

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.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

WEEKENDS

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 17, 2025

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The bulletin company apologizes for failing
to deliver our bulletins last weekend.
Fr. Ron's column is repeated here for all to read.

Dear Friends,

Since we've passed the half way mark for the traditional "summer vacation," I thought I would write a few lines in preparation for the resumption of regular activities. As you read this, I am taking a few days in PA before the summer closes. I hope your families have gotten the opportunity to relax, rest and recuperate together during these past weeks.

As I write this, I'm anxiously awaiting the return of our pilgrims from the Jubilee for Youth concluded by Pope Leo this past Sunday. The reports I read were of a million enthusiastic and committed young people and of an enthusiastic Holy Father moved by their faith. Once they get back, I will invite a few of them to share a few of those experiences for the parish at large. Expect to see some of that in the parish bulletin.

And speaking of "once we get back," September always begins with a bang. The first on the list is the annual **BLOCK PARTY**, celebrated this year on September 7th. There will be the usual games, rides, food and the dunk tank (much against my better judgment). It's a time to reconnect with all those we've haven't seen for the whole summer. This year, let's make it the best. Put it on your calendar as a must- for the start of the new program year.

In the middle of the month, the 3rd session of the current **ChristLife** series, **Sharing Christ**, will begin. Jesus' final words to the Apostles before the Ascension instructed them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." This is the call to all of us to be "missionary disciples," and **ChristLife** helps us understand and accept that challenge. That's why the fourth season of **ChristLife** will begin in January, 2026. If you haven't as yet participated in it, talk with some of your friends who have. I'm sure you'll get an "earful" of enthusiastic comments about this amazing journey.

Speaking of journeys, at the end of the month there will again be an invitation to experience a catechesis offered by the team from the **Neocatechumenal Way**, another way to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ. It is a journey to rediscover the grace and power of our baptism and through this post baptismal experience to find a new power in living our Christian life.

In the midst of all of these, the parish, along with every parish in the Archdiocese, will continue in the planning process called **We Are His Disciples** which began with the **Disciple Maker Index**. Thank you to the over 1,500 parishioners who took the time to complete the survey. The committee is working on the presentation of the results to the parish which will also be taking place

sometime in September. And speaking of thank yous, thank you to the 534 households who participated in the **Annual Appeal**. If you made a pledge, please try to fulfill it by Dec. 31.

September—a very busy month.

Grace and Peace
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews, in the 2nd Reading, urges us to “persevere...in running the race that lies before us.” And that race is never over until we die. Each day, and every day, the Christian Steward uses his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to persevere in the race. How do you “stay on (the race) track”?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,129. God bless your generosity in building the Kingdom Jesus came to preach. Electronic Giving, **WeShare/Venmo**, provides the parish with the necessary resources to continue to build that Kingdom, especially considering the many changes in life and life’s circumstances. Won’t you join that effort? You will find the “how to” below. Thank you.



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**Nurses Needed for
Blood Pressure Screenings
at the OLMC Block Party
Sunday, Sept. 7th**

Contact Jean Boyle or Maureen Bolduc if you can help.
boylejmb3@gmail.com or mobolduc1@gmail.com

ANNUAL APPEAL—2025

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: 2025 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.



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**2025 NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE
BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025**

6:30AM: Arrive at Mt. Carmel to board the bus; **7:00AM Sharp: Depart Mt. Carmel** (Bus will stop for one rest stop.)
We will provide a mini bagel with cream cheese or butter and a bottle of water or orange juice.

Day Includes: Sacrament of Penance, Organ Concert, Procession of Parish Banners, Rosary, and 3:00PM Mass, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Celebrant. Note—a collection will be taken to support the National Shrine. Envelopes will be available in the pews.

5:00PM-5:30PM: Departure—Arriving back to Mt. Carmel 10:30PM-11:00PM

There will be one rest stop break where you can also purchase dinner to eat on the bus.

You need to bring: A Bag Lunch (no refrigeration available) ~ Snacks ~ Extra Water ~ Money to Purchase Dinner

Sign up link on the homepage of the parish website: olmcridgewood.com Cost: \$50/person*

Pay via Venmo or drop off a check at the Rectory, payable to OLMC, with Basilica Pilgrimage on the memo line.

***Anyone under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.**
No access to a computer? Contact the Rectory office.



**Religious Education
When Families Gather**

PARENT MEETING

Please attend one of the following parent meetings.

Sunday, September 14th—10:30AM

Monday, September 15th—7:00PM

Both meetings will be in the Parish Center

Student books & materials will be handed out and we will update you on the new program requirements.

Children in Grades 1-6, as of this September, are eligible for our Religious Education program and should be registered at this time. Contact the Religious Education office now if your child(ren) are not yet registered.

Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com

Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211



**ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS**

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Or, are you Catholic but have not yet completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The OCIA is a process of prayer, catechesis, reflection and discussion that allows the continuing discernment of God's will in our lives. Participants include:

- Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church.
- Baptized adult Christians of another denomination (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, etc.) who wish to continue to live their Christian faith in the Catholic Church.
- Adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so.

For more information: Contact

Deacon Bob Liwanag:

bob.liwanag@olmcridgewood.com

201.663.3644

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

SUPPLY SUCCESS!
DONATE BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

About the Donations:
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 2025 school year! You can support kids by donating any items on our list. Donations are accepted until Wednesday, August 27th. Thank you!

Supply List:

- Staples, Amazon, and Target Gift Cards are very appreciated.
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Pens & #2 Pencils
- Notebooks
- Composition Books
- Dry Erase Markers
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Highlighters
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Printer Paper
- Backpacks/lunch boxes

Social Service ASSOCIATION

Drop off at **643 Ellington Road, Ridgewood**, or **OLMC Passaic Street entrance**, or email **schoolsuppliesdonations@gmail.com** to arrange a pickup

EAT MEXICAN! SUPPORT SEVERAL SOURCES!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

BLUE MOON MEXICAN CAFÉ—WYCKOFF

Blue Moon Mexican Café will host a community fundraiser in support of Several Sources Shelter. The restaurant will donate 20% of all proceeds from dine in lunch & dinner, take out, delivery, catering, and gift card purchases on September 9 to Several Sources Shelter. Just email your receipt(s) to **community@bluemoonmexicancafe.com**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Range, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Jim Roth, Michael Runz, Nancy Steen, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Carmen Vega-Torres, Christina Volpe, Rochelle West, Rosemary Wright, 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.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel any time or, better yet, sign up for one Holy Hour that is good for you. Not sure of your schedule? Sign up as a Substitute Adorer.

SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED

Sundays: 1-2PM; Mondays: 11PM-12 Midnight;
Tuesdays: 9-10AM, 2-3PM;
Wednesdays: 11PM-Midnight Thursdays: 9-10AM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 17	4:00PM Spanish Community (PCA)
Mon. Aug. 18	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
Tues. Aug. 19	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
	7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting (MR)
	8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Aug. 20	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
	7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Aug. 21	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
	7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Fri. Aug. 22	5:00PM Summer Heatt (GYM)
Sat. Aug. 23	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)



**Welcome Scheduled Adorers, Substitutes,
All Visitors of the Blessed Sacrament... & Family!**

Bring something to share! BYOB! The more food and drinks, the better! Salmon, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be provided.

Text Cynthia for more information: 551.574.1063

Bereavement Ministry

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River

Church of the Presentation is **beginning their fall Bereavement Program the week of September 22nd** supporting anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. The groups meet weekly for 8 consecutive weeks. Separate groups run by trained and compassionate facilitators will be offered for spousal loss, as well as the loss of other loved ones; e.g., a parent, sibling, cousin, or friend.

Loss of a Spouse Group—Meets Mondays

10:00AM-11:30AM or 7:30PM-9:00PM

General Loss Group—Meets Wednesdays

7:30PM-9:00PM

Registration is required. There is no fee.

For more information and to register, call 201.327.1313.

All calls are confidential.

Archdiocesan Ministry

My Beautiful One



Have you or someone you know received a prenatal diagnosis? If so, you are not alone.

My Beautiful One is a ministry of accompaniment, serving parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Our service is free and focuses on meeting the pastoral needs of expectant parents as they

seek to honor the life of their baby, no matter how frail or how brief.

For information or support, email us at my.beautiful.one@rcan.org or visit our website www.rcan.org/my-beautiful-one. One of our Parent Care Coordinators, Leah Sonnick or Kathleen Ranft, will respond to your inquiry within 24 hours.



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Sunday, October 19—1:00PM-3:00PM

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

As with other prophets, Jeremiah announces, in the early chapters of this book, that if the people listen, God's blessings would flow for them; but if not, disaster would befall the kingdom. The people and their leaders failed to heed the warnings and suffer the consequences. But the prophet, too, suffers. For advising to surrender to the Babylonians, Jeremiah is thrown into a cistern, expecting death, but is saved by a court official who respects Jeremiah's prophetic call. Through it all, Jeremiah never doubts God's presence and concern.

2. Hebrews 12:1-4

The author of this letter uses the metaphor of a relay race. His readers should understand themselves as the final runners, who have been preceded by a great number of witnesses (such as those mentioned in the previous chapter, the excerpt from last week). They have crossed the finish line and await those yet to come. Though the race is long, these last runners can remain strong and committed by keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus.

3. Luke 12:49-53

Fire is a repeated image of judgment in Luke's Gospel, and Jesus' baptism an illusion to His own death. In this excerpted passage, He once again reminds His followers that his ministry to pointing to Jerusalem, and His death. But not just for Him. All those who hear Him will also have to undergo the strains of discipleship. This is no feel-good, upbeat, motivational, self-help gimmick. All who choose to follow Him must know the seriousness of that decision; it will lead to peace and new life, but only through the cross.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Should faith cost the believer something? Anything? Or does the gospel of prosperity sound better?
2. Have you ever experienced discord in your family, neighborhood, work place, or social gatherings because of Jesus or Gospel values?
3. How can you challenge others with Christ's words and example?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 8/23	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 8/24	8:00AM	Fr. Felix
	9:30AM	Fr. John Carlos
	11:00AM	Fr. Felix
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. John Carlos
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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

Monday, Aug. 18

- + 6:30AM **Augustina Gonzalez**
req Her Family
- + 8:30AM **Margaret Dunworth**
req Her Family
- +12:00NN **Frank Nappo**
req Amalia & Morris Vieira-Gomes

Tuesday, Aug. 19 *Saint John Eudes, Priest*

- + 6:30AM **Eva Cunningham**
req Tina Anderson & Family
- + 8:30AM **William Frank**
req The Austin Murphy Family
- +12:00NN **Kathy Pettigrew**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag

Wednesday, Aug. 20 *Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

- + 6:30AM **Catherine M. Gillen**
req Frank J. Gillan
- + 8:30AM **Rosemary & John F. Donoghue**
req The Bohlin Family
- +12:00NN **Miguel Vera**
req His Wife, Ligia

Thursday, Aug. 21 *Saint Pius X, Pope*

- + 6:30AM **Robert Minicus**
req The Minicus Family
- + 8:30AM **Rose Alfieri**
req Julieta Benemerito
- +12:00NN **Deceased Members
of the Raftery & McKenny Families**
req Anne Denyeau

Friday, Aug. 22 *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- + 6:30AM **Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Fernandez**
req The Paes Family
- + 8:30AM **Anne Marie Conrad**
req Rose Sullivan
- +12:00NN **Todd De Lucca**
req His Parents

Saturday, Aug. 23 *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*

- + 8:30AM **Janet Schwartzberg**
req Lois & James Wylie
- + 5:30PM **William M. Frank**
req OLMC Ushers

Sunday, Aug. 24 *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + 8:00AM **Peter Van Der Velde**
req Sal & Tina Volpe
- 9:30AM **For the People of the Parish**
- +11:00AM **Rose Madeline Alfieri**
req Connie Hambos & The Randazzo Family
- +12:30PM **Francisco Sanabria**
req Terry Sanabria & Ron Reedy
- + 3:00PM **Evaristo & Rosa Peralta**
req Maria Morales
- + 6:30PM **John Donnelly**
req Joanne Archer & Family



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