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Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
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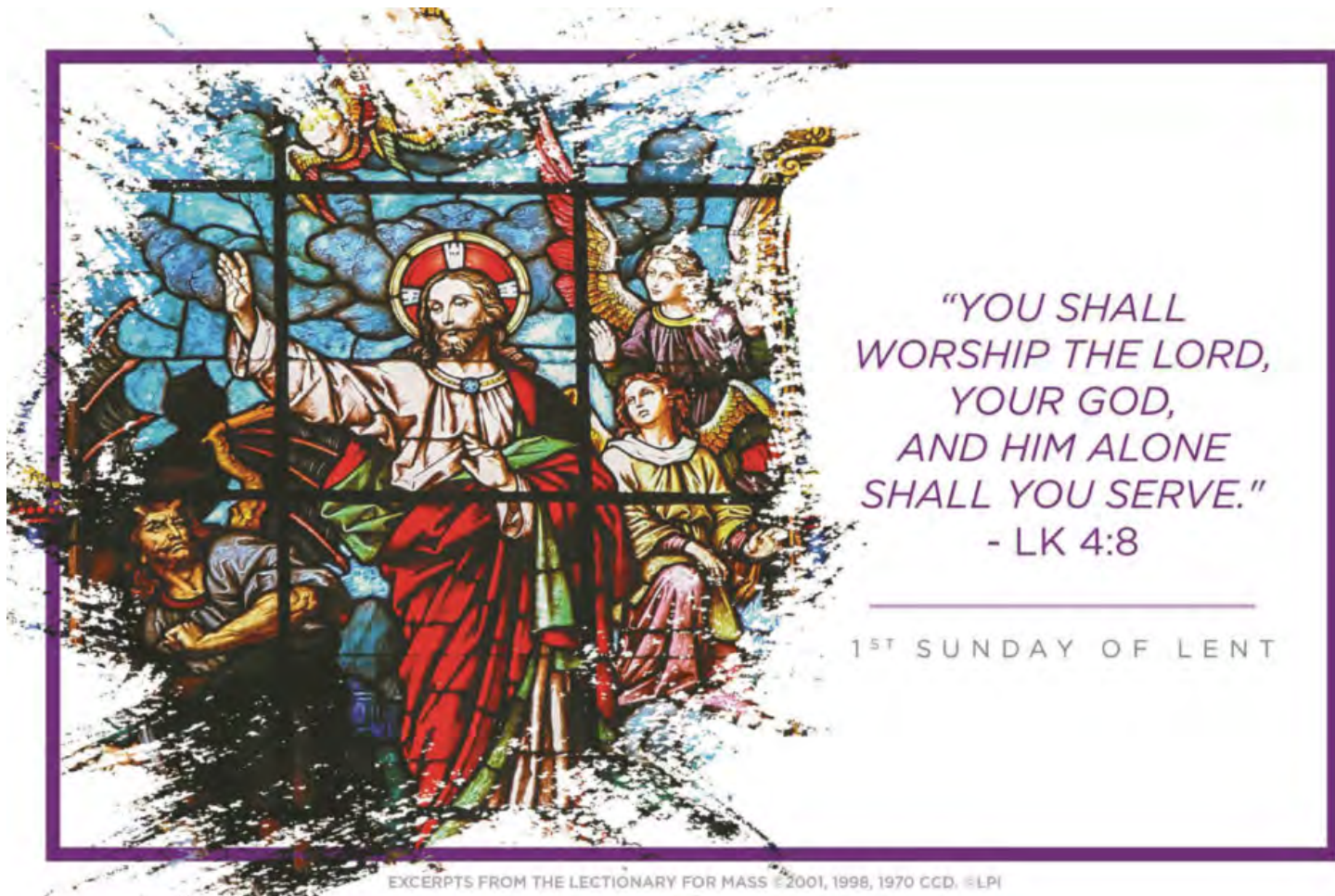
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March 9, 2025



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Dear Friends,

As we began the program year last September and we all returned from the “summer of fun,” I mentioned a book that I had just begun, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, by the popular spiritual writer, Matthew Kelly. At the time I wrote, I had gotten through day 8. In my column I quoted a line from the back of the book, “Life is a pilgrimage. It is a sacred journey toward our eternal home with God. *Learn what it means to be a pilgrim in a world that is constantly trying to reduce you to a tourist and consumer.*” After some other thoughts, I ended the column with an invitation. “I begin this year inviting you to join me on a pilgrimage, on a journey, encountering the Lord every day and growing in awareness of his presence in our lives.”

And then I left you flat. I never followed through with another word about the journey, not even my part in it.

Lent is also a journey, starting in the desert this Sunday and continuing to the Cross and the empty tomb—a journey with Jesus. In the past, each Sunday I have shared thoughts on parts of that journey, from the desert (the temptations of Jesus), to the mountain (the Transfiguration), to the well (with the Samaritan woman). This year, I want to get back to that journey I began last September, that journey, pilgrimage, to the Eucharistic Lord, Risen, Ascended and Seated at the right hand of the Father, who shares His life with us in an extraordinary and unique way. I want to pick up where I left off in September, every Sunday, and share with you my own reflections on the *33 Days*, not to be like the old Cliffs Notes, a summary that keeps you from reading the original, but I hope an enticement to read the book yourselves, to come to that moment of Eucharistic Consecration in your own personal spiritual life.

All of that begins next week. Today is only the introduction—the why.

Matthew Kelly spends the Introduction laying out several well-known realities in our present “faith” world. The Catholic Church has been in decline for decades. Materialism and secularism have eroded the faith of millions of Catholics over the years but there is one outstanding difference between those who leave and those who don’t. Those who believe don’t leave. Those who believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist don’t leave. They may be dissatisfied with or disillusioned by the Catholic Church, for any number of reasons, but they don’t leave. If this is true, then re-energizing the Catholic Church in America will be achieved one person at a time by facilitating a powerful encounter for people with Jesus in the Eucharist. And when this happens, their faith will come alive in so many different ways. And these re-engaged Catholics will take on the heart and mind of a disciple in looking for ways to share their re-discovered faith and commitment to the Lord.

More in the weeks to come.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

PS. If you haven't done so already, please consider a commitment to the **Annual Appeal**. The Appeal funds the Church's Mission to announce the Good News of the Gospel, form disciples who do exactly what I just mentioned and, like Christ, care for the poor and those in need of healing. The easiest way to do so is to go to the homepage of our website and use the link directly to the campaign. Or you can pick up a form at the rectory. Be sure to identify Mount Carmel-Ridgewood as your parish so we can receive the credit for your gift.

STEWARDSHIP

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the product of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me." These words of the 1st Reading are uttered by the faithful Israelite as he acknowledges his deliverance from the slavery of Egypt. The Christian Steward knows that he/she, too, has been delivered from the slavery of sin and offers gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, in thanksgiving. What *first fruits* will you offer to the Lord in this Lenten season?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$15,368. The Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 Sundays of February was \$105,292. It was received as follows:

Online Giving (WeShare/Venmo)	\$52,972
In Pew/ Mailed to the Rectory	\$52,320

God bless your generosity for the work of the Gospel.



A recurring online gift To Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the best way to sustain the mission of this parish all year long.



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Daylight Savings Time Begins
TODAY—MARCH 9, 2025
Clocks "spring ahead" one hour.

MOMs Presents...

"The Way of the Cross" for Mothers
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH
7:00PM—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

Academy of Our Lady presents...

Ladies Night Out

DINNER & FUNDRAISER
RAFFLES, 50/50, AUCTION ITEMS

March 20, 2025 ~ 6:30PM

Macaluso's, Hawthorne, NJ

\$100/person

Purchase Tickets by March 14th at
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/tBdt8Yfb>
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Information/Contact:

Kristy Dasilva, 917.848.6502 or
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ANNUAL APPEAL—2025

Donate online: See the link on the parish 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.

BUDELMAN/JAMIOLKOWSKI

CONFIRMATION GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

COLLECTION EXTENDED THROUGH TODAY, MARCH 9TH

Our collection of NEW books (ages 5-15), NEW Legos and NEW art supplies was extended. 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.

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



All are Welcome!

Join us for Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday
6:00AM

Lower Level of the School Bldg.
Enter through the rear door.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Religious Education
When Families Gather
March Sessions

Stations of the Cross

Come pray the Stations of the Cross. Sign up to attend one of the following sessions. Sign up link was emailed to families.

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

Monday, March 24: 7PM-8PM



Walking with St. Ignatius

Led by Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.

We'll encounter Christ through Ignatian Spirituality with prayer and scripture. We come to know ourselves as loved sinners, forgiven by God. We are created by and for love. We'll discuss how we bring these realities to action in our lives.

Join us for this silent weekend retreat. Please register online at Loyola.org, call 973.5390740, or scan this QR code.



Questions? Contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag or Bob Reilly
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Mark your Calendar
Next Youth Ministry Food Drive
Saturday, April 5th, 9AM-12NN

Foil Pans/Recipes for our Frozen Casserole Ministry will be available after all Masses the weekend before—March 29 & 30

FROZEN casseroles can be dropped off at the food drive on April 5th.



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.

On Saturday, March 8th, Cardinal Tobin celebrated the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion for Bergen and Hudson counties for the baptized candidates at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Newark. This Rite is to guide baptized, but uncatechized adults, further into the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church. Today, March 9th, he will celebrate the Rite of Election for Bergen and Hudson counties for the non-baptized catechumens. This Rite is to enroll the catechumens among the "elect," to prepare them for Sacramental Initiation to be enlightened by the Catholic catechesis and to confirm their intention to join the Catholic Church. These Rites are invitations for the catechumens and candidates to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by deepening their faith and commitment in the Catholic Church.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is blessed to have two catechumens (non-baptized) and eleven candidates (nine Catholics and two Protestants) for Easter 2025. The catechumens are: *Dariann Zorilla; Peter Choe*. They will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on the Easter Vigil. 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*. They will receive Confirmation and Eucharist on the Second Sunday of Easter. The parish community is invited to pray for these catechumens and candidates as they journey to receive their sacraments.

For more information on OCIA, contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag, bob.liwanag@olmcridgewood.com.

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

Discussion Series: Having Difficult Conversations

Navigating tough conversations
while staying true to your values

Whether you find yourself navigating a heated disagreement with a spouse, or facilitating political or ideological tension in the workplace, church, or community, this discussion series will guide you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values.

Program Details

Register using
this QR Code



Dates: Eight Thursdays, April 10 - June 5, *skipping Holy Thursday, April 17th*

Time: 7:00PM-9:00PM (April 10th ends at 9:30PM)

Location: OLMC Parish Center

Includes*: Prayer and Reflection, Discussion of Readings, Videos and Group Activities, Spiritual Practices, & Integration of Faith.

**Participants will need to order two books that will be used in this discussion. Information included in registration.*

For more information contact Peter Denio, pdenio@olmcridgewood.com or Michael Reinhard, reinhardmike@yahoo.com



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 is currently closed. 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.*

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Thursday, April 3, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Marianist Family Retreat Center—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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Mar. 9	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) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (PCB) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (PCB)
Mon. Mar. 10	7:30PM Grassi/Wallace Conf. Group (YCA) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM WFG Stations of the Cross (Church) 7:00PM WFG Stations of the Cross (Church) 7:30PM Contemporary Band (PCB)
Tues. Mar. 11	9:30AM MOMs Grace Within (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 7A (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. 12	7:30PM Journey Parent Prayer Mtg (Chapel) 9:30AM Discovering Yourself (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Reh'l (Church) 7:00PM Opus Dei (Chapel, PCA)
Thur. Mar. 13	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) 7:30PM Cadaret Confirmation Grp (YCB) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary-English (Chapel) 8:00PM Marriage Enrichment/Prep (NCW)
Fri. Mar. 14	9:00AM SALT (SMR) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Sat. Mar. 15	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 9:00AM NCW Volleyball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study Team Mtg (Lib) 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, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Regarded by biblical scholars as one of the oldest fragments of the Hebrew Scriptures, the confession of faith contained in this excerpt is at the heart of Judaism. Within the context of the offering made in thanksgiving for the harvest, the people confess their faith in Yahweh, tracing the Lord's actions in their lives, beginning with their father, Abraham, through their deliverance and ending in their arrival in the Promised Land.

2. Romans: 10:8-13

In these middle chapters of his Letter to the Romans, Paul appeals to his fellow Jews who have not accepted Christ to see Jesus as the fulfillment of all they have hoped for. Because Jesus is just that, Paul invites his countrymen to believe that the word (of the promise and the prophets) is near; already in their hearts and on their lips, and that the consequence of their believing will be justification and salvation.

3. Luke 4:1-13

In this familiar narrative for the beginning of Lent, Jesus, goes off into the desert to experience, in the depths of His own being, the meaning of the call He has received at his baptism. This is accomplished through the tree-fold temptations by the devil in which He affirms His complete reliance on God and God's will in spite of the personal cost to Him. Unlike Matthew and Mark, where the experience ends with angelic ministrations, the Lucan episode ends in foreboding, the devil will return to try again.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. What are the greatest temptations you face in living the Christian life?
2. Since the devil returns to try again with Jesus, he will do so again and again with us. What resources do you use to cope with the temptations you face?
3. What will you do, as a resistance to, this Lenten season? Faithful attendance at the Eucharist? Sacrifice? Almsgiving, charitable giving? A deeper prayer life?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

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

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

Monday, Mar. 10

- + 6:30AM **Jane Berger**
req Mary & James Judge
- 8:30AM **Special Intention of Jason Santlofer**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
- +12:00NN **Daniel P. McHugh**
req Peter & Barbara McHugh

Tuesday, Mar. 11

- + 6:30AM **Norman Delaney**
req The Delaney Family
- + 8:30AM **Carl Funke**
req Linda English
- +12:00NN **Margaret Mary Degen**
req Peggy & Chris Sullivan

Wednesday, Mar. 12

- + 6:30AM **Madelene Kelley**
req Joanne Archer
- + 8:30AM **Robert Thomas Terhune**
req The Schroen Family
- +12:00NN **Carl Funke**
req Joanne Archer

Thursday, Mar. 13

- 6:30AM **Special Intention of the Uber Children & Future Children**
req Steven & Yvonne Uber
- + 8:30AM **Deceased Members of the John McEnroe Family**
req Jean & John Boyle
- +12:00NN **Antoinette & Philip Nucci**
req Joan Judge & Family

Friday, Mar. 14 *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

- + 6:30AM **Gladys Lankes**
req The Callanan Family
- + 8:30AM **Dennis Meany**
req Alice & Martin Mauro
- +12:00NN **Mary Crawford**
req Her Family

Saturday, Mar. 15

- + 8:30AM **Rita Indovino**
req Connie Hambros & Family
- + 5:30PM **Elizabeth Sweeney Lodewick**
req The Lodewick Family

Sunday, Mar. 16 *Second Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00AM **For the People of the Parish**
- + 9:30AM **Katherine Garry**
req Jeanne & Dan Garry
- +11:00AM **Danny McGinley**
req His Family
- +12:30PM **Mary Dunworth**
req Her Family
- + 3:00PM **Aurelio & Eulogia Morales**
req Maria Morales
- + 6:30PM **John Lavin**
req His Family



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