

Our Lady of Mount Carmel ~ Ridgewood, NJ
April 26, 2026



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more
abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10**

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Dear Friends,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, usually called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, because the Gospel is always excerpted from Jesus' discourse in which He calls Himself the Good Shepherd and describes what a good shepherd is like. Because of this, it is also a Sunday on which the Church reflects on the call of "other shepherd," those who would follow after Him in shepherding souls along the path of salvation. It is the call on which the Church focuses on the call to priesthood.

I am sure everyone will recognize the phrase, **We Are His Witnesses**. We have been talking about it for the last year. The timeline and orientation of this program/process has been changed over these last months. As a result of the comments received back after the listening sessions, the Archdiocese is stepping back a bit to engage in more internal reflections on what it means to be a local community (parish) which we will be doing with the Pastoral Council over the next two months and then sharing that with our planning area (Deanery 1) in the Fall. But what should have been clear to everyone in this process so far is that the Church of Newark is now beginning to feel what has been experienced in other parts of the country for many years now—the decline in vocations to the priesthood is now effecting the ability of the Archdiocese to provide priests for all its parishes. **This is a reality now.**

In light of this, the Archdiocese is embarking on a program to stir up interest in priestly vocations, **CALLED BY NAME**. Today is **Called By Name Sunday**. In his letter to the faithful of the Archdiocese, Cardinal Tobin writes, "This weekend I ask you to identify young men who show faith, generosity, leadership and who might be open to prayerfully consider the possibility of serving God and the Church as an ordained priest. *Called by name* continues our long-standing responsibility to cultivate vocations to ordained ministry. In this sense, it is part of our effort, alongside *We Are His Witnesses*, to reimagine mission and ministry to meet the needs of a changing world." He concludes, "This effort is dear to my heart. With your thoughtful participation, I am confident that the Lord will raise up many new shepherds for his people. May this campaign bear lasting fruit for our Archdiocese and for the salvation of souls."

As part of **Called by Name Sunday**, Cardinal Tobin is inviting everyone in the Archdiocese to submit the names of faithful young men. If you know a young man who has shown a love of God and desire to serve his neighbor, you can help encourage him in his vocational discernment by sharing his name and contact information. We are looking for young men between the ages of 15 and 35. These men will receive a letter of encouragement from Cardinal Tobin, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our Vocations Team. You can either fill out the card in your pew and drop it in the boxes at the doors of the

church today or scan the QR code to submit the information online. Feel free to take a card home, which is a great option if you do not have the contact information with you today. And please feel free to submit multiple names? Thank you for your generous participation in **Called By Name Sunday**.

While all religious vocations, whether to the consecrated life, religious orders, or lay ministries, are essential to the life and mission of the Church, today we are facing the urgent need for vocations to the diocesan priesthood. Priests play a unique and irreplaceable role in providing the sacraments, preaching the Gospel, and shepherding the faithful in our parishes. The number of priests continues to decline in many regions, the need for dedicated men to serve as diocesan priests is becoming more pressing. By concentrating our efforts on fostering vocations to the priesthood, we ensure that our local parishes remain vibrant, sacramentally alive and spiritually nourished for generations to come.

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This promise of the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel should give rise to hope in the hearts of all believers. Those who follow the Shepherd, hearing His voice and walking in his way will experience an abundance of life, no matter the circumstances of an individual's life. The Christian Steward acknowledges this abundance and offers gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** in gratitude. How do you show gratitude for your abundance?

The Stewardship of Treasure last weekend was \$16,042. God Bless your continued support for the work of the Gospel, the announcement of the Good News—**Christ is Risen, He is truly Risen** and walks with us in our daily journeys. Online giving helps the parish better plan/use its resources.



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SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—HOME MISSIONS

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1736 RIDGEWOOD-GLEN ROCK ANNUAL "SHAKE THE CAN" THIS WEEKEND

The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus will don their yellow vests and "SHAKE THE CAN" this weekend, April 24-26. Each year Ridgewood Council 1736 members collect donations in the downtown and after the OLMC weekend Masses in support of those with cognitive disabilities. The proceeds support local charities, a list of which can be found on the Events tab of our website: www.ridgewoodkofc.org. The Knights welcome both cash and electronic donations. If you would like to donate via Venmo or Paypal you can use the QR codes pictured below. **Thank you for your generous support!**



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**Cards may be dropped off at the rectory.
The mail slot may be used after hours.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Academy of Our Lady Home & School Assn.

SPRING Clothing Drive

Saturday, May 2nd: 4:00PM-6:00PM

Sunday May 3rd: 10:00AM-2:00PM

Drive-Thru Drop Off at The Holmes Building, AoOL Campus
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NEEDED ITEMS

Clean & Wearable Men's, Women's & Children's Clothes;
Shoes; Accessories (belts, hats, scarves, hand bags,
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The items listed above are the ONLY items that can be accepted.

Please bag & tie items in sturdy garbage bags.

Please bag shoes separately.

Questions?

Contact Jadyn Miller, jadyn.a.miller@outlook.com

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PERFORMANCES

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST—7PM & SUNDAY, MAY 3RD—3PM

FREE WILL DONATION—OPEN SEATING



OLMC'S ANNUAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT

Thursday, May 14th—6:00PM-8PM
Parish Center

(Use the Passaic Street entrance.)

An open invitation to all high school students and their parents to our 8th Annual Catholic College Night. Currently, twenty Catholic colleges and universities from across the country have confirmed their attendance. For a full listing of the schools attending please visit the parish website. If your alma mater is missing from the list, please call or email them and find out why they have not confirmed to be here! If you are willing, let their admissions office know you would be willing to represent the school at our college night on May 14! They will send you all the supplies!

Check the parish website for our ever expanding list of colleges & universities attending!

ANNUAL APPEAL—2026

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: 2026 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.

Pledges MADE by June 30 and FULFILLED by December 31 are calculated in the OLMC rebate.



OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood MOMs MAY CLOSING MASS & BRUNCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

9:15AM—OUR LADY'S CHAPEL

All mothers are invited to join us for our May Mass & Brunch—our final gathering of the year! Join us as we celebrate the Mass together in our Daily Mass Chapel, then head to the Parish Center for a celebratory brunch. **For the link to purchase tickets, text MassBrunch to 234-324-3332 or visit www.olmcmoms.com.**

We welcome All mothers in the parish to join us, even if it's your first MOMs meeting or if you haven't attended in years! Come celebrate the sanctity of motherhood in community For more information, go to www.olmcmoms.com or email Alexis Kenny at OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com.

**MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! INVITE A FRIEND!
COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!**



**Planning Meeting
This Wednesday
April 29th—7PM**

With Gratitude and Love:

Celebrating 29 Years of Fr. Ron's Ministry at OLMC

With grateful hearts, we invite you to join our parish community in celebration and honor to Fr. Ron as he retires after many years of faithful and devoted service.

Farewell Mass as Pastor

Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 12:30 PM

A joyful reception will follow.

A volunteer planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome to participate.

For questions or to RSVP to attend the volunteer meeting, please contact:

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Additional details to follow.

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Fridays: 4-5AM, 2-3PM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

Loyola Jesuit Center

May 1-3, 2026—Men's & Women's Retreat

May 8-10, 2026 & May 29-31, 2026—(Men's Retreats)

Weekend retreats at Loyola are conducted in an atmosphere of practical, prayerful quiet, if not absolute silence, and include scriptural and thematic meditations, periods of prayer and personal reflection, pastoral consultations or Spiritual Direction, Reconciliation, and often a Healing Mass. Each retreat weekend's theme is designed to help you encounter God's presence. Join us for any one of these three silent weekend retreats. Please register online at Loyola.org, call 973.539.0740, or scan this QR code.



Questions? Contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag or Bob Reilly
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Apr. 26	9:30AM MOMs Baptism Mass & Brunch 1:30NN OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir PCB 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR)
Mon. Apr. 27	4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Prep. (Library) 7:30PM Confirmation Service Projects (PC) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Tues. Apr. 28	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PCA) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (MR, Ch.) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsals (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife Following Christ (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Wed. Apr. 29	3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church) 7:00PM Planning Meeting (PC) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Apr. 30	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 6:00PM NCW #3 (NCW-A) 6:30PM Young Catholic Professionals (PC) 7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Fri. May 1	9:00AM MOMs SALT (MR) 7:00PM Inspire Young Adult (MR) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Sat. May 2	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM First Communion (Church) 12:00NN First Communion (Church) 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Dale Adamo, Lupita Alarcon, Luis Badillo, Frederick Frank Brennan, Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Julianna Grace Giles, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Linda Reo, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Nancy Steen, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Carmen Vega-Torres, 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:

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Apr. 27

6:30AM Robert & Theresa Goratowski

30th Wedding Anniversary

req Their Family

+ 8:30AM Martino Scrivanich

req Nick & Maria Busanic

+12:00NN Meybol Bello

req Joanna Archer

Tuesday, Apr. 28 *Saint Peter Chanel; Priest & Martyr;*

Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

+ 6:30AM Joseph Chapey

req The Donovan Family

+ 8:30AM Laura Rose Flesher

req The Masseria Family

+12:00NN Patricia Neary

req The Blau Family

Wednesday, Apr. 29 *Saint Catherine of Siena,*

Virgin & Doctor of the Church

+ 6:30AM Mary Griggs

req Frank & Karen Sheehy

+ 8:30AM Mark Greenberg

req The Mastromarino Family

+12:00NN Jim Roth

req Joanne Archer

Thursday, Apr. 30 *Saint Pius V; Pope*

+ 6:30AM Andre DiDio

req The Conger Family

+ 8:30AM Thomas S. Bollhofer

req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich

+12:00NN Milka Francin

req The Francin Family

Friday, May. 1 *Saint Joseph the Worker*

+ 6:30AM Kenneth Nelson

req Jim & Irene Harris

+ 8:30PM Eileen F. Dowling

req Peter & Carol Thomas

+12:00NN Rev. Vincent J. Quinn

req The Wells Family

Saturday, May. 2 *Saint Athanasius,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Joan & Al Scrivanich

45th Wedding Anniversary

req Their Children

5:30PM Tracy & Anthony Tarabocchia

30th Wedding Anniversary

req Their Family

Sunday, May. 3 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

+ 8:00AM Liang Lee Yuk Yin

req Peggy & Jim Boyce

+ 9:30AM Eric Rabinowitz

req His Family

+11:00AM Geraldo & Maria Zaccardi

req Granddaughter, Annamaria Zaccardi-Bock

+12:30PM Marjorie Malone—CHS 1952

req Kay McCarthy

+ 3:00PM Armando Casola

req Patricia Beltran

6:30PM For the People of the Parish

1. Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 26-41

Today's excerpt concludes Peter's Pentecost address. Standing with the other eleven, Luke demonstrates their unified witness to Christ as the restoration of the Twelve as their legitimate claim as the renewed Israel, expressed centuries before through God's choice of the twelve sons of Jacob. Peter repeats the Good News, this Jesus of Nazareth, whom they put to death, is Lord and Messiah, risen from the dead. As God's chosen people, they have been called to repentance, baptism and the gift of the Spirit.

2. 1 Peter 2:20-25

Aware that persecution for their faith may be in their future, the author is confident that the suffering Jesus should be the guide and inspiration of the Christian community. Through His suffering, Jesus has brought forgiveness and healing and through His death He has been honored by God and made both Lord and Christ. In His suffering and death, He is both shepherd and guardian of souls.

3. John 10:1-10

Images of Jesus as shepherd and gate are intertwined in today's Gospel excerpt. As shepherd, the emphasis in the passage is on the mutual recognition between the shepherd and the sheep. Each knows the other, both by sight and by voice. Such a relationship is not possible with a stranger or a false shepherd, the hired hand. Though the latter is not identified, Jesus may be alluding to the priestly leadership with whom He has just been in controversy. But the primary Christological identification in this passage is Jesus as gate. The entire purpose of Jesus' incarnation is abundant life which comes only in and through Jesus Himself. Jesus is both the gate that opens the way to the Father and the shepherd who leads His followers through.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever felt that you were personally called by Christ, not to a religious vocation, but to some work He wanted you to accomplish? How did you respond?
2. Jesus says He is the gate. When He opens a door for you, possibly to a new or deeper relationship with Him, do you go through it?
3. Who are the thieves and wolves of our society today?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 4/25	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 4/26	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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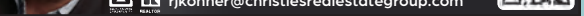
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