal. What better way to experience lent, than to spend lent coming back to spiritual life, after the two years of pandemic "death." It can be a time to experience the freshness of the Lord's life in us. Like the sap rising in the tree trunk into the branches and limbs. And that "sap" rising in us is the Eucharist, the flesh of the Risen Christ, the Body and Blood of Him who gives us life. I invite every parish household to make that their Lenten goal, their Lenten resolution, beginning with Ash Wednesday. You can check the Ash Wednesday schedule elsewhere in this bulletin or on the parish website. In addition, for daily reflection, the *Little Black Books* are available at the doors of the church this weekend.

The Annual Appeal—As I write this, the number of households who are participating in the Appeal has risen to 171 and we have reached 75% of our goal of \$137,000. A big thank you to all who have committed so far. The Appeal funds so many ministries of the Church in the Archdiocese of Newark, ministries such as the College Campus Ministries, Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies, Catholic Charities. You can see the full list of the ministries in the Appeal materials and you can designate (restrict) your gift to any particular ministry or cause that you like. If you missed my homily on the Appeal, and the Cardinal's message (which is embedded in the homily), you can view both by going to the **SUNDAY HOMILY** icon on the homepage of the website. It's the first icon (link) of the left hand side of the page. One thought—if you are looking for a way to do some "almsgiving" during Lent, the Appeal would be perfect. Maybe you could give \$50 a month for the next four

months and be finished in June. That would help the ministries of the Archdiocese and the parish as well because of the rebate policy. For more information you can also go the Appeal link, also on the left side of the homepage of the website.

Term Extension—Some of you may know this already, but at my request, Cardinal Tobin as extended the term of my pastorate here at Mount Carmel until June 30, 2023. I want to share with you my own thinking in this regard. Over these years and with each extension, I have had to ask myself when will it be the time to finally retire. Several conditions come to my mind and have formed my own answer to that question. First is my health. I would never stay longer than my health would allow. Mount Carmel deserves a pastor who has the energy enough to carry the responsibilities of this position. Praise God, He has been good to me in this regard.

After that, there are three conditions which would lead me to say it's time. The first is the state of Covid. I have never thought it good to leave while we are all struggling to come to grips with this pandemic. We have walked this road together, with all its ups and downs, its progress and its setbacks, its sorrows and its joys. While we are not out of the woods yet, the light at the end of the tunnel grows. I am convinced living in the **endemic** will not be the same as pre-Covid, but neither will it be the same as living in the **pandemic**. It seems clear we are moving in the right direction.

The second is something called *Parish Catalyst*. It is a platform which encourages dynamic discipleship, focusing on reaching the unchurched, leadership development, parishioner engagement, and parish revitalization and renewal. A small group of the staff and parishioners have been engaged with ten other parishes in examining how this can happen in our individual parishes and planning for the future. In the fall we will be engaged in the last phase of this "learning community" process, as we continue to engage the wider community of the parish to become involved in this endeavor. I will be writing more about this in the future but I see our progress so far as the fulfillment of the second condition for arriving at "the time."

The third condition is very specific to the parochial (priestly) staff. I would hope to leave, for my successor, brother priests who would be able to help him come to know, understand and love this community. Who could share with him their commitment to the wellbeing of Mount Carmel and help him be "on-fire" for the continued growth and success of a truly wonderful and remarkable faith community. Who would work with him as a team, and for that matter, the whole staff, and the parish at large to be what we proclaim in our Mission Statement, the *Light of the World*. To help everyone achieve that close personal relationship with the Lord that allows them to reach the state of holiness that the Lord calls each of us to, so that we may find in Jesus that companion on the journey who will surely lead us to the fullness of the Kingdom. I believe, in Fr. Anthony and Fr. Frank, a new pastor will find the fraternal support he will need to serve this community as it should be served.

With all of that said, and these four conditions hold, come June 30, 2023, I will not seek another extension.

Let's all have a great **LENT &**
God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." These words of Jesus in today's Gospel challenge the disciple to examine his/her contributions (not just monetary) to the Kingdom. God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear fruit, for the glory of His name and the growth of His Kingdom.

God bless all who bear fruit for the Kingdom. Using **WeShare** helps the parish as we struggle to return to normal.

Annual Appeal ^{the 2022}

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Checks Payable: 2022 Annual Appeal

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2022 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, March 6, 2022 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

*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.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

When Families Gather
February Theme—Unit 5 Morality

Sunday, February 27: Virtual 9:30AM-10:30AM
Monday, February 28: Virtual 7:00PM-8:00PM

All in person sessions require
pre-registration through Sign Up Genius

Jesus and Me Story Time
March 12, 2022 | 10:30AM | Meeting Room

Parents, Grandparents and Godparents—you are invited to bring your children to a special Lenten Story Time. All Children 2-1/2 to 5 years old are welcome. To enroll in the class please contact:

Adriana DeCandia, thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com
A \$10 dollar donation per family is suggested.

MOMs MEATLESS DINNER
THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND
PARISH CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 5:30PM SERVICE



MOMs is organizing a pizza delivery with our friends at Renato's. If your family would like to join us, please contact Katherine or Cindy now.

Katherine Clark, katherineclark2014@gmail.com
Cindy O'Dwyer, cynthia.boland@gmail.com

ORDER DEADLINE—TODAY—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

Beverages are provided, as well as crafts for the children. It promises to be a beautiful family event.

OLMC MOMs MARCH MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 9, 2022 | PARISH CENTER | 9:15AM

"A Way of the Cross for Mothers"

Join us this month as we reflect on the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season using "A Way of the Cross for Mothers" by J. Katherine Reilly as our guide. This is a peaceful, prayer-filled meeting, with reflections specific to our role as MOMs who walk with Jesus as we strive to communicate His love to our families.

This annual meeting will be held in person this year. We hope you can join us as we share this intimate journey together during this Lenten Season.

As always, all friends are welcome to join us.
Child care will be available for those attending.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale,
Edgar Delgado, James Nardelli, Robert Smith

NEXT FOOD COLLECTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH
9AM-12NN
School Bldg. Driveway



The members of Mt. Carmel's youth group will conduct a drive through collection on Saturday, March 5th.

All non-perishable items will be accepted.
No expired items, please.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Tuna, Canned Chicken, Spam, Small Canned Hams, Soup, Canned Veggies, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Chick Peas, Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Saltines/Ritz Crackers, Salad Dressings, Olive Oil (small bottles), Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cheerios (original), Raisin Bran, Oatmeal, Pop-Tarts, Boxed Sugar Free Jello/Pudding Mix, Muffin Mix, Cake Mixes/Canned Icing (for kid's birthday cakes), Coffee, Tea, Shelf Stable Milk, 100% Fruit Juice, Bottles of Water (.5 L), Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Personal Care Items (soap, shampoo, deodorant), Depend Brand Adult Women's Briefs (all sizes)

Please note: Shelf Stable Milk
is needed by every agency we serve.

Questions may be directed to Glen McCall
gmccall@olmcridgwood.com, 201.444.9302



MASSES

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

SERVICES

4:00PM 5:30PM

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



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Sundays Following
9:30AM Mass

We joyfully announce that we are returning to our ministry of bringing Holy Communion to the residents of our local healthcare facilities. Please help us rebuild our team of volunteers who are sent from the Sunday morning, 9:30AM Mass to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Contact Sr. Mary Spano for more information:
201.390.4041, mspano@olmcridgewood.com

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7

MAXIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE PERMITTED IN THE CHAPEL



Everyone is invited to participate in PEA. Stop by the chapel or better yet, sign up for an hour that is good for you.

URGENT: SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED!

Sundays: 1-2AM; 9-10AM; 4-5PM
Tuesdays: 1-2AM; 3-4AM; 12NN-1PM
Wednesdays: 3-4AM; 3-4PM
Thursdays: 3-4AM
Fridays: 1-2PM; 3-4PM
Saturdays: 3-4AM; 7-8PM; 9-10PM

Hours—Noon-6PM: contact Mary Cutro
marycutro@gmail.com, 201.394.6396

Hours—6PM-Midnight: contact Mike Reinhard
reinhardmike@yahoo.com, 201.887.3556

All Other Hours: contact Cynthia Torres
cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com, 551.574.1063



**ALWAYS CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY
WEATHER RELATED PEA CLOSURES**

Coordinators will only contact Adorers that are scheduled on days the Chapel must be closed. All others, please check the website or contact your Coordinator.



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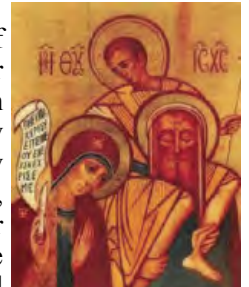
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ACADEMYRAFFLE@GMAIL.COM OR CALLING
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(CHECKS PAYABLE TO ACADEMY OF OUR LADY)

DRAWINGS BEGIN MARCH 11TH

ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS

MESSAGE FROM FR. RON

As a way of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, members of our Neocatechumenal Way will once again be going door to door in the community to announce the love of God for every person. They will not be taking a census, or asking people to return to church or the parish, or inviting people to become Catholic, or selling anything. They will simply announce that God loves them and move on—unless invited in for further conversation. I know this is somewhat unusual for Catholics and we have not done it in a number of years; but, a word of hope is something that might help all of us, especially in the face of all that's going on in the world.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Martha Bombardier, Francis Cabrera, Reynaldo Caling, Art Carpenter, Ellin Carroll, Peter Colgan, Maria de la Rosa, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Irene Frey, Maria Garate, Kitty Gill, Frank Gillen, Sydney Heinold, James E. Hough, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Ryan Kelly, Lorenzo Kim, Claudia LaFrance, Anna Lobascio, Beverly Magner, Dennis Maloney, Emeteria Mariano, Juan Martinez, John McGowan, Gemma Miller, Mark Mongon, Pat Mullen, Bea O'Rourke, Joseph Pasculli, Cathy Ricciuto, Michael Runz, Donald Schwenker, Mark Steppe, Don Strittmatter Kenneth Stueben, Dennis Tomala, Patricia Uzzalino, Sebastian Yarleque, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

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



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Feb. 28

- + **6:30AM David Barrows**
req John Rooney
- + **8:30AM Lucy Caceres**
req The McClure Family
- + **12:00NN Rose & Harry Stockhouse**
req Anne & George Skau

Tuesday, March 1

- + **6:30AM Charles Loprieno**
req Matthew Loprieno
- + **8:30AM Domenica Mircovich**
req Mr. & Mrs. Luciano Scrivanich
- + **12:00NN Carmelina Banu**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

Wednesday, March 2 *Ash Wednesday*

- + **6:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory**
req A Friend
- + **8:30AM Kathy Gresco**
req The Hunt & Murphy Families
- + **12:00NN Andrea Bernstein**
req Vincent & Robert Bero
- + **7:30PM Rita & Raymond Lewis**
req The Lewis Family

Thursday, March 3 *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

- + **6:30AM Pascual Quimbo**
req His Family
- + **8:30AM Edward Shevlin**
req His Family
- + **12:00NN Edmund Izzo**
req Terry & Mary Harrison

Friday, March 4 *Saint Casimir*

- 6:30AM Living & Deceased**
Members of the Rieger Family
req The Rieger Family
- + **8:30AM Vincente Gonzalez**
req Liliana Silebi & Family
- + **12:00NN Pat Henderson**
req Helen Pfaff

Saturday, March 5

- + **8:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory**
req A Friend
- 5:30PM For the People of the Parish**

Sunday, March 6 *First Sunday of Lent*

- + **8:00AM Dina Mirkovich**
req Marija Picinic-Lizzi & Family
- + **9:30AM Ron Forenza**
req Tom & Louise Lewis
- + **11:00AM Marilyn A. Byrne**
req The Gallagher Family
- + **12:30PM Justin Cigolini**
req The Pfeiffer Family
- + **3:00PM Miriam Pulla, Gladys & Gilbert Avila**
req The Avila Family
- + **6:30PM Deceased Members of the Frank Family**
req Carole & Bill Frank

1. Sirach 27:4-7

In a book translated by his grandson, Jesus ben Sirach offers the wisdom of the law to those looking for a guide in their lives. In this excerpted passage, Sirach teaches his readers to be discerning in judgment. Appearances can be deceptive and what was initially impressive disappears under further scrutiny. People may impress us until we hear the words they speak. Words reveal what lies deep and unseen within the heart. Praise no one until their speech, tested by trouble, proves them praiseworthy.

2. 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul looks forward to the victory of life over death. The corruptible will take on incorruptibility, and what is mortal will take on immortality. In light of this transformation, Paul urges his readers to show gratitude to God by committing themselves fully to the service of God.

3. Luke 6:39-45

In a continuation of, and an explanation of, the Sermon on the Plain (the Gospel of 2/13), Luke has collected these sayings of Jesus which are instructions on how the disciple lives in the Kingdom of God. Clearly Jesus does not want his disciples to be like the religious leaders of his day. The disciple can be an effective teacher if he/she has been a good follower of his/her own teacher, who is Jesus himself. The disciple, unlike the religious leaders of the day, recognizes his/her own deficiencies (the wooden beam) and therefore refrains from taking the splinter (judging others) out of the eye of a brother or sister. And the driving force of discipleship is the truth that the authentic follower of Jesus will live like Jesus, and his/her actions will give testimony to the interior life he/she lives with God.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Are you susceptible to judging others by outward appearances? Have you ever been led astray by your first impressions?
2. What do your words—and the inner tone with which you speak them—reveal about your inner self?
3. What would your life be like if you followed Paul's counsel and were "fully devoted to the work of the Lord?" How might your life change, both inside and out?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	3/5	5:30PM	Fr. Anthony
Sun.	3/6	8:00AM	Fr. Anthony
		9:30AM	Fr. Frank
		11:00AM	Fr. Frank
		12:30PM	Msgr. Sheeran
		3:00PM	Fr. Diego
		6:30PM	Fr. Anthony

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00NN on the Saturday of that weekend.

**THE CELEBRATION OF MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED TODAY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

11:00AM—MSGR. SHEERAN | 3:00PM—FR. MERINO (SPANISH)

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