

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL
NATIONS." —MT 28:19

The Most Holy Trinity ~ May 26, 2024



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Dear Friends,

Varia – a number of unrelated items.

-Next weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi or, in today's liturgical genre, The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. It is the celebration of the Lord's most precious gift to His Church, His own Body and Blood, Himself, present in the gift of the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. He tells us why in chapter six of the Gospel of John. "Whoever eats my body and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:54-55). The Body and Blood of the Lord is food for this journey of life, to sustain us, to build us up, to nourish us. The Church offers us this weekend to ponder on this great gift and mystery.

While Christ has given Himself in the Eucharist to feed us, in the Eucharist He is present to and with us in a special way. The practice of Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist has grown out of that deep faith in His presence. It is sort of a side benefit of the Sacrament, to know and believe that because He is truly present, that presence, itself, becomes a moment of devotion, closeness and prayer. We are blessed here as a parish to have that Presence open to us for prayer 24/7 in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. I am grateful to the seven parishioners who last weekend shared their witness, their story of their experience as Adorers, those who commit their time so the Chapel can be open 24/7. Below is one such story, the personal witness given last weekend. I hope you find it as inspiring as I did when it was given.

I was curious about Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and its little chapel near the entrance of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After becoming a Catholic nearly 20 years ago I would step into the little chapel and sometimes sit for a bit. There was a quietness that was present and it would seep into my whole being. In the years since, this curiosity became an encounter of my heart and I recognized the quietness within me was beyond silence. It was a holy presence. The discipline of resting in the chapel became a desire to return and an attentive desire to be present before the Eucharist; to sense a holiness around me, to listen with my heart. I depart the chapel to a world that is unchanged—yet within me the presence of God seems to order my thoughts, growing a greater faith. God has not stepped off the throne. The chapel is small, sometimes crowded. In the early morning, men and women on their way to business are present. During the day there may be a mom or dad with a child beside them coloring or reading, or perhaps someone without a home. All ages, from teens to seniors come and go, remaining for a time to allow God's presence to seep into their hearts. A chapel which is open and available 24 hours a day right here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A gift. An amazing gift.

It truly is and this is why the Church calls the Eucharist the

source and summit of her life, whether consumed or adored. Stop by sometime and discover it for yourself. To make public recognition of this great gift, at the end of the 12:30 Mass next weekend we will hold our annual procession around the block, to acknowledge Christ's presence in this Sacrament, a presence that is a blessing to our faith community and the entire community in which we live.

-Monday is **Memorial Day**, the day on which we especially remember those who have died in defense of the liberties we enjoy as a country. We have seen lately so many protestors and protests, some peaceful, some not so peaceful. While we may not agree with this particular protest, or that particular protest, we should all be proud of and committed to the right to do so, and all the other rights we enjoy as citizens of this great country. We give thanks for all those who gave their lives for the cause of those freedoms we enjoy. Take time on Monday to honor those who have made that great sacrifice.

-Another plug for you know what—the **Annual Appeal**. While you may have until December, 2024, to make a pledge, you only have until June 30, 2024 for that pledge to help not only the Archdiocese but our parish community here at Mount Carmel. As of today (Wednesday, 5/22) there were 413 donors. At this time last year there were 434 donors. The total number of donors to last year's **Appeal** was 490 so we have a long way to go to even match last year and I was hoping we could get to that magic number of 500 donors. If you've given in the past, please support the **Appeal** (and the parish) again, and before June 30th. If you've never given, please help us reach that magic number of 500. Once again, June 30 is looming on the horizon. With one gift, you help two causes. Envelopes are in the racks at the side doors of the church or, better yet, go to our website and click on the link.

Wishing you and your families a happy Memorial Day weekend,

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Jesus' words in today's Gospel, spoken to the eleven on the Mount of the Ascension, are spoken to every Christian down through the ages—go, and make disciples, grow my Kingdom. It is as urgent now as it was then. The Christian Steward offers his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to answer that call. Do you see the urgency? Do you respond?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,941. Your support of the parish puts power into Jesus' words to make disciples. Thank you to all who generously make this possible. The steadiness of Online Giving, **WeShare**, helps the parish fulfill Jesus' command.

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Fr. Ron would NEVER communicate such a need in that manner.

MEMORIAL DAY

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REMEMBER AND HONOR

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED TOMORROW

In Observance of Memorial Day all Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27. The only Mass celebrated Monday will be at 8:30AM. A priest is always available for emergencies.

First Saturday Devotion

Next Saturday—June 1st

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.



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

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Checks (payable: 2024 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 received by June 30 directly impact the parish's rebate.
Please prayerfully consider pledging now.

Fullfillment of your pledge may be made through 12/31/24.



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PRAY THE ROSARY
THURSDAY EVENINGS—7:30PM
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL (DAILY MASS CHAPEL)
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

5/17/24	\$100	E. Jamiolkowski, #1142
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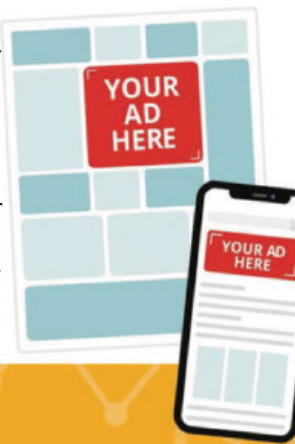
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ANNUAL "SHAKE THE CAN"

NEXT WEEKEND JUNE 1 & 2, 2024



The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus will don their yellow vests and "SHAKE THE CAN" the weekend of June 1-2. 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!**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL



Alex Ayala-Orantez, Adele Bergen, Alton Bruso,
Salvatore Ciccaglione, Agnes Duffy, Katherine Eidschun,
Joseph Flanagan, Joan Flores, Daniel Fortino,
Patricia Gatens, John Kenworthy, Mignon Lacza Lee,
Bret Leuthner Rose Ann Marlowe, Sara Miranda,
Michael Pawlowski, Leonard Pursiano, Robert Schablik,
Lenore Singone, Mary Eileen Skovholt, Evelyn Suriano,
Dennis Tomala, Horacio Villaiba

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Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith



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

Wishing all a Blessed Memorial Day weekend!

We praise and thank God for all the PEA signup SPEAKERS last weekend. We are also thankful for the 24 Parishioners who signed-up to join this wonderful, quiet, yet profound ministry. We adore God 24/7. Simply put, this is a *quiet prayer ministry* where people take turns every hour to be with the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

It is not too late to sign up. Consider being a scheduled Adorer for any particular hour—one hour, once a week, every week (the same day/hour each week). Or, try being a Substitute for any hour of the day.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM; Saturdays: 3-4PM, 5-6PM, 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

*Everyone is Invited to Join the
Procession of the Holy Eucharist
Sunday, June 2, 2024—Feast of Corpus Christi
Following the 12:30pm Sunday Mass*



The procession will conclude with Benediction on the front Plaza. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Center to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at OLMC.

CALLING ALL MOUNT CARMEL CHILDREN

This is an invitation to all the children and their parents to join the Corpus Christi Procession. All First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion outfits. It is suggested that children of all ages wear a white shirt or white pants or white dresses.

The choir will lead us with singing. All children, with their parents, are asked to sit in the front pews of the church so they can join the procession right behind the choir.

A reception will follow in the Parish Center, complete with a cake celebrating the 22nd Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The children will join Fr. Ron to cut the cake.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. May 26	1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library)
Mon. May 27	PARISH OFFICES CLOSED—Memorial Day
Tue. May 28	9:30AM Protecting God's Children (PC) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:30PM Keeping the Promise Alive (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. May 29	9:30AM Keeping the Promise Alive (PC) 6:30PM Protecting God's Children (PC) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. May 30	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 6:00PM NCW 3 rd Community (NCW-A))
Sat. June 1	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:30AM Spanish Bible Study (NCW) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

**THURSDAY, MAY 30
7PM-11PM**

BELONG MEMBERS: \$30 | NON-MEMBERS: \$40

Join YCP North Jersey for our 1 Year Anniversary Party at Gus' Last Word (191 Valley Blvd., Wood-Ridge, NJ) on Thursday, May 30. Each ticket includes one free drink (wine, beer, or spirits), appetizers, DJ, and so much more! Dress code is casual cocktail.

RSVP: bit.ly/YCP1YEAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsa, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Art Carpenter, Geraldine Cruzen, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Patricia Haug, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letizia, Anna Lobascio, Susan Lois, 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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, May 27 *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 28

+ **6:30AM Angelo Francesco**

req Michael Francesco

+ **8:30AM Philip Audino II**

req The Minicus Family

+ **12:00NN Giselle Canizares**

req The Canizares Family

Wednesday, May 29 *Saint Paul VI, Pope*

6:30AM Special Intention

req Luciano & Dina Scrivanich

8:30AM Special Intention

of Gavin Scott Santlofer

req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

+ **12:00NN Richard Santamaria**

req Elaine & Jim Cigolini

Thursday, May 30

+ **6:30AM Edward G. Ludwig**

req Russ & Carole Forenza

+ **8:30AM Hans Charles Engel**

req The Engel Family

+ **12:00NN Rosalie Johnson**

req Andrew & Susan Varady

Friday, May 31 *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

+ **6:30AM Walter Matesic**

req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich

+ **8:30AM Adele Rivas—5th Anniversary**

req Maureen Bolduc

+ **12:00NN Margaret McCabe**

req The Engel Family

Saturday, June 1 *Saint Justin, Martyr*

+ **8:30AM Jim Grasso**

req The Pfeiffer Family

+ **5:30PM Amelia & Andrew Bruno**

req Grace & Pat Gallo

Sunday, June 2 *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

+ **8:00AM Paul Robert Horvath**

req Linda & Kevin Brophy

+ **9:30AM Mary Elizabeth Fellner**

req James, Christopher & Kristina Fellner

+ **11:00AM Thomas S. Bollhofer**

req Joan & Al Scrivanich

12:30PM For the People of the Parish

+ **3:00PM JoséAlberto DeSousa**

req His Family

6:30PM In Thanksgiving

for Landon Calica Orr

req Cynthia Torres

1. Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

With the Promised Land in view across the Jordan, Moses appeals to the people not to forget the unique relationship which they have with God, a relationship totally of God's choosing, constantly demonstrated by God's actions on their behalf, freeing them, feeding them, leading them through signs and wonders never seen before. Now, entering the Promised Land, they must not forget, but, fixing their heart on this God alone, give Him a wholehearted response of loyalty and fidelity.

2. Romans 8:14-17

Of all the Scriptural names for God, "ABBA" (Father), carries the believer beyond reverence to intimate love, and this move has been facilitated for every believer by the Spirit who leads us. By that same Spirit, our lives have been redirected from rebellion to obedience, from death to life, reflected in our new status as children, not slaves. Did this happen on our own, by our own power? No! It is Christ who joins us to Himself, as His brothers and sisters, who makes this happen, but only if we are willing to put to death the evil within us, suffering with Christ so as to be glorified with Him.

3. Matthew 28:16-20

The *Great Commission* portrays the risen Christ handing over His mission to His disciples. Those who hear and are willing to be baptized will thenceforth profess that they belong to the God who is for us, with us and within us as Father, Son and Spirit. Great symbolism appears in this brief excerpt. The mountain scene recalls the mountain of the Transfiguration, and the revelation of Christ's true identity and glory. To worship, but doubt, recalls the human condition, even for these select chosen ones who, in spite of this are still sent, because they can rely on Jesus' presence forever. In spite of weakness, true discipleship is powered by God.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Moses had to constantly remind the Chosen People of God's continuous action in their lives. Do you see God active in your life?
2. Matthew tells us the disciples "worshipped but they doubted." Have you ever doubted? What helped you overcome those doubts?
3. How do the words "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" apply to you in your own life situation?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 6/1	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 6/2	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Jakov
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Visitor
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

Late changes appear on the website after 12NN on the Saturday of that weekend.

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JUNE 8 | JULY 13 | AUGUST 10—9AM-12NN

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