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Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)

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Dear Friends,

As I mentioned last week, I want to spend this Lenten season reflecting on Matthew Kelly's amazing book, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. As I also mentioned, this is not a cheap excuse to avoid reading the book but, I hope an enticement to do the opposite—to read it, as it is meant to be read, one day at a time for 33 days. And Kelly has helped me out a little by arranging those days, a week at a time.

He calls the first week, *The Eucharist and the Pilgrim*. You know we are a fast-moving society, always on the run, always with things to do and places to go. And leisure time, if you can call it that, is often running somewhere with our children, or grandchildren, some practice, some game, some recital. No matter how old you are, ask yourself these questions—when was the last time you reflected on who am I, why am I here, and where am I going? If you haven't done that recently, take some time today to do it. I could summarize those questions with the one big one—what is the meaning of life? And especially for you parents of the young, anywhere from one to when you send them off to college, what are you teaching them about the meaning of life? If that's not important to you, put my column down now.

As a disciple of Christ, we know why we are here. Christ has called us, gifted us with faith, anointed us and sent us out to announce the Good News—we are loved by God, who walks with us in this journey of life and leads us to that eternal home, for which we all hope—the eternal kingdom, life forever with the Triune God in heaven. So we do have a meaning for our lives; we do have a destination and we do have a pathway. We are pilgrims on a journey, not tourists and sightseers but pilgrims. Tourists rush around from one place to another, one experience to another, with a focus on themselves, how much can they do, how much can they see? Pilgrims have a focus and a vision (which I have already mentioned). They have a purpose outside themselves, to announce the Good News in word and action, as they journey through life to that ultimate destination.

Christians do not journey alone. The Incarnate God has promised to journey with us, every day, and the focus of that promise is the Lord Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Jesus yearns to walk with you, to fill you with His presence to fill you with His Eucharistic Glory. But where to begin? Kelly shares the six lessons he has learned on his own spiritual journey. (1) Begin a conversation with God. That's called prayer. Not formal prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, but a conversation, from the head to the heart, a relational style of prayer. (2) Ask God what He wants. We're so used to asking from God what we want. Instead ask Him for His advice, His direction, His inspiration, His guidance. (3) Stop doing prayer and give yourself to prayer,

showing up and letting God do what He wants in your prayer time. (4) Transform everything into prayer. Every activity can be transformed into prayer by offering it to God, no matter where, no matter when. Practice it and after a while you will see that it works. (5) Make yourself available to God. 100 % of the time. Surrender yourself, your plans, your lives to God. (6) Just keep showing up. Probably the most important. Just keep showing up, when prayer is great, when prayer is not so great, when prayer is difficult. Just keep showing up. Regardless of how you feel, whether it's convenient or not. Just keep showing up and God will do the work.

More to come.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

PS. As in years past, Catholic Charities is selling 50/50 chances in conjunction with their annual Gala. They are \$50.00 each and only 500 have been printed. If you can support the great work of Catholic Charities, please email me at the rectory.

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?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$17,366. God bless your generosity in sharing your treasure for the spread of the Kingdom. Online giving, **WeShare/Venmo**, come rain, snow, sleet or shine, cold or warmth, offers a consistent and reliable way for the parish to manage its resources in order to spread that Kingdom. Thank you for using this important tool and we invite the whole parish to consider it.

Knights of Columbus Council 1736

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
MASS & RECEPTION
TOMORROW, MARCH 17, 2025—8:30AM**



Please join us at the 8:30AM Mass tomorrow in the church. The Knights invite everyone to join them for a continental breakfast featuring Irish Soda Bread, immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center.

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



**YOUTH MINISTRY
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
NEXT SATURDAY—MARCH. 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@olmcridgetwood.com

FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN PAN MINISTRY

PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF—SATURDAY, MARCH. 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.

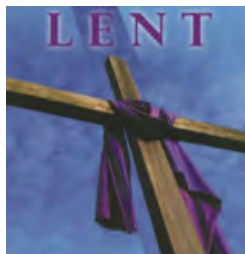
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**Join us for Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday—6:00AM
Lower Level of the School Bldg**

**Stations of the Cross
Prayed Every Friday during Lent
Immediately Following
the 12:00NN Mass.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Religious Education
When Families Gather
March Sessions



When Families Gather Stations of the Cross
Monday, March 24, 7PM-8PM

This is the last WFG Stations of the Cross session. If your family was unable to attend one of the previous sessions held this month, please sign up for this one now.



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.

The non-baptized catechumens received their Rite of Election at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart cathedral in Newark on March 9, 2025 and became the Elect. The next OCIA Rites to be celebrated are the Scrutinies. *What are the Scrutinies?*

The Scrutinies are OCIA Rites celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, by those people who are preparing to be baptized at Easter, known as "The Elect". They are important and special rites of the Church. The Gospels on the three Sundays on which the Scrutinies are celebrated teach the elect about the mystery of sin, and fill them with the Spirit of Christ.

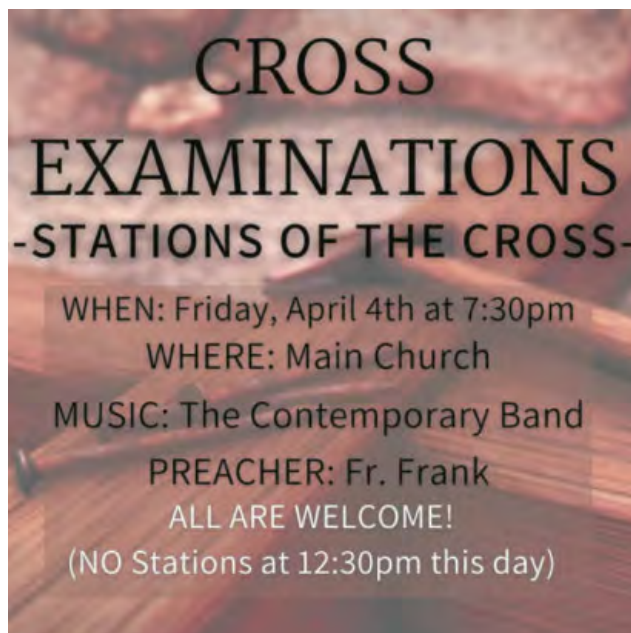
1. The first Gospel (the Samaritan Woman at the well) tells us that Christ is the Living Water.
2. The second Gospel (healing of the man born blind) tells us he is the Light of the World.
3. The third Gospel, (the raising of Lazarus from the dead) tells us he is the Resurrection and the Life.

In addition, the Elect will be celebrating the Handing on of the Creed and Handing on of the Lord's Prayer.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has two catechumens, *Dariann Zorilla and Peter Choe*. They will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on the Easter Vigil. The parish community is invited to pray for this Easter 2025 group of catechumens and candidates as they journey to receive their sacraments.

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

3/7/24	\$100	Maria Vassallo, #172
3/8/24	\$50	Megan Seiner, #791
3/9/24	\$50	Margaret Nepola, #1306
3/10/24	\$50	Chip Murphy, #1404
3/11/24	\$50	Lisa Sayin, #526
3/12/24	\$50	Colleen Sullivan, #770
3/13/24	\$50	Melissa Donofrio, #048



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 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 REOPENING TOMORROW
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 8AM**

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Tuesday: 12NN-1PM; Wednesday: 8-9AM, 9-10AM;
Thursday: 10-11AM; Fridays: 6-7PM; Saturdays: 5-6PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

Academy of Our Lady

2025 Lenten Dinner & Fish Fry

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH—PICK UP ONLY

Pick Up Location: AoOL Campus Ministry Center
(red brick building)

Catered by Grosso's La Strada in Midland Park

Pre-Order dinner choices* by Tuesday, April 1, using this
paylink: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/1Kago1HN>

*Lemon Sole Sandwich; Tuna Wrap; Grilled Eggplant
Wrap; All Veggie Wrap; Mozzarella Burrata Salad

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Contact jaydn.a.miller@outlook.com with any questions.

BERGEN COUNTY CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 10th—5:00PM-9:00PM

Bergen County Administration Building
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

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:

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Mar. 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 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (PCB) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (PCB) 7:30PM Meleski Confirmation Group (YCB) 7:30PM Budleman Confirmation Group (RE1)
Mon. Mar. 17	4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Tues. Mar. 18	3:45PM Jr. High 8A (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. 19	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 8B (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Prep. (Church) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM First Communion Prep. (Church)
Thur. Mar. 20	3:00PM Jr. High Youth Group (Gym) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd (YCB) 6:30PM WCS Circle of Prayer (MR) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary—English (Chapel) 8:00PM Marriage Enrichment/Prep (NCW)
Fri. Mar. 21	9:00AM SALT (SMR) 4:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Sat. Mar. 22	9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM First Communion Prep. (Church) 9:00AM Youth Ministry Food Drive (Driveway) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)



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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



TODAY'S READINGS

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 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

Sat. 3/22	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun. 3/23	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	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.

Monday, Mar. 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

+ **6:30AM Joseph Messineo**

req The Family

**8:30AM Living & Deceased Members
of The Knights of Columbus**

+**12:00NN Patricia Engel**

req Her Family

Tuesday, Mar. 18 *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

+ **6:30AM Madeline Kelley**

req Jeff & Elise Creegan

+ **8:30AM Mona Barrios**

req Esther Mendez

+**12:00NN Joan Kinlan**

req Joan Lalonde

Wednesday, Mar. 19 *Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:30AM In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

req The Engel Family

+ **8:30AM Joseph Anthony Sidote, Jr.**

req Barbara Sidote

+**12:00NN Mary & John Daly**

req Anne & George Skau

Thursday, Mar. 20

+ **6:30AM Frank Reilly, Jr. & Brian Reilly**

req Bob & Marge Reilly

+ **8:30AM Rose Alfieri**

req Donna & Michael Monticello

+**12:00NN William Frank**

req Joan Lalonde

Friday, Mar. 21

+ **6:30AM Albert Yancius**

req His Family

+ **8:30AM Carl Funke**

req Tess Giuliani

+**12:00NN John Reeves**

req Peggy Mulqueen

Saturday, Mar. 22

+ **8:30AM Francine & Don Barone**

req Kathy Dorney

+ **5:30PM Mark Cockcroft, Jr.**

req Susan Taite Malone

Sunday, Mar. 23 *Third Sunday of Lent*

+ **8:00AM Robert Delaney**

req Richard & Jane Certo

+ **9:30AM Julia & Richard Maltezos**

req The Lewis Family

+**11:00AM Eugenio Garrido**

req The McClure Family

+**12:30PM John Gerard Redl**

req The Redl Family

3:00PM In Thanksgiving

req The Noriega Family

6:30PM For the People of the Parish



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