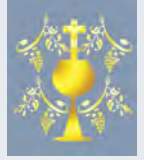




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April/May 2026



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Dear Friends,

I want to say a word of thanks to all those who took the time (and spent resources) to attend the Gala Dinner for the support of Redemptoris Mater, House of Formation, the missionary seminary of the Archdiocese. As you may have learned during the ceremonies, I can make the claim that I had at least a small part in its founding here in the Archdiocese of Newark and my relationship with it, and the 127 men ordained from it, over these last thirty-six years. I am thanking you as a body because I may have missed greeting some of you individually. Thank you for your attendance and the support it provides for the Seminary

This weekend, we finish the last of our six 1st Holy Communion Masses. I have mentioned before how blessed we are as a parish to see the witness of 136 families, bringing their 150 children to the altar for the first time. Faith is not measured as single-moment reality. It is a journey, with its stops and starts, its progress and its setbacks. These families have chosen to continue on that journey, strengthened, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, by “the life-giving bread that I give to the people of this world.” In receiving this bread, Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, these children, and families, know they are never alone. “If you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you are one with me and I am one with you.” Thank you, children, and your families, for giving witness to the Life that fills our parish family with hope.

It has been a long time since I wrote about the **Annual Appeal**. One of the goals of the **Appeal** is to form Catholics and to pass on the faith, otherwise called—evangelization. In the most recent issue of *America*, *The Jesuit Review of Faith and Culture*, the Archdiocese of Newark is cited for this effort. “The Archdiocese of Newark reports a 72 percent increase in adult conversions over the past three years.” (*America*, May, 2026, pg. 28) Maybe the work of the **Appeal** is showing some positive results. I hope those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal see this as a reason to join with your 374 fellow parish households who have already contributed to the **Appeal**. (The Appeal also supports retired priests—hint, hint). The **Appeal** also helps our parish through the rebate we receive to continue to be able to provide the wide range of services and programs that deepen the faith life of our own parish community. To be eligible for the rebate, pledges must be made before June 30th and paid off by December 31st. Please be part of this work to bring the Gospel message to this parish community and the wider Church of the Archdiocese. The easiest way is to go to the homepage of the parish website where you will find a link to the Appeal. And be sure to identify your parish—Our Lady of Mount Carmel—Ridgewood.

Finally, a word on the passing of Deacon Robert Thomann. Deacon Bob and his wife, Joan, have been parishioners at Mount Carmel for over fifty years. Bob was ordained a

deacon in 1977 and served the parish faithfully in that ministry for almost 48 years. In that ministry he preached, baptized, directed the *RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)* and was a respected member of the parish staff, always with Joan by his side. As a member of the 1st Community of the Neocatechumenal Way, he led many a youth from the parish on pilgrimage to the various World Youth Days with three popes. His faith, dedication and example will be dearly missed. "Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom." Rest in peace, brother.

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

STEWARDSHIP

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Jesus' words in today's Gospel remind us that faith in Jesus calls us to take up His work, to announce the "Good News," and continue the work of the Kingdom. The Christian Steward accepts this call and uses his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to continue the "works" he/she has been commissioned to do. Do you?

The Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$19,091. God bless your continued support for the work of the Gospel, the announcement of the Good News—**Christ is Risen** and walks with us in our daily journey. Online giving helps the parish better plan/use its resources.



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Fr. Ron's Next Chapter:

We invite the Parish Family of OLMC to entitle this chapter:
"With Love and Gratitude."

Your submission of a family photo and words of love and gratitude will be compiled into a linen bound Gratitude Book to present to Fr. Ron on his final day as Pastor. For more information please email: Rose Sullivan, rosieps@aol.com.

All ministries are welcome to participate by submitting a photo and narrative.

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 30th and FULFILLED by
December 31st are calculated in the OLMC rebate.**

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
905 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock

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Clean & Wearable Men's, Women's & Children's Clothes;
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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 program 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!
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Sign up for our MOMs Newsletter so you don't
miss anything—especially our next program
year kick off in September!



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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!

THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**Deadline to Register
Monday, May 4th**

invites you to join us for the
1923 Gala
May 7th 6:30 PM

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Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Abundant Life Reformed Church
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5:30PM—7:00PM (Light Supper 5:30PM-6:00PM)

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as he retires as our beloved Pastor.

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Sunday, June 28, 2026 ~ 12:30PM
with a joyful reception to follow.

Scan this QR Code to RSVP,
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Questions? Email
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or call 201.310.3240



THANK YOU
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Shake the Can fundraiser last weekend!

100% of your donations benefit the agencies whose mission it is to serve those with cognitive disabilities—several of which are right here in Ridgewood. If you weren't around last weekend, you can still donate via the QR codes below. A list of all benefiting agencies can be found under the "Events" tab on our website—www.ridgewoodkofc.org.
Thank you for your generous support!



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Thursday, May 14 ~ 6PM-11PM
St. Catharine Community Hall

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(PEA)**

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SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Mondays: 3-4AM; Wednesdays: 2-3AM, 3-4AM;
Fridays: 4-5AM, 2-3PM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



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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**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
FOR CONFIRMATION 2027**

Parents of any high school aged teen wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 2026-2027 program year are invited to an information session. Details on the program's components and registration process will be discussed.

This meeting is for PARENTS ONLY

There are two sessions offered...

BUT YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE

Tuesday, May 26th | 10:00AM | Parish Center

Tuesday, May 26th | 7:30PM | Parish Center

Use the Passaic Street entrance

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF TEENS
NEEDING THE SACRAMENTS OF
BAPTISM OR FIRST EUCHARIST**

If you have a high school aged teen who wishes to be baptized OR was baptized and would like to receive First Eucharist, please contact Glen Mc Call in the Youth Ministry Office to register for classes which will begin in October.

gmcall@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.9302.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. May 3	9:00AM ISP Women's Team (MR) 1:30NN OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High 8D (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 8C (MR) 7:30PM Costello/Hogan Conf. Group (YCB) 7:30PM Harrington/Rollauer Conf. Grp (YCA) 7:30PM Scali/Winnert Conf. Group (RE1)
Mon. May 4	12:30PM Staff Meeting (MR) 4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Prep. (Library) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 7:30PM Service Project Presentations (PC) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Tues. May 5	3:45PM Jr. High 8A (PCA) 4:00PM May Crowning Practice (Church) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsals (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife Following Christ (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Wed. May 6	9:15AM MOMs Closing Mass & Brunch (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High 8B (PC) 7:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer (MR) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. May 7	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 6:00PM NCW #3 (NCW-A) 7:00PM WCST Team 25 (MR) 7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Fri. May 8	9:00AM MOMs SALT (MR) 8:00PM NCW Community 1 (NCW)
Sat. May 9	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:30AM Conf. Candidate/Sponsor Day (PC) 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, May 4

6:30AM Special Intention of Andrea Dever

req Her Family

+ **8:30AM Pat Neary**

req Leah & Steve Sonnick

+ **12:00NN Meybol Bello**

req Ron Reedy & Terry Sanabria

Tuesday, May 5

+ **6:30AM Danny Hoffman**

req The Horan Family

+ **8:30AM Antoni Francin**

req The Francin Family

+ **12:00NN Grace Jiang**

req Her Ridgecrest Friends

Wednesday, May 6

+ **6:30AM Jackie Kusold**

req Christine Molloy

+ **8:30AM Kevin Cannon**

req The Mattson Family

+ **12:00NN Jim Roth**

req Joan Lalonde

Thursday, May 7

+ **6:30AM Joe Haskins**

req Pat & Erin Taddei

+ **8:30AM Tony Favaloro**

req OLMC MOMs Ministry

+ **12:00NN Mary Bernadette Rooney**

req Ed & Monica McCabe

Friday, May 8

6:30AM Mary & Mike's

1st Wedding Anniversary

req Mike Sheehan

+ **8:30PM Margaret Mackin**

req Martin & Alice Mauro

+ **12:00NN Thomas Lotito**

req Anne Victor

Saturday, May 9

+ **8:30AM Nicolo Scrivanich**

req Joan & Al Scrivanich

5:30PM For All Mothers

Sunday, May 10 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:00AM For All Mothers

9:30AM For All Mothers

11:00AM For All Mothers

12:30PM For All Mothers

3:00PM For All Mothers

6:30PM For All Mothers

1. Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

As the early community grows, there arises a need to care for those who were unable to care for themselves, such as the widows. But as the need grows, so do divisions. It is not clear why, but those who speak Greek feel they are receiving less care than those who speak Hebrew. The concern rises to the level of the Twelve who grasp that their real role within the community is primarily to preach and to pray. In their role as shepherds of the flock, they propose a solution in the calling of others to fulfill new tasks in service to the community.

2. 1 Peter 2:4-9

The author invites his readers to be built into an edifice of living stones. It is a design, not of their own making, but of God's making. This spiritual house carries with it the promise of roots and family because it is built upon Jesus Christ, who is the cornerstone of God's building. But for some who reject Him, He will not be the cornerstone, but the stumbling stone.

3. John 14:1-12

Today's excerpted passage begins the lengthy section called the Final Discourse, words spoken by Jesus to his disciples during their last meal together. It begins with His warning that He will be leaving them to return to the Father's house, where He will prepare a place for them. In answering Thomas' question, Jesus launches into a monologue on the Divine Relationship. Jesus pronounces Himself the way, the truth and the life. He does not teach about them, He IS them. Those who seek God (Father) will find God in Jesus and can now share His life. Because they share His life, they will carry on His works.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. These are difficult days, wars, violence, uncertainty, divisions, rancor. When our hearts are really troubled by so many things, do you find solace in your faith?
2. In the 2nd Reading, Peter's calls the Church "a spiritual house." Is the Church, both locally (in the parish) and as an Archdiocese offering the shelter of hope and comfort in these troubling times?
3. How can your love be more like Christ's? How can your service be more like Christ's?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 5/9	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 5/10	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. John Carlos
	11:00AM	Fr. John Carlos
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	3:00PM	Fr. John Carlos
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

Late changes appear on the website
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