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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
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Our Mission

*We the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
believe in Jesus Christ and embrace his teachings.
Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we accept His call to be
the Light of the World through Word, Worship
Community Building and Service to all*

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Weekends

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11am
12:30pm, 3:00pm (Spanish) & 6:30pm

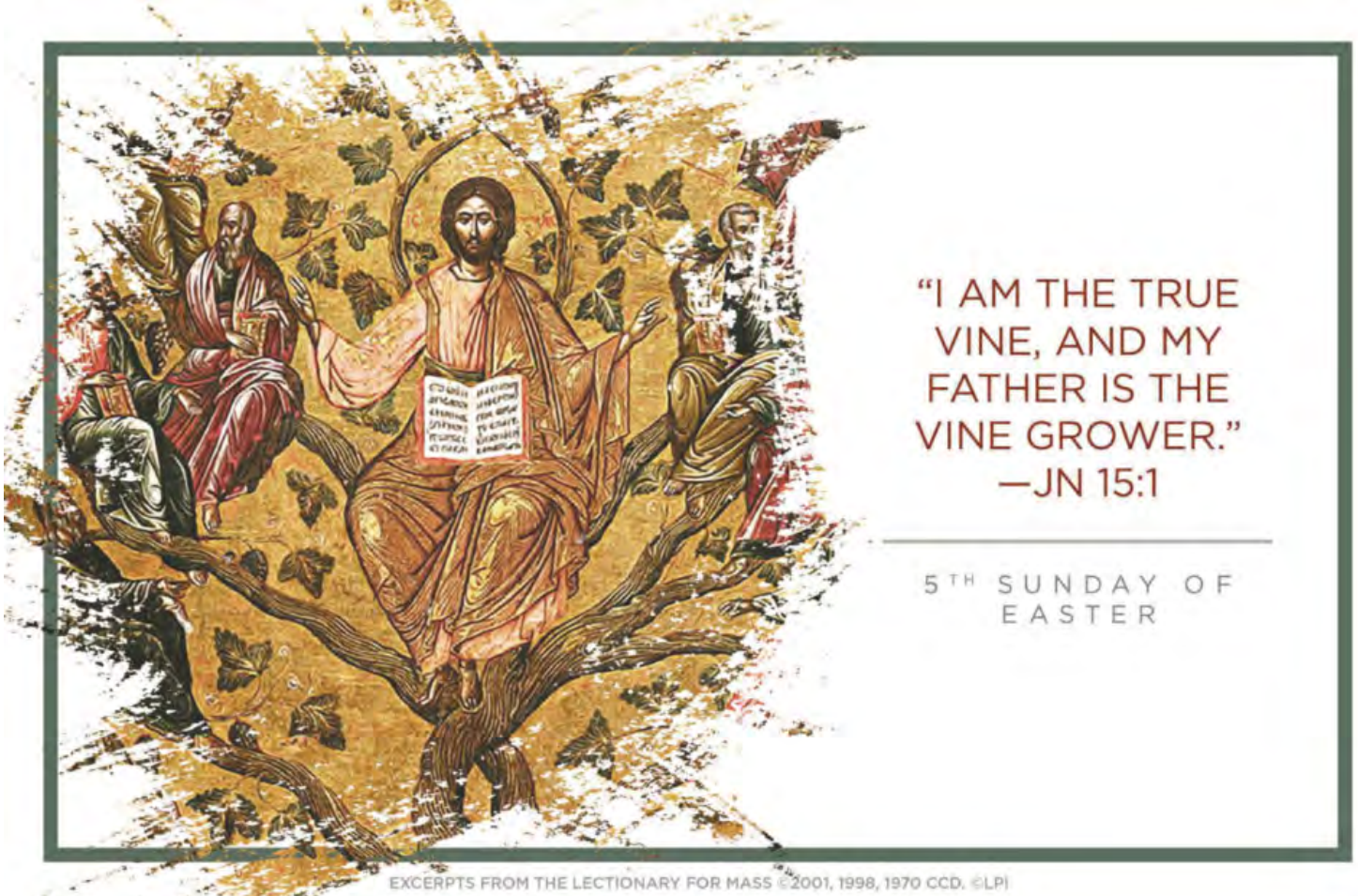
Weekdays

6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 Noon
Saturdays 8:30am

Holy Days

Eve 7:30pm (anticipated)
6:30am, 8:30am & 12 Noon

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2024





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Dear Friends,

With this weekend's liturgical celebration, we are now more than half way through the Easter season. And hopefully these last three weeks of it will bring us consistently warmer and drier weather to go along with it. For the first three weeks, including Easter, the Church seems to linger at the tomb, as it were. The Gospel readings focus on the Risen Christ and His appearances to the bewildered and disbelieving disciples, at the tomb, on the road to Emmaus and in the upper room.

With last week's Gospel the Church finally leaves these post-Resurrection experiences and presents us with a major theme that speaks to us today, more than 2,000 years removed from the historic events of that first Easter, namely—the disciple's (US) union with the Risen Christ, our life with Him. Last week it was the image of the Shepherd, the one who leads, watches over and cares for His flock; the voice recognized by the sheep because of their experience of that care. In a word—the trust they have in Him. We all believe in the articles enunciated in the Creed, One God, Jesus the Son, born of the Virgin, etc. But do we trust that same Redeemer that He is in our lives, walking with us in this journey?

Today's Gospel, the second in this stepping away from the tomb, offers us a metaphor to answer that question. In this day and age, of visits to Napa, and the wineries of Long Island and upstate New York, more people than ever have been introduced to the vine and the branches. As you look at them, sometimes is hard to distinguish the branches from the vine on which, or from which, they grow. This is exactly the image that Jesus wants us to grasp. As the Risen Christ, He is the vine and we are the branches, so intertwined that they cannot be apart. He is in us and we are in Him. There is no area of our lives that He will not penetrate. At work, at play, at our worst, at our best, He is ever-present. We can draw on Him for support and inspiration and strength. And when we do, we will bear much fruit, in the way we live, the way we speak, the way we act. Think of the times when your awareness of Christ's presence in you helped unblock your thoughts, motivated you to lend a helping hand, pricked your conscience to make amends to someone you hurt, emboldened you to speak the truth, humbled you to let go of control, awed you to give thanks and glory to the Father. The Risen Christ is the vine and we are the branches and with Him we can produce much fruit. Chew on that over the next few days.

And speaking of fruit, a Shout-Out to Eagle Scout Bobby McCabe, a senior at Ridgewood High who was just advanced to Eagle Scout. For his project, he turned a weed-filled corner of the school building into a beautiful mini-plaza to sit, reflect, relax and enjoy a (hopefully) sunny day. He originated the idea, planned it, executed it and raised the funds to pay for it. We only have to decide what to put in the planters that surround the area. Thank you, Eagle Scout Bobby McCabe. Well done.

And speaking of a Shout-Out, thanks to Katherine and Christian Clark who organized a symposium on the value of Catholic education which was held last Monday. It gave renewed insight into how children grow, intellectually, socially and spiritually and how the faith dimension of that growth, experienced in varied ways, **every day**, can make an extraordinary difference in their lives, as children and, later, as adults. **Registration announcements, with a QR code, are on all the tables at the doors of the church today.** I don't think you'll ever regret choosing the Catholic School option.

Finally, a shout-out for the **Annual Appeal**. It not only helps the wider Church, known as the Archdiocese of Newark, it helps our parish continue the level of commitment to the Gospel message so much needed in our (local) world today. Please make a pledge by clicking on the link on the homepage of our website.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." A modern translation of this line from today's 2nd Reading might be, "be sure you 'walk the talk.'" Jesus puts it another way. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." As disciples, Jesus **expects** us to produce. The Christian Steward understands this and offers his/her **Time, Talent and Treasure** to bear fruit for the kingdom. Do you "walk the talk," bearing fruit for the Kingdom?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,568. The final total for the Easter collection was \$67,921. Thank you for continuing to support the work of the Gospel and the work of the parish.



Men's Weekend Retreat
May 3-5, 2024
Loyola Jesuit Center
Morristown, NJ

REGISTER NOW! RETREAT IS NEXT WEEKEND!

Please join Men from our parish family for a quiet listening Retreat. The weekend Retreat theme is: "*Being on Mission with the Jesuits*". The weekend includes a detailed review of the Retreat Theme, Daily Mass, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, outdoor stations of the cross and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer and reflection. 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 contact:

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To register, visit www.loyola.org or
use this QR code.



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Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)

YEAR END MASS & BRUNCH
THIS WEDNESDAY

MAY 1ST | 9:15AM | PARISH CENTER

All mothers are invited to attend the Ministry of Motherhood's year end celebration. Join us in the Daily Mass Chapel at 9:15am for an intimate Mass led by Fr. Ron. A delicious catered brunch will immediately follow downstairs in the parish center. Tickets may be purchased **NO LATER THAN TOMORROW, MONDAY, APRIL 29TH** using the QR code below. Complimentary tickets are available if needed. Any children present are invited to participate in the crowning of our Blessed Mother. *No matter if you've attended one, all, or even just meant to come to a meeting this year, we'd love you to join us for this uplifting morning!*

MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME!
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For more information, go to www.olmcmoms.com or email Jackie Carter at OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com

The Great Mission—2024

Who is God for you?
Have you experienced
in your life that God exists?
What do you live for?



Do not be afraid. Christ is Risen!

Come and Listen!

Sunday Afternoons—4:30PM
Corner of Prospect & Hudson Streets

If you have any questions, please contact
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

4/19/24	\$100	Suzanne Galvin, #384
4/20/24	\$50	Brendan Avila, #429
4/21/24	\$50	Kerry Egan, #790
4/22/24	\$50	Megan Seiner, #780
4/23/24	\$50	Jill Tiyyagura, #961
4/24/24	\$50	Maureen Lacey, #1268
4/25/24	\$50	Colleen Sullivan, #796



ACADEMY of OUR LADY

Needed items:

- Clothing for men, women and children
- Shoes
- Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves etc.
- Stuffed animals, towels, sheets & pillowcases
- Small toys (2 ft. or less)
- Bikes and scooters
- Strollers

Spring Clothing Drive

Saturday May 4
4pm - 6pm
&
Sunday May 5
9am - 2pm

Holmes Building

- No longer accepting **CAR SEATS!!**
- No quilts, comforters, pillows, and blankets
- No sport equipment (bikes and scooters are OK)
- No board games, books, puzzles, pots
- No electrical devices, glass or holiday decoration
- No large toys, highchairs or baby cribs
- No VCR tapes, furniture and outdoor play sets

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Academy of Our Lady HSA thank you!

Questions?
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CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT
Thursday, May 16—6PM-8PM
OLMC Parish Center
Use Passaic Street Entrance

This is an open invitation to all high school students and their parents to attend our 6th Annual Catholic College Night.

Over 30 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!

DO YOU REMEMBER

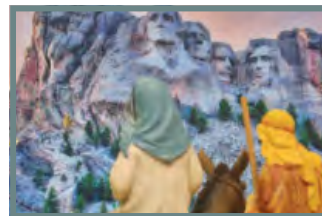
THE TRAVELS OF MARY & JOSEPH LAST ADVENT?

We followed Mary, Joseph, and their donkey Bo, as they traveled through Advent, eventually reaching Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Now, they are wondering if they can join you on vacation. They will then share their vacation photos during "*Travels with Mary and Joseph*" over the next two Advent seasons.

This coming Advent, they'll share their travels to 24 different states! During Advent of 2025 they'll share their travels to 24 different countries!

So, if you're traveling to a different state or country this year and would like to take our three travelers with you, please email Glen Mc Call to make "travel arrangements!"

gmccall@olmcridgewood.com



A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Saturday Mornings Through June 15th
9:30AM-11:00AM—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.

If you missed our first session yesterday, it's not too late!
Contact us this week to register!

To register and/or for more information, contact:
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Alba Ludmer: albaludmer@yahoo.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!**

For all who have signed up for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration—Scheduled Adorers and Substitutes—know that in your holy hour, you are glorifying God and that you are helping to keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. This is spiritual work of mercy.

God cannot be outdone in generosity. God will open up many doors for you and your family. For all visitors of the Blessed Sacrament, feel free to come anytime—even through the night.

Antoinette Moynihan, pictured below with children from our Religious Education program, runs a ministry called The Children of the Eucharist. She recently visited Our Lady of Mt. Carmel from Ireland to share the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration with the next generation.



SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM; Saturdays: 3-4PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



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OPEN HOUSE

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5—1PM-3PM

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, May 5 from 1PM-3PM at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students, and parents will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201.547.6465.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. April 28	1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (MR)
Mon. April 29	7:00PM Christian Community (Library)
Tue. April 30	3:45pm Jr. High 7A (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife: Following Christ (PC) 7:00PM Finance Council (REC1) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. May 1	9:15AM MOMs Mass/Brunch (Chapel, PC) 3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM WCST Team 23 (MR) 7:30PM Quiroz Confirmation Group (REC1) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. May 2	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 6:00PM NCW 3 rd Community (NCW-A)
Fri. May 3	9:00AM MOMs SALT Journal Group (SMR) 7:00PM Inspire: Young Adult Ministry (NCW)
Sat. May 4	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Candidate/Sponsor Day 2 (PC) 9:30AM Spanish Bible Study (NCW) 10:00AM First Communion (MR, Church) 12:00NN First Communion (MR, Church) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

First Saturday Devotion

NEXT SATURDAY—MAY 4TH

DAILY MASS CHAPEL | FOLLOWING 8:30AM MASS

Everyone's invited to First Saturday Devotion for the intention of consoling and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come to pray the rosary with us and meditate on the mysteries as Our Lady requested at Fatima.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsá, Gilbert Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Art Carpenter, Geraldine Cruzen, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Kenneth Gershbort, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Patricia Haug, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letiza, Anna Lobascio, Cambell McArthur, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Ramge, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Vincent Salvati, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Christina Volpe 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, April 29 *Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

- + **6:30AM Preston Stott**
req The Daniels Family
- + **8:30AM Eileen Gentile**
req The Zajac Family
- + **12:00NN Richard Coralde**
req Maria Coralde

Tuesday, April 30 *Saint Pius V, Pope*

- + **6:30AM Thomas S. Bollhofer**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + **8:30AM Thomas S. Bollhofer**
req Mary Bollhofer & Family
- + **12:00NN Ernesto Santiago, Jr.**
req The Santiago Family

Wednesday, May 1 *Saint Joseph the Worker*

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

Thursday, May 2 *Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church; National Day of Prayer*

- + **6:30AM Carmine Gennarelli**
req Sal & Tina Volpe
- + **8:30AM Robert Minicus**
req The Minicus Family
- + **12:00NN Maria Bauer**
req Nancy & Vito Nardelli

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

- + **6:30AM Margaret Roddy**
req John & Patty Ann McDonagh
- + **8:30AM Rosa & Hector Orzetti**
req Ed & Charlene Orzetti
- + **12:00NN Julia Mendoza**
req Her Family

Saturday, May 4

- + **8:30AM Deceased Members
of the Rippas & Scaneo Families**
req Art & Rosemary Rippas
- + **5:30PM Deceased Members
of the Mulqueen Family**
req Peggy Mulqueen

Sunday, May 5 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **9:30AM Miguel D. Lacuna**
req His Family
- 11:00AM Special Intention of Joan & Al
Scrivanich—43rd Wedding Anniversary**
req Their Children
- + **12:30PM Robert Brooks**
req Peggy & Chris Sullivan
- + **3:00PM Patricia Engel**
req Peggy Frazza
- + **6:30PM Marie Idone**
req Myles Campbell & Family

1. Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Today's excerpted passage gives a glimpse into the initiation of Paul's ministry of preaching. After preaching some time in Damascus, Paul presents himself to the Jerusalem church, where initially he is greeted with some suspicion. Having been accepted, Paul can now exercise his ministry with the necessary approval and support of the Jerusalem apostles. Called by God (on the road to Damascus), the minister of the Gospel (Paul) must also be called by the church (at this time, in Jerusalem). While his conversion might be dramatic, it needed the approbation of the community.

2. 1 John 3:18-24

The manner in which Jesus expressed his love must be the manner in which a follower does the same, in action and deed, not just in word, or because of some special knowledge. And through these deeds of love, God will reassure our hearts that he does not condemn us for past sins. The author presents a prescription for the road to salvation, believing in the Lord Jesus (entering into a relationship with him) and loving one another (a consequence of that relationship).

3. John 15:1-8

The vine was a frequent image for the Israelites. But Jesus' use of it was unique. The Father is the vine grower, Jesus, Himself, is the vine, His disciples are the branches. Just as the vine grower is the source of life for the vine, the vine is the source of life for the branches. Discipleship is not an individual enterprise carried out in isolation and the goal of discipleship is not simply the relationship. The real goal is the fruit the relationship produces. But without the relationship the goal is unattainable and the branches will wither and die, good only for burning.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Do you experience Jesus as the vital source of your life? Do you know He is as close to you as He is to the Father?
2. What concrete deeds of love and discipleship can be seen in your life?
3. In what ways in your daily life has your relationship with Jesus born fruit?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

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

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