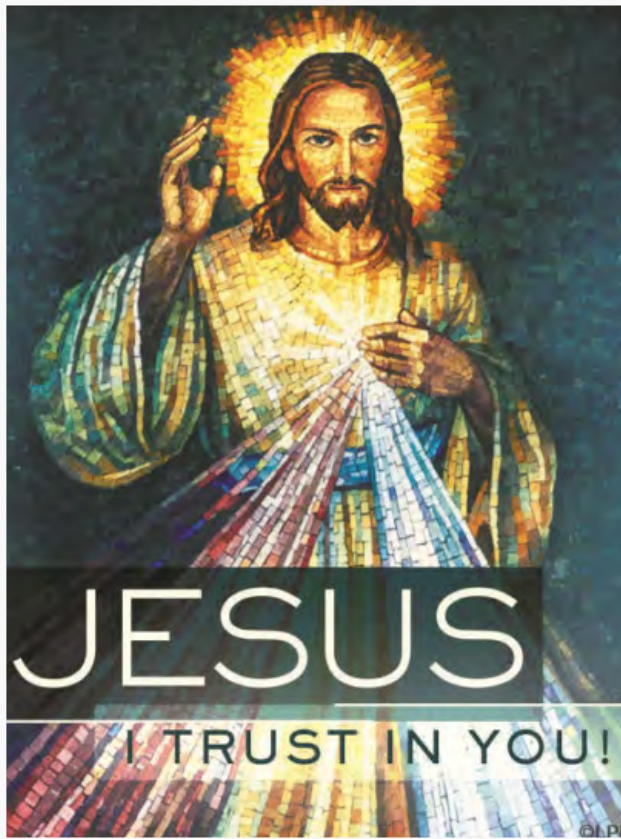


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Saturdays 8:30am

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Eve 7:30pm (anticipated)

6:30am; 8:30am & 12 Noon

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Dear Friends,

This is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter and, traditionally, there are at least three things to write about each year. First on the list should be the celebration that stands at the heart of this Sunday's liturgical activities. You know that the process by and through which adults are prepared for baptism into the Church is called the *RCIA*, the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*. But, as part of that same process, there are adults, already baptized as Catholic, who have felt a call to continuing conversion, a call from the Holy Spirit to live more deeply that faith life by completing their Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Today, at the 11:00AM Mass we celebrate those sacraments for these individuals, Ava Brett, Thomas Connors, Micaela Loa, Stephanie McConville, Wendoly Mora, Francisco Ortiz and Jackeline Ponce. We rejoice with them and for the parish. We never live our faith alone, but in a community. And that faith is strengthened when we see others deepening that faith. In this case, we should be encouraged and strengthened by these five baptized to experience the fullness of Christ's presence in their lives through the anointing with the Spirit and the reception of Jesus' very Body and Blood to strengthen them on their journey through life. Hopefully they have been inspired by the witness of this community and now I invite this community to be inspired by their dedication and example and resolve to live that life of Christ more fully in your own lives.

The second thing to write about is, of course, a big thank you for the celebrations of these last two weeks. First, and foremost, I want to thank all who came for in-person worship this Holy Week and Easter Sunday. That the public schools in Ridgewood are closed Holy Week is always a challenge, because so many families go away. But the residual effects of the pandemic continue to reverberate through our society and it was so encouraging to see the packed church and auditorium for the Easter Sunday celebrations and, in fact, the Holy Week services, as well. Thank you.

Now to the usual acknowledgements. To all the volunteers and staff who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations real reflections of our faith and moments to deepen that faith, a very big thank you. This includes the staff of the parish, maintenance, clerical, clergy, religious and lay. It includes all the volunteers on so many levels, the readers and Ministers of Holy Communion, the servers, the members of the choirs, the ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, the members of our Youth Ministry who helped in so many ways for the masses in the auditorium and all those who helped decorate the church. To everyone who in any way contributed to the beauty of the celebrations I offer a grateful thank you. In a special way, I want to recognize Fr. Frank and Peter Sicko. Thank you, Fr. Frank, for your attentiveness to all the details of some very complicated liturgies and for the team of servers, some home from

college, who served at all those liturgies. And a word of thanks to Peter, who not only directs the music program for the parish, but has responsibility for the decorating of the church and the coordinating of all our media efforts, the live streaming, and the worship aids, both on paper and on screen. Once again, thank you Peter, for all the hats that you wear.

Thirdly, today is Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Jesus appears to His disciples in the locked upper room on the evening of His Resurrection and His first words to them are “Peace be with you.” Imagine the scene. Gathered are those who deserted Him, one who denied Him and only one who stayed with Him, even at the foot of the cross. In those very words, “Peace be with you,” He brings mercy to their failure. Then He says it again and tells them He is sending them forth, breathing on them the gift of the Holy Spirit, to bring forgiveness (mercy) to the world as He has just brought that forgiveness to them. On this day of Mercy the Church celebrates the revelations by Christ to St. Faustina Kowalska and the gift of mercy and love Christ pours out on sinners. As Pope St. John Paul II said it is “the Easter gift that the Church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity,” the gift of His merciful love and an invitation to renew our trust in that merciful love.

May your life be filled with the presence of that merciful love and may reconciliation and healing, not only with God, but with everyone from whom you may be estranged, in whatever way, light up your life today.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

PS. Next week, expect to return to a familiar theme which has been replaced because of the holy season of Lent, a much more down-to-earth theme—**THE ANNUAL APPEAL**. And I’m happy to share with you the news that Fr. Felix will again join us for July and August and into the end of October.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Today, at the 11:00AM Mass, our parish will celebrate the Rites of the RCIA for seven baptized Catholics who will now be completing their Sacraments of Initiation with their reception of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The RCIA candidates are: Ava Brett, Thomas Connors, Micaela Loa, Stephanie McConville, Wendoly Mora, Frank Ortiz, and Jackeline Ponce. All seven will receive Confirmation. Three will also receive the Eucharist for the first time. They have been on the RCIA spiritual journey since fall 2023 guided by an inspiring RCIA team. These candidates deepened their Catholic faith by engaging in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and opening their hearts, minds, and souls to the Holy Spirit.

The OLMC parish family is invited to pray for these candidates to continue to share the Gospel with others and be disciples and missionaries of our Lord and Savior.

STEWARDSHIP

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.” Today’s 1st Reading reminds us of the way the community lived—not “possessing” but “sharing.” All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities—do you think you’re the creator of these. They are God’s gifts to you. We aren’t creators or owners; we are merely stewards of the gifts with which God has blessed us. In thanksgiving, the Christian Steward returns some of them, **Time, Talent and Treasure**, back to the God Who is the giver, for the growth of His Kingdom.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the in-pew collection for Easter Sunday was \$56,058. The Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 weekends of March (exclusive of Easter Sunday) was \$127,539. It was received as follows:

WeShare Online Giving:	\$54,202
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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

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4/1/24	\$50	Jean Cronen, # 326
4/2/24	\$50	Joanna Wagner, #926
4/3/24	\$50	Elizabeth Karan, #5
4/4/24	\$50	Joanna Scrivanick, #238

Jesus & Me Story Time

Bring your child, grandchild or godchild to a fun, faith-filled story time for young children ages 2-1/2 to 5.

Saturday Morning—April 13th
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SPRING SEASON SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Thursday Mornings—10:30AM-11:45AM
Parish Center Small Meeting Room

All are welcome to join the spring session
Thursday mornings—April 18-June 20.

We hope you will consider joining this committed group of participants to read and ponder the upcoming Sunday Scriptures before attending weekend Mass. The prayerful insights we receive, and faith sharing we offer one another, are well received gifts.

We use the Lectionary workbooks and other resources that are provided each week. All you need is to come with an open heart.

RSVP to Linda English is requested
from new participants for material preparation.
201.207.5920, lenglish122@gmail.com.

A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Saturday Mornings—9:30AM-11:00AM
April 27th through June 15th
Parish Center Meeting Room

All parishioners are invited to participate in an exciting study by Dr. Edward Sri, accompanying our Blessed Mother Mary in a biblical walk through the Holy Land. Through short presentations, a beautiful study book and engaging videos, we will better understand why The Blessed Mother is called Jesus' Mother and our Mother. We hope to develop a closer relationship with the Virgin Mary and, through her, with her Divine Son, Jesus.

This study will be conducted in Spanish.
Registration is required.

To register and/or for more information, contact:
Fr. Jakov: jvidov@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.2000 x202
Alba Ludmer: albaludmer@yahoo.com

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT AT LOYOLA

May 3-5, 2024

Loyola Jesuit Center in Moristown, NJ

Please join men from our parish family for a quiet listening Retreat. It is truly a wonderful experience, and the cost is a free will offering. All are welcome at Loyola regardless of financial status. For more information **visit www.loyola.org** or contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag, 201.663.3644, bob.liwanag@olmcridgewood.com or Bob Reilly, 201.447.2430 rpreilly1@hotmail.com

FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN TRAY MINISTRY

PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
(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**. These casseroles make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624



YOUTH MINISTRY
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY—APRIL 13
9AM-12NN

Drive thru drop off in the school building driveway.

These Food Drives, planned and staffed by Mt. Carmel's Youth Ministry, support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals (fresh produce/food items). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Updated Needs for Healing Meals: fresh carrots/celery/onions, canned chick peas, canned cannellini beans, whole wheat elbow macaroni, olive oil, canned diced tomatoes, lasagna noodles—only Barilla regular (not oven ready).

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver, bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Frozen casseroles will also be collected at this food drive.

Questions may be directed to Glen McCall
gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

OLMC's Religious Education Program, led by Cathy Hunt, has invited a woman from Ireland to speak to the children about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on April 8, 9, and 11. The children will be joined by their families at any one of the sessions being offered on those days. This is very appropriate since this is the year of Eucharistic Revival and because we have ongoing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at OLMC.

God is so good. We see this as divine providence of God. God, through the powerful intercession of our Lady of Guadalupe, is now preparing future "Adorers" so we can continue with Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Everyone knows that PEA is not an easy human endeavor but because the Blessed Mother is working through Fr. Ron, Cathy Hunt, her religious education group and all Adorers, PEA is made possible at OLMC.

Let us all pray that this experiential opportunity for the children and their families bear much fruit.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM, 7-8PM; Mondays: 2-3PM;
Thursdays: 4-5PM; Saturdays: 9-10AM, 3-4PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. April 7	12:00NN RCIA Reception (PC) 1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR)
Mon. April 8	7:30PM Curtis/Fitzgerald Conf. Group (YCA) 4:00PM When Families Gather (Church) 7:00PM When Families Gather (Church)
Tue. April 9	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7 Makeup (PC) 4:00PM When Families Gather (Church) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM When Families Gather (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. April 10	7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. April 11	4:00PM When Families Gather (Church) 6:00PM NCW 3rd Community (NCW-A))
Fri. April 12	9:00AM MOMs SALT Journal Group (SMR)
Sat. April 13	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Youth Group Food Drive (Driveway) 9:30AM Spanish Bible Study Team (Library) 10:30AM Jesus & Me Story Time (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

Parenting a Neurodivergent Child

Thursday, April 11 | 6:30PM-7:30PM | Village Hall

The Village of Ridgewood will host this presentation which will include the definition of neurodivergence, and an overview of ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder. A tool kit for parenting a neurodivergent child and tips for strengthening your relationship with your child will be provided.

Call 201.670.5500 x2312 to register.

Social Services Association (SSA)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024—7:30PM

Ridgewood Train Station (West Side—Red Door)

SSA, a food security organization, is looking to grow their team of volunteers. Join us at this informative meeting to see how you can help. Since 1913, SSA has been a beacon of hope and help to our neighbors facing hardship by providing a community safety net.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, April 8 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Walter Matesic**
req Mary Bollhofer & Family
- +12:00NN **Christopher Sullivan**
req Joan Lalonde

Tuesday, April 9

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Frances Muller Schroer**
req Jean & John Boyle
- +12:00NN **Carmen & Mario Arcelo and Wilfredo Veloso**
req The Veloso Family

Wednesday, April 10

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Christopher Sullivan**
req Peggy & Chris Sullivan
- +12:00NN **Vincent Chester**
req Rosemarie Chester

Thursday, April 11 *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Laszlo Moharito**
req The McClure Family
- + 12:00NN **Pauline Juliano**
req Her Family

Friday, April 12

- + 6:30AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Richard Murphy**
req The O'Reilly Family
- + 12:00NN **Eileen Vitiello Ferguson**
req Lisa Jacoby & Michelle Carter

Saturday, April 13 *Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

- 8:30AM **Sick Members of the Garcia Family**
req The Engel Family
- + 5:30PM **Joseph Anthony Sidote, Jr.**
req Barbara & Joanne Sidote

Sunday, April 14 *Third Sunday of Easter*

- + 8:00AM **Luis Poblete Vera**
req His Family
- + 9:30AM **Kenneth & Margaret Nodini**
req Their Family
- +11:00AM **Arminda Sanabria**
req Terry Sanabria & Ron Reedy
- 12:30PM **For the People of the Parish**
- + 3:00PM **Laszlo Moharita Pap**
req His Wife
- 6:30PM **Special Intention of Mitchell Santlofer**
req Judy Santlofer

**THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL—7:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

1. Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

In **Acts**, Luke offers three descriptions of the early Christian community; all describing the sharing that results from faith. In today's excerpt, the emphasis is on the sharing of their material blessings with one another. But clearly, the power behind the ability to loosen the grip on private property is the same power that broke the bonds of death on Easter and loosed the stronghold of sin, namely the Resurrection of Jesus, witnessed to and preached by the Apostles.

2. 1 John 5:1-6

Faith in Jesus is our entrance into the divine life, a life which leads us to love God and to follow His way, by loving one another. In keeping His commandments, we are able to conquer the world, the allure of which tries to lead us away from Christ to values that oppose the Gospel.

3. John 20:19-31

Three actions are described in this brief narrative. The first is the appearance of the Resurrected Jesus to His disciples, locked away in fear. He brings peace, calming the fear, and gifted them with the Spirit to carry out His mission, sin being the blindness that keeps those to whom Jesus sends from recognizing the revelation of God in Jesus. This sending and gifting is the second action in the narrative. The third is the confirmation, realized down through the ages, that faith is not a matter of touching or seeing or hearing, but of believing, especially through those, also down through the ages, who witness through their lives.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Do you find the picture of the early church, as given in the 1st Reading, overly myopic? Are there any elements we could strive to put into practice in the church today?
2. In what ways do you find the "peace be with you" of Jesus present in your life today, even with the lack of peace in so many aspects of life today?
3. Do you believe that doubt is a necessary part of serious faith?
4. What are some of the ways you believe in God "without seeing"?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 4/13	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 4/14	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Frank
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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