

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held every month on the first Sunday at 1:30pm and on the third Saturday at 11:00am (with some exceptions). Register a month or two in advance for the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday 1:00pm-2:00pm & Monday 7:00pm-7:30pm (Sept-May)
Other times by pre-arranged appt. with a priest. Communal Penance celebrations (with individual confessions) are celebrated in Advent and Lent and will be announced.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who wish to enter the Catholic faith and Catholics who wish to complete the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation are most welcome to begin the journey at any time. Call the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners regularly practicing the Faith at our Parish are welcomed to contact the Rectory one year in advance of a proposed wedding date. Specific dates are only discussed after meeting with a Priest. Couples must attend a pre-Cana program and provide required Sacramental and other documentation.

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973.313.6190, Newarkpriest.com

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick* will be administered at anytime in an emergency and also at parish celebrations during the year. Consult the bulletin for dates. *Communion* is brought to the sick, the elderly and the homebound by priests of the parish and by Eucharistic ministers. The priests also visit the local hospital regularly. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 16, 2023

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Reflection from Fr. Frank

Back in 2021, while I was discerning a return to priestly ministry in the Church, I found myself on a 30-day silent retreat in Maryland, called *The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius*, which began on June 15 and ended on July 16. My sole purpose was to discover God's will for me. The only question I entered with was this: "Did God want me to go on a different path, or return to serving him as a priest?" I went in open-minded, open-handed, open-hearted, and... indifferent. Ignatius of Loyola explains that spiritually, "indifference" means being "detached from everything in order to either take them up or leave them aside, depending on whether they help us to praise, reverence, and serve God." (*Spiritual Exercises* #23)

I was caught deciding between two "goods." It's easy to make a choice when you're presented with "bad" and "good." It's a no-brainer! Sure, it's complicated...but two "goods?" Difficult, indeed.

With the help of the *Spiritual Exercises*, the question of "how can I serve God best" in this, my only life, became a little clearer for me. The *Exercises* assume that the retreatant should make an "election"—his or her choice—at the midpoint. Not for me! So, I continued to struggle and wrestle with a decision.

It wasn't until the very *last* morning, July 16, 2021, that I finally said to my spiritual director, "OK. I'm going back." I don't think I was totally convinced! But I was just tired of living in limbo. And that was a huge cause of personal anxiety, straddling two "good" things. Land already!

I still don't know what came over me that morning when I blurted out: "I'm going back." Now, the future was *less* clear than it ever was! Where would God place me? Would I be happy? Fulfilled? Financially, emotionally, spiritually, physically – what does "coming back" look like? No clue!

When I made my way back to NJ, I called the Archdiocese and shared my intention to return. I met with Cardinal Tobin in early October—who, by the way, is such an amazing blessing to the Church. I will never forget his fatherly love and patience and how he welcomed me back! But, he had this caveat: "Can you wait until January (2022)? We are working on sending you to a great parish (unnamed, undecided)."

Two weeks later, I received an email: "how does OLMC Ridgewood sound?" The glowing review and profile of the parish, the pastor, and the ministries were tremendous. I immediately went online and scoped the place out. My imagination was running wild.

I met with Fr. Ron on October 28, had lunch at *Raymond's*...(do you know how much this man loves you?) and at the end of our meeting Fr. Ron said, and I quote, "I hope this works out. Let's see."

Afterwards, I went into the church, walked around, envisioned what it would be like to celebrate Mass on that grand altar underneath that majestic baldacchino; who I would encounter; the ministries I'd be involved in... and

then I notice the statue of Saint Jude. October 28 is the Feast of Saint Jude: my middle name is “Jude!” I also learned that Fr. Ron and I share the same birthday: October 17 (different years!).

These were all signs that things were going to be just fine.

After I was officially assigned, it dawned on me that I made my “election” on the *very* feast day of this “unknown” parish I was eventually going to serve: July 16! You can’t make this stuff up!

When I arrived on New Year’s Day, 2022, I was blown away by your warmth and welcome. A year and a half into ministry here, I am still in awe of you, and still relishing the opportunity I have to share my personal process of faith with you; laughing, crying, praying, worshipping, singing with you: baptizing your children, witnessing your marriages, presiding over the funerals of your loved ones. *ChristLife* (coming again in January 2024!) has been a personal highlight.

As we celebrate our feast day today, it’s a great moment for us to just bask in the blessing of being part of this parish. Being a Church, planted in a specific place, Ridgewood, we have a special mission to the people of Ridgewood, whether they belong to our parish or not; whether they be Christian or not; whether they believe what we believe, or not. The mission of *any* parish is this: Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples. If you want to know why a Church exists—there’s your answer.

Do we have work to do? Of course. Do we have a new set of challenges ahead of us? Sure. Moving forward, as we seek to bring more people into our OLMC Community, simply treat people the way you’ve treated me. Open. Patient. Loving. Honest. The “selling” point of this parish is your warmth and welcome.

One of my strongest loves are for disengaged Catholics and people who are unchurched. I heard it said that the Church is the only organization which exists for the people who are *outside* of it. We exist not for ourselves, but for the people not here! And the *primary* way we fulfill Christ’s invitational mission to them is through our radical warmth and welcome.

Consider *one* step in concretizing the command of Christ, today: identify that one person you know—in your family, even—who is currently living in Ridgewood or still in our parish area, and simply pray for that person. *Then*, pray that you might have the *courage* to invite them to worship with us.

But do it in the OLMC Way. With warmth and welcome. Without judgment. Without commentary. Without the demand that they change. Christ will inform *them* if there’s change to be made. Everyone is welcome here. Everyone. There’s no asterisk (*) that points to the bottom of the page that says, “*except the following...”

Friends, know you are loved. Keep being you.

In Christ,
Fr. Frank



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
2023-2024
REGISTER NOW

An email containing Confirmation registration information was sent to all rising high school freshmen who were either part of Mt. Carmel’s Religious Education Program or students at Academy of Our Lady. If you did not receive the email, please contact the youth office so we can send you the registration information.

If you are new to the parish or didn’t participate in the above-mentioned programs and are interested in registering please contact us as well.

ATTENTION TEENS IN THE CLASSES OF
2024, 2025 & 2026

Are you missing one or more
of the Sacraments of Initiation?

If you are of high school age and have not received your Baptism, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation and would like to do so, please contact Glen McCall, Director of Youth Ministry.

For all of the above, contact:
Glen McCall, Director of Youth Ministry
201.444.9302 or gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

STEWARDSHIP

“The Almighty has done great things for me.” Mary’s familiar words in the *Magnificat*, which the Church uses as the Psalm Response for today’s liturgy, are in the true spirit of **Stewardship**, recognizing how much God has blessed us in our lives and giving back to Him, as a sign of thankfulness, our gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, and as our contributions to the building of His Kingdom. Do you build for God, in thanksgiving and praise?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in last week’s in-pew collection was \$14, 204. God bless all who are generous in building the Kingdom of God among us. Online giving, **WeShare**, helps the parish better manage its resources, especially during the summer. If you are a visitor, or wish to join the many parish households in using this method of support, even for a one-time gift, this **QR CODE** will take you directly to the parish **WeShare** account.



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**Religious Education
When Families Gather
Online Registration Now Available**

Registration is now available for the When Families Gather Program for the upcoming school year. Children in grades 1-6 as of September are eligible for this program.

Please see the parish website under Faith Formation/Religious Education for program details and the online registration link

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**Youth Ministry
Car Wash Fundraiser
This Saturday, July 15
9:00AM—12:00 Noon
School Bldg. Driveway**

HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED

The Mt. Carmel Youth Group is holding a Car Wash Fundraiser this coming Saturday to raise money to purchase food for Social Services, Fr. English Food Pantry, Ridgecrest Senior Housing and Healing Meals. The needs of these agencies are greater than the donations they are currently receiving.

FREE WILL OFFERING! PAY WHAT YOU LIKE!

All proceeds benefit Fr. English, Ridgecrest, Social Services and Healing Meals.

Summer Scripture Reflection

St. Jerome famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This summer you are invited to join others from Mt. Carmel to let the Word of God speak to your heart. Two different in-person sessions are provided to help you prepare yourself for deepening your relationship with God in scripture:

- **Meeting Option One:** Monday Evenings 7:30-8:45PM, starting June 26th, concluding August 28th
Meeting Location: Parish Center—Large Meeting Room. *RSVP of 6 or more people by 9AM the day of the session is needed to hold the reflection. If not, the session will be canceled.*
- **Meeting Option Two:** Thursday Mornings 10:00-11:15AM, starting July 6th, concluding August 24th. Meeting Location: Parish Center—Small Meeting Room *No minimum number needed to hold this session.*

RSVP is necessary to attend using the link: www.bit.ly/437kniw or QR code here.



Traveling this summer?

Visit www.masstimes.org or download the Mass Times app on iTunes to locate a Catholic Church and/or Mass times near you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado,
John Morano, James Nardelli, Robert Smith

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
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VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Catholics need to recover a sense of awe and adoration before the Eucharist, knowing that it is "the real and loving presence of the Lord," Pope Francis told members of the committees organizing the National Eucharistic Revival and the National Eucharistic Congress in the United States.

Jesus spoke of himself as "the living bread which came down from heaven, the true bread that gives life to the world," the pope told the group June 19, just three days after leaving the hospital following abdominal surgery.

"This morning, while I was celebrating the Eucharist, I thought about this a lot because it is what gives us life," the pope said. "Indeed, the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life because in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey."

SCHEDULED ADORER URGENTLY NEEDED

SUNDAYS: 4-5AM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 5-6PM

MONDAYS: 3-4PM;

TUESDAYS: 12:00 MIDNIGHT-1AM, 9-10PM

WEDNESDAYS: 2-3AM; THURSDAYS: 4-5AM, 4PM-5PM

SATURDAYS: 12:00 MIDNIGHT-1AM

Contact Cynthia Torres, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

See revised PEA Annual BBQ date in the next column.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Art Carpenter, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kenneth Gershbort, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Steven Kiernan, Claudia LaFrance, Anna Lobascio, Joel Lustberg, Cambell McArthur, Gemma Miller, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, 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.



JOIN US FOR A
BAR-B-Q

Saturday, September 9, 2023
(the Saturday following Labor Day)
Beginning 4:00PM

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2024 Mass Intentions
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THIS TUESDAY
JULY 18TH | 9AM-3:30PM
Parish Center



Use Passaic Street Entrance
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There is a limit of six Mass intentions per person on July 18. Additional Mass intentions will be available in the Rectory thereafter.

**Free Health Fair
in collaboration with
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Thursday, July 20th—6:30PM-7:30PM

Concert Begins 7:30PM

Kasschau Memorial Shell at Veterans Field

Join the Ridgewood Health Department and community partners for a night of fun! There will be free blood pressure screenings, health resources, at-home COVID-19 tests, and more!

For changes due to inclement weather, please check www.ridgewoodnj.net or contact the Ridgewood Health Department 201.670.5500 ext. 2312.



**OUR NEXT
SUMMER FOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgcrest Senior Living and Healing Meals (fresh produce/food items). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver, bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Please Note: Our Frozen Casserole Ministry returns in September.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, July 17

+ 6:30AM Margaret & Bill McCabe
req The Engel Family

8:30AM Special Intention
of Jane & Frank Russo
req The Russo Family

+12:00NN Antoinette Philbin
req Rob & Julie McGaffin

Tuesday, July 18 *Saint Camillus de Lellis Priest*

+ 6:30AM Francis Gibbons
req Marilyn & Don Becker

+ 8:30AM Mary & Raymond McCarthy
req Jean & John Boyle

+12:00NN Francine Barone
req Joan Lalonde

Wednesday, July 19

+ 6:30AM Edward Gleeson
req Barbara & Tony Moreira

+ 8:30AM Vicente & Rachel Lapena
req The Veloso Family

+12:00NN Victor & Renee Polce
req Mike Daly

Thursday, July 20 *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

+ 6:30AM Elizabeth Belisle
req Anne & George Skau

+ 8:30AM Roger Turley
req Barbara & Mark Vermeylen

+12:00NN Francine Barone
req The Zuckerman Family

Friday, July 21 *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder*

+ 6:30AM Lou Lembo
req Russ & Marianne Titus

+ 8:30AM Joe Denyeau
req The Denyeau Family

+12:00NN John Cerneka
req Betty Scrivanich

Saturday, July 22 *Saint Mary Magdalene*

+ 8:30AM Estelle Freeman
req Shawn & Victor Amoruso

+ 5:30PM Deceased Members
of the Rafter & Lodewick Families
req The Lodewick Family

Sunday, July 23 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ 8:00AM Margaret & Stan Gordon
req Patricia & David Hughes

9:30AM For the People of the Parish

+11:00AM Janet Schwartzberg
req Anne & George Skau

+12:30PM Louise Monica Pallone
req Her Daughter

3:00PM Special Intention
of Gianni DeMartino Family
req Alicia & Leopoldo DiMartino

+ 6:30PM Elaine Chester
req The O'Keefe Family

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Zechariah 2:14-17

Returning from exile in Babylon and finding a desolate Jerusalem, a discouraged people needed to be reassured that God would definitely fulfill their messianic dreams. Zechariah speaks his dreams for the future of a restored Israel, with Jerusalem the place where God will once again make His Presence, but now, not only for Israel, but for many nations who will join themselves to the Lord. In this excerpted passage, the land of Israel is called "the holy land" for the first time.

2. Galatians 4:4-7

Paul's Letter to the Galatians is a polemical letter, a warning to the Galatians against a "Judaizing" error, those who were preaching the need for the Law and its symbol, circumcision, a widespread problem in the early Church. In today's excerpted passage, two teachings are clear. The Son comes with the full authority of God and, being "born of a woman," He assumes the human condition by which He makes believers "sons" (and daughters) of the same God whom we can now call Father. That "woman" is Mary.

3. Matthew 12:46-50

Jesus' mother and his kinsmen arrive from Nazareth, more than likely with the intention of taking him home and out of a situation of growing danger caused by the growing hostility of the Pharisees. While some commentators propose envy as the reason, more than likely it was concern for his safety. In either case, Jesus uses the moment to create a new unity about Himself, one based on faith in Him and not blood ties. All who believe in Him are raised to a new intimacy with Him.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. A "discouraged people" could easily describe our present condition, with so many things wrong in the world. Does Zechariah's vision give you hope?
2. Paul tells us we are no longer a slave but a son. This great blessing of being a son or a daughter of God brings us into a new relationship with God. Mary knew she was blessed. Do you think of faith as a blessing from God? Why and how?
3. What, practically speaking, does it mean to be mother and brother and sister to Jesus? What does it mean for your relationships with other believers?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	7/22	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun.	7/23	8:00AM	Fr. Felix
		9:30AM	Fr. Anthony
		11:00AM	Fr. Ron
		12:30PM	Fr. Ron
		3:00PM	Fr. Anthony
		6:30PM	Fr. Felix

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