

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.



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Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 13, 2022

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Dear Friends,

I write this column the day after Ash Wednesday. So that would be a week and a half ago. By the time you read this, I will have just gotten back from a week in Vermont. As the friends I ski with have gotten older, we prefer a little warmer weather than the single digits of February. But I want to mention Ash Wednesday because it was the first time in two years that the church resembled what it looked like before the pandemic. I was moved, not just by the numbers, but by the reality that so many of the “faithful” were seeking God in their lives and making time to enter this Lenten season in person, accompanied by family and friends with whom they share that faith. Along with so many other moments in our lives, a return to a pre-pandemic life. And it was a special joy to spend some time with the families that came down to the Parish Center for the “traditional” (pre-Covid, of course) meatless supper, in this case, pizza and salad. It was nice to “see familiar faces,” although the two-year hiatus changed a lot of the children, height, weight, facial expressions, etc. It was great!

Before I go into today’s Scripture, another reminder of the Annual Appeal. I shared in last week’s bulletin where we were in the Appeal. I should have also shared the number of donors. As of that moment, there were 223 contributors to the Appeal. This year, I was hoping we could reach 500, from last year’s 420, so even though we are close to the pledge goal, we have a long way to go to the donor goal. For those who have not yet committed, please join so many others in support of this work of the Church. In addition, you will be helping the parish to continue to sustain the present level of service and ministries, even with the decline in ordinary support because of the pandemic. Please make a pledge today and the easiest way is to go to the link on the homepage of our website. Let’s try to reach that goal of 500 donors.

Now for the spiritual. Let me try to connect last Sunday’s readings with this Sunday’s. You will recall the Gospel last week was about the Temptation in the Desert. The desert or wilderness is the place of struggle, the place of despair, the place of isolation, the place where our problems threaten to overwhelm us, whatever those problems may be in each of our individual lives. It is the place where we are tempted to believe that God has abandoned us (how often have we felt that in the last two years), where it is necessary for us to “go it alone” if we are to survive. In the wilderness of our struggles, Satan tries to convince us that God becomes secondary, no even more, that He becomes unreal, no longer counts, disappears. What is at stake is much more than a sin. What is at stake is faith itself; the choice to believe that God does count and can be counted on.

This week we come to the familiar account of the Transfiguration. In the Transfiguration experience, the glory of Jesus’ divine nature is allowed to shine forth and overwhelm His human nature. Peter, James and John saw His glory and Peter confesses that it is good for them to be

there. And when the cloud comes, though they are frightened, they enter it and in the cloud they hear the voice of the Father.

Going back to last week's Gospel, you might ask, "How can I remain faithful" in the face of the many wildernesses I experience in my life, death, sickness, addictions, job-loss, the breakdown of relationships? How do I remain faithful in the face of this pandemic, with its ups and downs, its restrictions and the divisiveness it has caused in our society? How do I remain faithful in such a wilderness? The Transfiguration gives us the answer. It is by an experience of the person of Christ in His glory. And in entering into that experience, you experience the presence of the Father as well. Where is that experience for you? It is certainly in prayer, the time we spend alone with God. It is certainly in our service to one another, in seeing Christ in the other. But most especially, for us as Catholics, it is the encounter with the Risen and glorified Christ in the Eucharist. We encounter the person of Christ in the most powerful way in the Eucharist and in Holy Communion. To meet the Christ of the Transfiguration is to receive the Eucharistic Christ and to receive the Eucharistic Christ is to be strengthened in faith for the struggle that is the wilderness of our lives. Nothing can substitute for this living Sacrament and the Life that comes to us in it and through it. And no amount of spiritual communion can ever take its place.

This reality is even alluded to in the Transfiguration narrative itself. When Moses and Elijah appear, in conversation with Jesus, we are told what that conversation was about. They were conversing about His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. This "exodus," of course was his very own death. Like the Master, it is only in our encounter with the glorified Lord that we will be able to pass through our own individual "exoduses" to the life of glory.

If you have not done so already, why not try to deepen that "encounter" with Jesus by attending in-person Sunday Mass. You may be surprised by the power it has and by the sense of God's presence in our chaotic world.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" so they could stay on the mountain. But Jesus knew He needed to continue on to complete the mission for which the Father sent Him. Likewise, we too must rise from our worship and complete the mission for which the Father has sent us. The Christian Steward knows this and offers gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** for the mission of the Kingdom. Do you?

God bless your generosity in sharing your treasure for the spread of the Kingdom. On-line giving, offers a consistent and reliable way for the parish to manage its resources in order to spread that Kingdom. Simply go to the **We Share** link on the left side of the homepage of the website to register. Thank you for using this important tool.

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION MASS & RECEPTION

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022—8:30AM



The Knights of Columbus will host a continental breakfast in the Parish Center immediately following the Annual St. Patrick's Day, 8:30am, Mass.

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We are excited to announce that we are preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage in the year 2022. Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in 2020 or 2021, when we were unable to host these celebrations, is welcome to join us! (Note: Certificates will read "Silver" or "Gold," not 26 or 51.)

April 24, 2022 3:00PM 5 & 25 Years
Deadline to Register—April 14, 2022

May 15, 2022 3:00PM 5 & 25 Years
Deadline to Register—May 5, 2022



To register contact Patti Roche
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
When Families Gather
March Theme—Unit 6 Sacraments

When Families Gather will focus this month's Unit on Reconciliation. There are seven sessions being made available to the Religious Education program during the month.

ONLINE SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED

Questions? Need the Sign-Up Link? Contact:
Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com



Dear Friends:

We have completed all Synod sessions, either in-person or virtual. It surely is an exciting time for our parish and for the Church throughout the world, as we listen to the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future. We pray that we may see the Spirit's plan for the Church unfold in front of our eyes, but mostly in the depths of our hearts.

We want to sincerely thank you for participating—for sacrificing precious afternoons or evenings that could have been spent with family, or with rest and relaxation. We express our gratitude to the facilitators, scribes, table leaders. We also want to thank those who took the time to participate via our website, and our Question Boxes in Church. Our Synod participants walked away feeling heard. Some of you even commented that in such a polarized society, it was refreshing just to share ideas face-to-face, with respect and dignity – no arguments, no judgments, all with a listening, Christian heart. Some of you even said that we should do this more often!

Friends, your input is sacred and remains confidential. Your responses will soon be synthesized and compiled into a report and sent to the Archdiocese. Then our report will then be joined to other parishes in the Archdiocese; then that report will be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and merged with the responses of all the parishes in the United States; finally, that report will be sent to the Vatican, to join all the Churches throughout the entire world.

Just a thought—the Holy Spirit always has the final “say” in the Spirit's final synthesis. While our personal ideas and imaginations were heard, the Spirit may have other plans. Let's pray for the gift of divine trust that the Spirit ultimately knows what's best for us and the global church.

We will be sharing the report with you sometime in late April. Stay tuned.

The Synod Team at OLMC



NEXT SUNDAY
MARCH 20TH
1:00PM | Parish Center

“Define Your Target Market”

Learning how to clearly and logically define your target market allows you to focus on specific organizations and ensures that you waste little time finding appropriate new employment. Staying focused with realistic goals can shorten your employment search by weeks, and even months. Professionals will also help with questions following the presentation. Please bring along your most recent resume or job summary information.

ALL ARE WELCOME! NO COST! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

For more information, contact:
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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



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SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED!

Sundays: 1-2AM; 10-11AM; 4-5PM
 Tuesdays: 1-2AM; 3-4AM; 12NN-1AM
 Wednesdays: 2-3AM; 3-4AM
 Thursdays: 3-4AM; 10-11PM
 Fridays: 1-2PM; 3-4PM
 Saturdays: 3-4AM; 1-2PM; 7-8PM; 9-10PM

TO SIGN-UP, PLEASE TEXT/EMAIL

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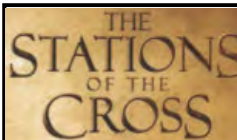
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

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



Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent, immediately, following the 12 noon Mass.

Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross during Lent is a journey to help the Christian faithful make a personal spiritual pilgrimage through the contemplation of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. It is a reminder of the sufferings and sacrifice of our Lord and Savior to bring salvation to mankind. Led by Dcns. Nick DeLucca or Bob Liwanag. All are welcome.

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We are now entering the final trimester of the school year. The year is moving quickly and yet, there is so much more to be done! Our students are taking this time during Lent to reflect and pray and prepare their hearts for Easter.

On Monday, March 7th, the optional mask mandate went into effect at Academy. It was wonderful to once again see the smiling faces of our children. Our hopes and prayers are that we will continue to be safe and healthy.

Please continue to keep the students and staff of Academy of Our Lady in your prayers.

Carol La Salle, Principal

OLMC'S THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS WEEK—MARCH 17TH

Please join us for Mass and a bite to eat this Thursday. Time permitting, one of our priests will join us. If you would like to be included in our monthly email reminder, contact:

Rich Scalione, nwbma@yahoo.com, 201.444.2585



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, March 14 s

- + 6:30AM **Louis Rauch**
req Matthew Loprieno
- + 8:30AM **Lynn Slimmer**
req Tim & Trina Bradley
- +12:00NN **John Moody**
req Kitty Gill

Tuesday, March 15

- + 6:30AM **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
req A Friend
- + 8:30AM **Edward Shevlin**
req His Family
- +12:00NN **Mac Mulhern**
req Anne & George Skau

Wednesday, March 16

- + 6:30AM **Maria Gozdz**
req The Rieger Family
- + 8:30AM **Elizabeth Sherlock**
req Eileen Riley
- +12:00NN **Delia Walsh**
req Nancy Mondanile

Thursday, March 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

- + 6:30AM **Joseph Messineo**
req His Family
- 8:30AM **Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Mass**
- +12:00NN **John Lavin—10th Anniversary**
req Liz, Matt, Kelly, Sarah & Olivia Lavin

Friday, March 18 *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- + 6:30AM **Pascual Quimbo**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Ryszard Car**
req John & Marlene Burton
- 12:00NN **In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph**
req Richard & Patricia Engel

Saturday, March 19 *Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- + 8:30AM **Joseph Anthony Sidote, Jr.**
req Barbara & Joanne Sidote
- + 5:30PM **Elizabeth Lodewick**
req The Lodewick Family

Sunday, March 20 *Third Sunday of Lent*

- + 8:00AM **Catherine Williams**
req Kara & Jamie Hadfield
- 9:30AM **For the People of the Parish**
- +11:00AM **Walter Matesic**
req Joan & Al Scrivanich & Family
- +12:30PM **Santa & Lorenzo Filippone**
req Pamela & Stephanie Singer
- + 3:00PM **Hortensia Victoria**
req The Encarnacion Family
- + 6:30PM **Tony Hroncich**
req Marija Picinic-Lizzi

1. **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

The story of Abraham and Sarah is the story of a growing faith. In this excerpt, God invites Abram and Sarah to believe in a twofold promise—progeny (though they are childless) and land (though they are wanderers). But Abram wants some assurance, which God gives him in an ancient ritual of covenant. Though scholars cannot explain the precise meaning of the actions, the split carcasses seem to invite the same fate for those who break the covenant. Abram believes, but it is God, symbolized by the flaming torch, who agrees to be held accountable.

2. **Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Paul invites his readers to imitate him, as he imitates Christ, especially by being a friend of His Cross. While the exact identity of the enemies of that Cross is not clearly identified, Paul warns that they are a threat to all who would commit themselves to Christ. To maintain a clear and constant focus on Christ, believers must remember that they belong to the heavenly city and should stand firm in that hope.

3. **Luke 9:28-36**

While all three synoptics (Matthew, Mark and Luke) relate the presence of Moses and Elijah in this vision, only Luke relates their conversation, which centers on Jesus' passage, His death and resurrection. The disciples are confronted with the most characteristic of Jesus' teaching about his Messiahship, not power and glory but suffering and death. They have heard the prediction from Jesus, himself, now confirmed through the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Though they fear, they hear the Father's voice, "Listen to Him."

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever experienced a graced moment, like Abraham or the disciples? How has that moment(s) sustained you in difficult times?
2. Despite the graced moments in his life, Abraham also had doubts. How do you handle moments of doubt?
3. When have you been transfigured by your experience of God's love and presence in your life?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
(always subject to change)

Sat. 3/19	5:30PM	Fr. Anthony
Sun. 3/20	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. Anthony
	6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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

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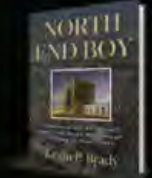
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