

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.



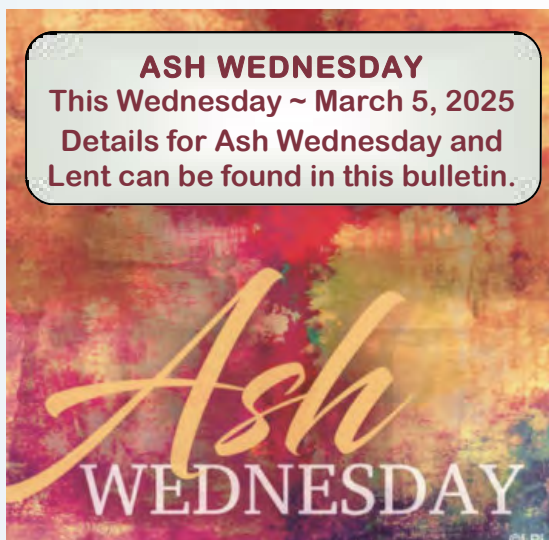
The Parish Family of

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.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ March 2, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Recently, we finished the first segment of the third go-round of *ChristLife*, a journey for evangelization. I received a couple of emails one of which had the following line. “To hear the witness of new participants and how they were moved, and to hear about their growth in faith through Discovering Christ (the first segment) was so very impactful.”

As I reflected on those words, it struck me that that is what a parish should be about—growing in Christ, both individually and together as a community. St. Paul touches on this in his Letter to the Ephesians when he tells us that we must grow into the full stature of Christ, to “grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ. (Eph. 4:15). Growing in Christ is not some mental concept, like growing in my knowledge of him, what he did or what he said. It is relational, my encounter with the living Christ who becomes so close and so intimate with me that Paul can say “yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.” (Gal. 2:20). The journey we are all on is to be that close to Christ that the words of St. Paul come true for each of us. One of the strengths of our Church is that it has recognized so many different roads on which to travel to reach that goal. First and foremost, is the sacramental nature of our Church, and at its heart, the Eucharist. Beyond that, there are so many paths to deepen that, *ChristLife*, the *Neocatechumenal Way*, *Cursillo*, *Marriage Encounter*, *Cornerstone*, *Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration*, and so many others but all offering the same goal—a deeper encounter with Christ which leads us to grow into “him who is our head, Christ.”

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Catholics traditionally “do” something for Lent, In my column last year, on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, I even wrote these words, “Do something that’s a real sacrifice. Challenge yourself in ways that you never thought possible.” This year, I would like to suggest a new approach. Ask yourself, “how can I allow Christ to grow in me?” “How can I grow in Christ?” So often we see Lent as a test of our willpower—to make a Lenten resolution and see if we can stick with it. Look at Lent differently this year. What can I do that welcomes Christ into my daily life so that I can become more like him? How can I stay focused on Christ during the day so that he may transform me into himself and his presence in the world? Put that as your Lenten goal and find some tool (prayer, fasting, alms giving, Scripture reading, sacrifice) that helps you do that. And be sure to join us on Ash Wednesday to begin this journey. Masses are celebrated at 6:30AM, 8:30AM, noon and 7:30PM, with services at 4:00PM and 5:30PM.

Last weekend, I preached on behalf of the **Annual Appeal**. The message of the Appeal is actually an outgrowth from what I said in the first part of my column. The Church’s mission is to announce the Good News, to Form Disciples,

to Pass On The Faith and to live the faith so as to be Christ's hands in our world. Forming disciples is not an intellectual activity. It is to help people *Discover Christ* in their lives and enter into a personal encounter with him. Do you want to be part of that? Are you willing to be part of that? One way to support this work is by **participation** in the **Annual Appeal**. You should have received Appeal materials in the mail. If not, there are still some available in the church. You can use the envelope to make a pledge and mail it directly to the Archdiocese or you can pledge online directly on their website or follow the link on Mount Carmel's website. Whichever means you choose, be a part of this Mission to bring the Gospel to the world, so badly in need of it. Be sure to identify Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Ridgewood as your parish so the parish gets the credit for your gift.

Grace and Peace,
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.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$16,210. God bless all who bear fruit for the Kingdom. Using electronic giving, **WeShare/Venmo**, conquers the vicissitudes of Mother Nature and seasonal travel.



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Ashes will be distributed
immediately following
the homily at all
Masses & Services.

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

SERVICES: 4:00PM & 5:30PM

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Next weekend—March 9, 2025
Clocks "spring ahead" one hour.



Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs) Meeting WEDNESDAY—MARCH 5TH 9:15AM—PARISH CENTER



In light of this month's meeting being Ash Wednesday, our gathering will be a special feature on Lent... *How to have your "best Lent ever."* Mark your calendars and bring a friend! No RSVP required. Complimentary babysitting!

MOMs presents: "The Way of the Cross" for Mothers Wednesday, March 26th | 7PM | Parish Center

All women of the parish are invited. Experience the profound journey of Jesus' road of sacrifice and our path to redemption.

Questions? Email OLMCmomsridgewoodnj.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:

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Chicken Francese, Wild Rice, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Desserts... plus beer & wine!

Entertainment Includes:

A Bagpiper, Irish Singers, & DJ

Reservations are \$60/person (**RSVP by March 6**)

Contact Mark Mulvey for reservations now!
Mark Mulvey, mmulvey22@gmail.com



**Beginning
This Thursday,
March 6th**

All are Welcome!

**Join us
for Morning Prayer**

**Monday-Friday
6:00AM**

**Lower Level
of the School Bldg.**

**Enter through
the rear door.**

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY CALENDAR RAFFLE

DRAWINGS BEGIN THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

DAILY PRIZES RANGE FROM \$50—\$300! ONE GRAND PRIZE OF \$4,000!

Tickets available in the Rectory Office

Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM or by

contacting Erin O'Halloran

erinohalloran@rocketmail.com or 917.621.7241

(CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ACADEMY OF OUR LADY)

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather March Sessions

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 5. Please see the schedule of Masses and Services on Page 3 of this bulletin and plan to attend the one that best fits your schedule.

Stations of the Cross

Come pray the Stations of the Cross. Sign up to attend one of the following sessions.

Monday, March 10: 5PM-6PM or 7PM-8PM

Monday, March 24: 7PM-8PM

Jesus and Me Story Time

**This Coming Saturday
March 8, 2025—10:30AM**

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.

**To register contact Adriana DeCandia
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com
\$10 suggested donation per family**

BUDELMAN/JAMIOLKOWSKI
CONFIRMATION GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

COLLECTION DATE EXTENDED

Our collection of NEW books, NEW Legos and NEW art supplies has been extended through Sunday, March 9. Your donations will support our Confirmation service project—renovating the children's playrooms at St. Joseph's Medical Center. **Hospitals can only accept NEW ITEMS.** Your support of this effort would be so greatly appreciated.

We are 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 through **Sunday, March 9th.**

Questions? Email robertsteph@me.com

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

Donate online: www.rcan.org/sharing
or use the link on homepage of our website.

Make sure to select **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—Ridgewood**
From the drop-down menu

Checks (payable: 2025 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.



The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** 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 celebrates the Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for the Calling to Continuing Conversion at the local parish. Once the Rite of Sending is fulfilled, the parish will later send these catechumens and candidates to the Bishop to celebrate the actual Rites of Election and Calling to Continuing Conversion in a cathedral. These Rites are intended for the catechumens and candidates to deepen their faith and commitment in the Catholic Church. In the Archdiocese of Newark, Archbishop Cardinal Joseph Tobin will celebrate those two Rites at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart cathedral.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is blessed to have two catechumens and eleven candidates for the Easter 2025. The catechumens are: *Dariann Zorilla and Peter Choe.* The candidates are: *Jeffrey Garip, Jessica Garro, Annemarie Hayden, Nastassja Liddie, Christopher Lopez, Ann Macadangdang, Angela Angeles-Melo, Caroline Merejo; Caroline Mora, Jennifer Losquadro, and, Nicole Nelson.*

Msgr. Ron will celebrate the Rite of Sending for these candidates and catechumens today, Sunday, March 2, 2025, at the 11:00AM Mass. The parish community is invited to pray for this Easter 2025 group as they journey to receive their sacraments.

Academy of Our Lady presents...

Ladies Night Out

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March 20, 2025 ~ 6:30PM

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\$100/person

Purchase Tickets by March 14th at
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or by scanning the QR code here.

Information/Contact:

Kristy Dasilva, 917.848.6502 or
jill Tiyyagura, 551.579.3001.



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.org or albaludmer@yahoo.com

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



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CHAPEL CLOSED
MARCH 5, 9PM—MARCH 17, 8AM

Due to the ongoing painting of the interior of the church, the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will close this Wednesday, March 5, at 9:00PM. The Chapel will reopen on Monday, March 17, at 8:00AM.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
2025 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 9, 2025 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.**

*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.*

SETON HALL BASKETBALL OUTING

Support Our Students Singing the National Anthem!

Join us for a group outing to the last men's basketball home game of the regular season! 12 students from AoOL will sing the National Anthem as the Seton Hall Pirates take on the Creighton Bluejays. **All OLMC families & friends** are invited and will get to "high five" the players before tip off. **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>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Mar. 2	9:30AM Ignatian Spirituality Project (MR) 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 McHugh Confirmation Group (YCA)
Mon. Mar. 3	1:00PM Staff Meeting (MR) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR)
Tues. Mar. 4	9:30AM MOMs Grace Within (SMR) 12:00NN Staff Retreat (PC) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Mar. 5	9:15AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC) 3:30PM Spring House (SMR) 4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Team (Lib.) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM MOMs Meatless Dinner (PC) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Reh'l (Church)
Thur. Mar. 6	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/Prep (NCW)
Fri. Mar. 7	4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Inspire: Young Adult Ministry (NCW)
Sat. Mar. 8	10:30AM Jesus & Me Story Time (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (PC) 7:00PM K of C St. Patrick's Dance (Gym)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Als, Andrea Aluisi, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Mary Alice Cesard, 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



Monday, Mar. 3 *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

- + **6:30AM Alice Fleckenstein**
req The Costello & Barry Families
- + **8:30AM Robert N. Delaney**
req Zelda Trajkovic
- + **12:00NN Bill Frank**
req Linda English

Tuesday, Mar. 4 *Saint Casimir*

- + **6:30AM Richard Reilly**
req Bob & Marge Reilly
- + **8:30AM Carl Funke**
req Pat & John Mazor
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members of the Santandreu Family**
req Adela & Jose Vazquez

Wednesday, Mar. 5 *Ash Wednesday*

- + **6:30AM MaryAnn Hegquist**
req The Bolduc Family
- + **8:30AM Peter Van Der Velde**
req Chris & Karen Wright
- + **12:00NN Patricia Engel**
req Peggy Frazza
- + **7:30PM Andrea Schroen Bernsein**
req The Schroen Family

Thursday, Mar. 6

- + **6:30AM Lucy Rieger**
req Joanne Archer
- + **8:30AM Betty Spring**
req Anne & George Skau
- + **12:00NN Luis Poblete Vera**
req Leah Vera

Friday, Mar. 7 *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

- + **6:30AM Ann Craven**
req A Friend
- + **8:30AM Marian Brennan**
req Andy & Susan Varady
- + **12:00NN Eileen Burke**
req Mary Klingenburger & Ann Acker

Saturday, Mar. 8 *Saint John of God, Religious*

- + **8:30AM Joe Lamela**
req Elaine St. Denis
- + **5:30PM Chaz & Charles Lanski**
req Gloria Lanski

Sunday, Mar. 9 *First Sunday of Lent*

- + **8:00AM Stefano Bussanich, Sr.**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + **9:30AM Katherine Garry**
req Daniel & Jeanne Garry
- + **11:00AM Ines Bunza**
req Frank & Karen Sheehy
- + **12:30PM For the People of the Parish**
- + **3:00PM Alba Stack**
req The Engel Family
- + **6:30PM Carol, Salvatore & Christopher D'Amico**
req The D'Amico Family

TODAY'S READINGS

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 full 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 wrong about 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

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

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