



MAY THE SOULS *of*
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,

THROUGH the MERCY
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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*This week—you're either blessed... or cursed,
With TWO "From the Pastor" columns.*

Dear Friends,

As part of a broader initiative launched by Cardinal Tobin called *"We Are His Witnesses,"* we have been asked to participate in a parish-wide survey known as the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)**. It is my belief that while this survey may be a part of the broader call of the Archdiocese, it will also be beneficial to us as a parish.

In the past decade, we've made it a priority to listen to our community through efforts like the *"Be My Witness"* Survey in 2016 and the Synodal Listening Sessions in 2021. While those were valuable, the DMI survey will be particularly beneficial as it is centered specifically on **our experience here at OLMC**—our parish life, our faith journeys, and how we live our mission in Ridgewood and the surrounding areas. It's not about the global Church or even the broader diocese; it's about *us*. At the same time, the questions span a wide range of topics: from Sunday Mass and parish ministries to personal beliefs, community connection, and spiritual growth. It gives us meaningful, data-driven insight into how we're doing—and how we can grow. These insights will directly shape our parish planning in the years ahead.

Because of the importance of this effort, we are asking **all adults (age 16 and older)** to participate in the survey, which is open now through **May 25th**. It is my hope that many of you will take the time to answer the survey so that we can get an accurate picture of the spiritual health of our community.

You can take the survey by scanning the QR code below, or on the TV screens before Mass. The link can also be found on the parish website. For those who require a paper copy of the survey, you may pick one up in the rectory.

The survey takes just **15 minutes** to complete—shorter than a Fr. Frank homily!

You have our commitment to keep you updated on participation progress over the coming weeks, and we'll also share the results along with the actions we'll take based on what you tell us after the survey is complete.

We always talk about: What is the parish thinking? Now we give everybody a chance to really tell us. Please take a few moments before May 25th to prayerfully complete the DMI survey. Let your voice be heard, so we can continue serving our OLMC community today while building an even stronger future together in faith, fellowship, and service.

DMI Survey QR Code



For those who may prefer completing the survey
on a computer—use the following URL:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/c3y867>



Take 2

Dear Friends,

This is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter. 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 *OCIA (formerly the RCLIA), the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*. But, as part of that same process, there are adults, already baptized as Catholics, or already baptized into another Christian community (such as the Episcopalians or the Methodists) 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, or making a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church and receiving those same Sacraments. Today, at the 11:00AM Mass we celebrate those sacraments for those who have walked this journey to the fullness of life in the Church. Included are baptized Christians who are coming into full communion in the Catholic Church, Jennifer Losquadro and Nicole Nelson. I congratulate them. I also congratulate those baptized Catholics who are completing their Sacraments of Initiation, Jeffrey Garip, Jessica Garo, Annemarie Hayden, Nastassja Liddie, Christopher Lopez, Ann Macadangang, Angela Angeles-Melo, Caroline Merejo and Caroline Mora. 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 baptized who will now 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.

I usually also write on Divine Mercy on this Divine Mercy Sunday but because I have already written enough I simply want to remind everyone that the late Pope Francis spoke often of the mercy God has for all. Let us be inspired by that and him, on the day after his funeral. I will probably write more about him next week.

In closing for two columns,
Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Many signs and wonders were done among the people..." These words from today's 1st Reading challenge us to realize that we are called to do the same—signs and wonders like reconciliation and compassion. Signs and wonders which can only be manifest when we accept the call to be witnesses to the life of the Risen Christ. The Christian Steward offers his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** so that signs and wonders may abound in our world, in the name of the Risen Lord. What signs and wonders do you produce for Him?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure for Easter Sunday was \$56,350. God bless your generosity in the signs and wonders you work for the Gospel of hope. Electronic Giving, **WeShare/Venmo**, provides a "steady stream" of support and resources for the announcement of the Gospel. Why not try it? The final Easter collection figure will be published the first weekend in May.



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Donate online: See the link on the parish website.

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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.

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

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Ridgewood Knights of Columbus
Council 1736
Shake the Can ~ April 25-27, 2025

The Ridgewood K of C will don their yellow vests and "shake the can" this weekend. 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 our website: www.ridgewoodkofc.org.



The Knights welcome both cash and electronic donations. If you would like to donate via Venmo or Paypal, use these QR codes. Thank you for your support!



Scan. Pay. Go.



During the Easter season, parishes all over the world will be celebrating the Order of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church of those already validly baptized. These are baptized candidates consisting of Catholics and those from Christian denominations whose baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. These candidates will receive Confirmation and, for some, also the Eucharist.

This OCIA celebration will take place at OLMC this weekend at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass. Our parish is blessed to have eleven candidates—*Jeffrey Garip, Jessica Garro, Annemarie Hayden, Nastassja Liddie, Christopher Lopez, Ann Macadangdang, Angela Angeles-Melo, Caroline Merejo, Caroline Mora, Jennifer Losquadro, and Nicole Nelson*.

Blessings and congratulations to all of them! The end of their OCIA journey is the beginning of their journey as missionary disciples to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone in order to make other disciples. The OCIA team is grateful to the parish community for your fervent prayers.

REGISTER THIS WEEK!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY
to be celebrated at
The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Sunday, June 1, 2025—3:00PM

We are preparing the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2025! **Important: This year there will be only ONE Anniversary Liturgy.** The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th Catholic wedding anniversary be present at this special liturgy. The presence of these couples and their families will be a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

**To register contact Patti Roche by Monday, May 5.
proche@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.2000 x200**

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL'S
7TH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT



THURSDAY, MAY 15 | 6PM-8PM | PARISH CENTER
(PLEASE USE THE PASSAIC STREET ENTRANCE.)

An open invitation to all high school students and their parents to attend our 7th Annual Catholic College Night!

Currently, twenty two 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—checking back for updates.

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!



Attention ALL Women of the Parish!!
Wednesday, May 7th—9:15AM
Our Lady's Chapel & Parish Center

MOMs is hosting a Mass with a catered brunch immediately following to honor Mary and celebrate motherhood.

Cost—\$30. Use this QR code to RSVP



SAVE THE DATE!
NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2025
MOMs IS CELEBRATING 35 YEARS!

If you are interested in getting more details, kindly email olmcmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com. Please spread the word to all MOMs alumni!!

Academy of Our Lady Home & School Assn.
SPRING Clothing Drive

Saturday, May 3RD: 4:00PM-6:00PM
Sunday May 4TH: 10:00AM-2:00PM

Drive-Thru Drop Off at The Holmes Building AoOL Campus
905 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock

NEEDED ITEMS

Clean & Wearable Men's, Women's & Children's Clothes;
Shoes; Accessories (belts, hats, scarves, hand bags, gloves, etc.); Stuffed Animals; Towels; Sheets; Pillowcases;
Small Toys (2 ft. or less); Bikes; Strollers
Car Seats & Strollers!

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

All proceeds from donated items benefit AoOL students!

ST. PETER'S PREP
OPEN HOUSE—SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1PM-3PM

Faculty, staff, coaches, students, and parents will be present to answer questions about the school. Campus tours will be provided. Questions? Call 201.547.6465



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel any time or, better yet, sign up for one Holy Hour that is good for you. Not sure of your schedule? Sign up as a Substitute Adorer.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM; Wednesday: 2-3AM; Fridays: 4-5PM, 7-8PM;
Saturdays: 5-6AM, 6-7AM, 5-6PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

4/25/24	\$300	Jessica Glackin, #667
4/26/24	\$50	Ginny Teruya, #880
4/27/24	\$50	Floris Gushiken, #874
4/28/24	\$50	Kathy Castoro, #429
4/29/24	\$50	Peggy Garabadian, #255
4/30/24	\$50	Suzanne Nathanson, #1158
5/1/24	\$50	Tara Muller, #350

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD NEWS

Free Mental Health First Aid Training

Monday, April 28, 2025 | 8:30AM-4:00PM | Village Hall

Must be 18+ to register. Space is limited to 30 adults.

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that will teach you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges among adults and youth. You'll build the skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling and also learn how to connect them to appropriate support. To register:

201.670.5500 x2312 or email dcaputo@ridgewoodnj.net

Elder Justice

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 | 10:30AM-11:30AM | Village Hall

A presentation on the legal rights and protections of seniors.

Register: <https://register.capturepoint.com/ridgewood>

201.670.5500 x2313, skapadia@ridgewoodnj.net

SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY—NEWARK
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Camp is run weekly, July 7 through August 1, 8:30am-4pm.
Early drop off/late pick up free of charge.

Cost: \$185/week (discounted rates for multiple weeks)

Contact Joe Loughran for more information

loughran@rutgers.edu or 973.353.1483

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. Apr. 27	12:30PM OCIA Candidates Celebration (PCA) 1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Community (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (PCB) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (PCB) 7:30PM Budelman Confirmation Group (RE1) 7:30PM Morbelli/Romero Conf. Group (YCA)
Mon. Apr. 28	5:00PM: Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Jr. High Grade 8 Registration (PCB) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1 st (NCW-T) 7:30PM Finance Council Meeting (MR)
Tues. Apr. 29	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PC) 4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Team (Library) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church, MR) 5:00PM: Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Practice (Church) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM ChristLife Following Christ (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1 st (NCW-T)
Wed. Apr. 30	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church, MR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1 st (NCW-T)
Thur. May 1	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 3:30PM Jr. High Youth Group (Gym) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd (YCB) 7:00PM Difficult Conversation Series (PCA) 7:00PM EM's: HCFs & Homebound (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1 st (NCW-T)
Fri. May 2	10:00AM WCST Bible Study (Library) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Inspire: Young Adult Ministry (NCW)
Sat. May 3	9:00AM Candidate/Sponsor Day (PCA/B) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM First Communion (Church, MR) 12:00PM First Communion (Church, MR) 6:00PM NCW Communion (NCW)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Luis Badillo, 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, 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.



Monday, Apr. 28 *Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*

- + **6:30AM Silvo Mattessich**
req Joseph & Valerie Scrivanich
- + **8:30AM Vincent McCarthy**
req His wife, Kay
- + **12:00NN John Scrivanich**
req The Busanic Family

Tuesday, Apr. 29 *Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

- + **6:30AM Tony Morin**
req Julia Bussanich & Hunter Davis
- + **8:30AM John E. Mattessich**
req Anthony & Tracy Tarabocchia
- + **12:00NN Thomas F. Sheehan**
req Steve & Theresa Roberts

Wednesday, Apr. 30 *Saint Pius V, Pope*

- + **6:30AM Thomas S. Bollhofer**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + **8:30AM Ernesto Santiago, Jr.**
req Mickey & Marivic Santiago
- + **12:00NN Kathy Garry**
req Ed & Monica McCabe

Thursday, May 1 *Saint Joseph the Worker*

- + **6:30AM Rev. Vincent J. Quinn**
req Kathy Wells
- + **8:30AM Dr. Andrew Choby**
req His Family
- + **12:00NN Dorothy & John St. Denis**
req Their Family

Friday, May 2 *Saint Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- 6:30AM Joan & Al Scrivanich**
44th Wedding Anniversary
req Their Children
- + **8:30AM Eugene McInerney**
req The Miller-Jones Family
- + **12:00NN Arturo & Wilfredo Veloso**
req The Veloso Family

Saturday, May 3 *Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

- + **8:30AM Frank Doyle**
req Rita Bayer
- + **5:30PM Alfredo Fabbo**
req Grace & Pat Gallo

Sunday, May 4 *Third Sunday of Easter*

- + **8:00AM Martino Scrivanich**
req the Busanic Family
- + **9:30AM Joseph Cruise,
Donald Cruise, & Edward Cruise**
req Pam Cruise
- + **11:00AM Ramon Martinez**
req Anthony Tesoriero
- + **12:30PM Living & Deceased Members
of the Lenihan & Casella Families**
req The Family
- + **3:00PM Patricia Engel**
req Her Family
- 6:30PM For the People of the Parish**

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A significant theme of **Acts** is that the saving work of Jesus is carried on by the Church, through the Apostles. In today's excerpt, this happens despite the efforts of the Jerusalem authorities to curtail it. Initially, this climate of fear kept many at a distance, but the signs and wonders, especially the healings, both spiritual and physical, eventually led many to set aside their fears and embrace Jesus in great numbers. Faith grew so strong that even being in the passing shadow of the apostles was thought to be enough for healing. And it was.

2. Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19

Occasioned by the circumstance of the widespread persecution of the Emperor Domitian, John, the Apostles, relates his visions which are meant to encourage and strengthen believers in this time of crisis. This piece of apocalyptic literature disguises, but unveils, the truth in symbolic images, colors, numbers and visions. The truth is this—the glorified Jesus is present and active in the suffering Christian community which will withstand and survive whatever comes its way, even seeming death. For the One who died and is alive will never die again.

3. John 20:19-31

The closing lines of this excerpt are written explicitly for us; all the words John has written so that we, those who have not seen, may believe, unlike Thomas who had seen but did not believe. On the night of the Resurrection, Jesus enters the locked room where the apostles are hiding, the room standing as a symbol of all the fears that keep the so-called believer from living fully the remarkable life Christ offers us. And the first gift of the Risen Jesus to those who believe is His peace.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. "Do not be afraid," Jesus says to John in the 2nd Reading. To the apostles in the Gospel Jesus offers his peace, in their fears, for their fears. And in our fears and for our fears, as well. What fears do you need Jesus to release you from?
2. If Jesus' peace is with us, in what ways does your life not reflect that peace?
3. What do you think made the preaching of the early apostles so successful?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

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

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