

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

WEEKDAYS

6:30am, 8:30am and 12:00 noon
Saturdays: 8:30am

HOLY DAYS

Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)
6:30am, 8:30am, and 12:00 noon

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 23, 2023

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Dear Friends,

As I write this, some of the members of our Youth Group are on a Mission Trip with other parishes from the Archdiocese. They stay together at the Youth Center in Kearny and each day go out to various social service agencies in service to those in need. I hope to share more about that when they return next week.

Below you will find a reflection on a Mission Trip of a different kind. I hope you find it as informative and inspiring as I did.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

Where the Streets Have No Name

My name is Jack Stappenbeck and during the month of June I had the privilege to embark on a service trip to Nairobi, Kenya. The trip originated from Regis High School, where I just graduated, and their partnership with St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School. The two schools share a unique bond of being the only tuition-free Jesuit institutions in the world. St. Aloysius's mission is to provide education for children who lost their parents due to the HIV epidemic. Most students are orphans, would be unable to afford high school without their scholarships, and bear more crosses than we can fathom.

Early on I visited the Kibera slum and saw the living conditions of St. Al's students. Two who I grew very close with, Joseph and Emily, brought me through the settlement explaining what life is like in Kibera. Immediately I picked up on the smokey scent in the air. The absence of a sanitation system forces Kenyans to light their trash on fire. As we walked, I saw burning garbage piled up in alleyways. It gave off a smell similar to the poor air from the Canadian wildfires. As I walked through the muddy paths I quickly noticed the vast number of eyes glued to me. I was an apparent outsider and drew the attention of children especially. Though with these stares I could feel the Kenyans' affection and hospitality. Children frantically waved at me and fancied beaming smiles when I waved back.

Nothing could prepare me for entering Joseph's home. It was smaller than most bedrooms we are accustomed to in Bergen County. A curtain cut the home in half separating the sitting section from the sleeping area and kitchen. This is very common in Kibera. A couch and assortment of chairs filled the sitting room giving us room to sit but not much else. After enjoying some tea I noticed the countless Catholic images on the wall. Depictions of the Blessed Mother and Christ filled the limited space available in the home. When Joseph led us in prayer and praised God for all he had, it was abundantly clear he had a strong faith life. I was astonished at the deep faith I saw not just in Joseph but all the Catholics in Kenya. Young adults my age who have dealt with more than I comprehend constantly thanked God for all their blessings. When I attended mass the entire congregation of a packed church got up to place an offering in the collection basket, reminiscent of the poor woman in the temple, giving not from a surplus but out of poverty.

The main reason for this trip was to co-facilitate Quest retreats for St. Aloysius. Quest is very similar to the Journey retreat Mount Carmel offers Confirmation candidates, sharing identical activities and themes. Both provide students an opportunity to get away and reflect on themselves, loved ones, and God. During my time I led two retreats, one for the girls students and one for the boys. The students loved being there. They were the happiest teenagers I have ever met, constantly laughing, and were so thrilled to get to know me and my fellow leaders. Like most retreats, we engaged in activities and discussions with the intention of provoking vulnerability. As the students opened up about their struggles, I recognized their profound perseverance. Each student shared heartbreaking family circumstances from dealing with a polygamous father, abuse, loss, and sometimes all the above. One boy collapsed to the ground in tears as he shared his painful story. Despite these traumatic experiences, all the retreatants cited their profound faith in God. How He is watching over them and thanked Him for all their blessings. I was taken aback by their strength to not only share their pain but in many cases to return home to it. That same boy who collapsed crying later returned and shared his experience.

St. Al's not only taught me to be grateful for the life I was born into but to have a greater awareness and appreciation for God in it.

STEWARDSHIP

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field..." When we come to church, we like to think of ourselves as that good seed. But to really be "good seed," we must produce fruit, not just "be good." What fruit do you produce? The Christian Steward uses his/her **Time, Talent and Treasure** to produce fruit for the kingdom. Do you generously use your gifts to do the same?

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2023-2024

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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:
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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

For more details, contact the
Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211
Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

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.*

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. July 24	7:30PM	Summer Scripture Reflection (MR)
Tues. July 25	7:30PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. July 26	7:30PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. July 27	10:00AM	Summer Scripture Reflection (SMR)
Sat. July 29	6:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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To School Supplies**



A Ridgewood High School student is running a drive to assist SSA families in need. Please help us send their children back to the classroom with supplies to start the 2023 school year. You can support the kids by donating any items on our list. Please help SSA make them smile! Donations accepted until August 14.

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YCP North NJ's **FIRST** Executive Speaker Series will be held on **Wednesday, August 2nd in Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Parish Center—Ridgewood, NJ from 7-9PM.** This is a **free** event open to the public in which executives share their career and faith journeys with young professionals. Our speaker will be Gene Zannetti, Owner & Founder of Winning Mindset, who has worked with Olympic Teams and professional athletes across the world. Gene will also be a **2024 YCP Conference Speaker** along with **Harrison Butker**, 2X Super Bowl Champion kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs and one of the top kickers in the NFL. Attendees can enjoy **complimentary drinks & appetizers** and have a chance to network before and after the evening's presentation. **Registration is required!**
Please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/august2ESS>

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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.

A Holy Hour is truly very personally fulfilling spiritually and at the same time your holy hour helps keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration brings about abundant blessings to the faithful, to their loved ones and to the community. Sign up for any hour of your choice. Call/Text Cynthia, 551. 574.1063.



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.

For more information or to offer your assistance:
Contact Glen McCall gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

Please Note: Our Frozen Casserole Ministry returns in September.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, 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, Joseph Letiza, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado, John Morano, James Nardelli, Robert Smith

JOIN US FOR A **BAR-B-Q** **Saturday, September 9, 2023**
(the Saturday following Labor Day)
Beginning 4:00PM

Annual Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration BBQ
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Assumption of the Blessed Mother, Mary

Rise Up Festival

Saturday, August 12th—2PM-10PM

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The Salesians of Don Bosco will be holding the 2023 Rise Up Festival—*rain or shine*—with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for an open-air concert, worship (Mass and Adoration), games, exhibitions, food for purchase, and the gift shop.

The evening ends with fireworks on the upperfield.

There is no charge to attend this event but free will donations are accepted. For details about the festival's schedule please go to:

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, July 24 *Saint Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest*

6:30AM Special Intention of Gianluca Galasso

req His Mother, Stefania

+ **8:30AM Mark Isik**

req His Family

+ **12:00NN Francine Barone**

req Lisa & Connie Mehos

Tuesday, July 25 *Saint James, Apostle*

+ **6:30AM Giovanni Piccinich**

req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich

+ **8:30AM Maria Elena "Nena" Engel Taerstein**

req Patricia & Richard Engel

+ **12:00NN Jim Smith**

req Anne & George Skau

Wednesday, July 26 *Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

+ **6:30AM Annie Ivers**

req Marie & Rich Cummings

+ **8:30AM Elaine Chester**

req Daniela & Andrew Greico

+ **12:00NN Francine Barone**

req Linda English

Thursday, July 27

+ **6:30AM Christopher Picinic**

req Dominick & Crissy Morin

+ **8:30AM John F. Dunworth**

req His Family

+ **12:00NN Domenica (Duma) Picinic**

req Mary & Al Tarabocchia

Friday, July 28

+ **6:30AM Joseph Busanich**

req Marija Picinic

+ **8:30AM Thomas Mullane**

req Anne & Bill Leahy

+ **12:00NN Charles Pugliesi**

req Paula Nicklous

Saturday, July 29 *Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

+ **8:30AM Deceased Members**

of the Orlando Family

req Ann Carol Orlando

+ **5:30PM Joseph A. Sidote, Jr.**

req Barbara & Joanne Sidote

Sunday, July 30 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM Theresa Wallace**

req Anthony & Laura Tarabokija

+ **9:30AM Rodolfo Rodriguez**

req Jose & Adela Vazquez

11:00AM For the People of the Parish

+ **12:30PM Margorie Borzilleri**

req Her Ridgecrest Friends

+ **3:00PM Daniel Torres**

req His Family

+ **6:30PM Margaret & Bill McCabe**

req Jack & Bernadette Marcasciano

1. **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

Written very late (perhaps the 1st century before Christ), and probably in Egypt and in Greek, this book is an exemplary representative of both religious devotion and learning. Both steer the reader to the path of life. Part of a longer section in which the author recapitulates the major events of Israel's history, today's excerpted text the author digresses to draw attention to the merciful and lenient patience of God Who extends to one and all (including the pagans) every opportunity for repentance, treating everyone with great and loving clemency.

2. **Romans 9:26-27**

Left to ourselves, our selfishness (the flesh) is the hindrance which prevents us from knowing what to pray for, our prayer becoming more about ourselves than about God. But we are rescued by the Spirit, present in our weakness, Who prays in us. The Father searches deep within us and hears the Spirit's groanings and in a graced-filled way, the Spirit's prayer becomes our own.

3. **Matthew 13:24-43**

The Matthean Jesus continues teaching in parables, all of which serve to enlighten the hearer/reader about the reality of the presence of the kingdom of heaven. The parable of the weeds and the wheat invite patience and tolerance because it is yet unclear how the wheat will be distinguished from the weeds. Only the Master will render judgment. The mustard seed is both small and ordinary, not what we would envision for God's kingdom, which, nonetheless, grows according to its own dynamics (the parable of the yeast). Many scholars would propose that the explanation of the weeds and wheat, offered at the end of this excerpted passage, is a redaction (added later) by Matthew to strengthen his local church in the face of the struggles it was enduring. It is therefore an encouragement that righteousness will win out in the end.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. How do you handle the "weeds" in your life?
2. Where in your spiritual life do you see signs of growth and life?
3. In your life do you believe and witness that God gives good ground for hope, even in these days when the "headlines" scream a different message? Where have you seen this?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 7/29	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun. 7/30	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Anthony
	12:30PM	Fr. Felix
	3:00PM	Fr. Betancourt
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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