

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 18, 2024

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that this Sunday (8/18), marks the beginning of the last two weeks of August. It seems like only yesterday we experienced those first very hot days when water restrictions went into place.

Whether we feel summer went too fast or too slow, the reality is that it's almost over and all sorts of things (and I won't mention them) are just around the corner. I hope summer was all that you hoped and planned for and that these last two weeks will be like the icing on the cake. Thank you to all who continue to support the parish, especially through online giving, **WeShare & Venmo**. I know it's a challenge and a sacrifice to continue that support, even when you are away, but it goes a long way to stabilize the parish income during the "down" months of summer. I hope you believe we budget your support wisely and carefully for the good of the parish and the work of the Gospel.

And speaking of "thank you's," a big "thank you" to the 512 households who have supported the **Annual Appeal**. You have helped both the Archdiocese and the parish, not so much the institutions, but the communities, both large (Archdiocese) and small (parish) to preach the Gospel message and to witness to the Lord. Even though I have been stressing the June 30th deadline, for which the parish shares in a rebate, and even though we won't from this point on, you can still support the work of the larger church in preaching the message, in caring for the poor, in training future priests and caring for the old ones (from one who will be there soon) by making a gift to the Appeal. The campaign doesn't close until Dec. 31 and the icon is still on the homepage of the parish website. And if you've made a pledge, please try to pay it off since our rebate depends on it. **Thank you, again.**

Again, I hope these last two weeks will be filled with everything you could wish for as summer comes to an end. Enjoy them, and may your family time be something to remember. And come back refreshed and energized for an exciting September, beginning with the Block Party on 9/8 (a week earlier than usual). As I have for the last 53 years of my priesthood (as a matter of fact, my whole priesthood), I leave for my own vacation this Wednesday, returning, as refreshed and energized as you, Labor Day night.

As so, as the old song goes, "See You in September."

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron



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To Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
is the best way to sustain
the mission of this parish
all year long.



Hello, Church!

I want to share something that has truly energized my ministry: ChristLife. Over the past two years, close to 300 people in our parish have experienced ChristLife: Discovering Christ, and it's been amazing to see the impact it has had on so many lives.

ChristLife is not your typical church event. It's fun, engaging, and filled with good food, dynamic talks, and small group discussions. It's a place where people of all adult ages and backgrounds come together.

One of the best things about ChristLife is that it's a totally non-judgmental space. Whether you've been a card-carrying Catholic since baptism or you identify as a complete atheist or agnostic, it doesn't matter. What really matters is that this experience is all about Jesus Christ—the most attractive person who ever walked this earth. And I think that's needed more than ever in “Church World.”

That sounds funny, because you'd think that church should be about Jesus as a restaurant should be about food. But that's not the impression of those not worshipping with us. It's a sad commentary, and I'm writing about this because us “Church People” will most likely be the only ones reading this.

In a world where, especially, in the Catholic blogosphere (YouTube, etc) often focuses on feeding people with knowledge and facts, sometimes getting caught up in traditional vs. progressive debates, ChristLife strips away all those layers and goes right to the Person: Christ. Those other discussions can cloud what our religion should be about: Jesus and new life in Him. Imagine if a skeptic would see these crazy arguments we get caught up in! “No thank you! I'm fine!” Yet, for many, that is the perception, for right or wrong: the public, angry, agenda driven, judgmental face of the church. We can't afford to show this face any longer! In my pastoral experience, it's driving people away, or just keeping them away, or keeping new or lifelong Catholics in this stern, unthinking, pharisaical faith, just checking boxes. A personal relationship and encounter with Christ is not something on the radar.

I've also come to realize that the Church today is facing challenges because we often assume that everyone baptized has had a personal encounter with Jesus. And so, we can get caught up in talking about everything else “around” Christ, thinking that just sharing facts will lead people to commit their lives to Him. But that wasn't Jesus' approach. He simply invited people into friendship first, and then peeled back the layers.

Again, because this article will be read by church people, I want to share some of the feedback our team received from lifelong Catholics. They have shared things like: “I never knew Jesus loved me in this way.” “I always thought I had to pay my ticket into heaven. My faith was based on doing things, rules and regulations, just hopeful that God will let me in.” “I kept faith ‘just in case’ God was real.” “I thought this whole thing was about good or bad,

right or wrong. But I discovered it was about dead and alive. I'm alive!” And I could go on!

But my greatest joy is seeing people who were away from the Church come to ChristLife and share their stories and even dare start to worship with us on Sundays. We have so much to learn from them! So much. [My personal dream is to, as I once heard, “be a church that people who don't like church, like!” To be a church focused totally on them in preaching, celebrating, programming—everything! And in that, us “faithful” Catholics can become energized by that mission, putting aside our own preferences of “church” and pouring our energies in... them! But, I digress...]

Another highlight of the ChristLife experience is the small group discussions. Led by our amazing facilitators, these gatherings allow people to question and discuss topics in a safe environment without judgment. The friendships formed in these groups may become truly lasting. Many continue to meet after ChristLife, celebrating birthdays, praying together, and even supporting one another through tough times. That's what church is really about!

So, save the date: January 14, 2025. More details about registration will be coming soon. If you've participated in ChristLife, invite someone you think would benefit from this—especially someone NOT with us, those on the fence with faith, someone who thinks this whole “religion thing” is nonsense. (It's not even about religion. It's about Discovering Christ.) Invite lifelong Catholics—come, yourself! Amazing transformation can happen with us, too! Save the date!

In Christ,
Fr. Frank

STEWARDSHIP

“Be filled with the Holy Spirit, ... giving thanks always for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the father.” Paul's words in the 2nd Reading capture the essence of **Stewardship**—it is to live a thankful lifestyle, thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed. The Christian Steward gives thanks in actions as well as words, offering gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** for the building of the Kingdom. How do you show thanks?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,910. God bless all who show their thankfulness by their generosity in building the Kingdom. Electronic giving, **WeShare**, helps the parish build that Kingdom in a planned and organized way.

Catholic High School Night for Grades 6, 7 & 8
September 12th, 2024 | 6PM-8PM | Parish Center
(Use Passaic Street Entrance)

This is an open invitation to all middle school students and their parents to attend our Catholic High School Night! This is a great way for you and your parents to meet school representatives and learn about the benefits of a robust Catholic High School education!

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- Crayons
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The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator of the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at: **201.407.3256.**

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ATTENTION REGISTERED NURSES

We are looking for registered nurses to screen for hypertension at Mt. Carmel's annual Block Party on Sunday, September 8th. If interested, please contact Jean Boyle: boylejmb3@gmail.com, or 201.652.8257

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
 Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
 Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
 James Nardelli, Robert Smith



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) is quiet adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where Jesus is exposed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is made possible by Scheduled Adorers every hour—even midnight hours. With notice, Substitutes cover an hour if Scheduled Adorers can't make it due to emergency or vacation. It is very important. We cannot leave Jesus alone in the chapel. This continual prayer provides abundant blessings to the faithful, their loved ones and to the community.

Division Leaders:

Midnight-6AM	Cynthia Torres	551.574.1063
6AM-12NN	Connie Hambros	201.788.9153
12NN-6PM	Mary Cutro	201.394.6396
6PM-Midnight	Michael Reinhard	201.887.3556

Head Coordinator: Cynthia Torres 551.574.1063

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 1-2AM; Wednesdays: 11-12 Midnight;
Thursdays: 12 Midnight-1AM; Fridays: 4-5PM;
Saturdays: 1-2AM, 3-4PM, 6-7PM, 9-10PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

JOIN US FOR A
BAR-B-Q

**Saturday, September 14, 2024
Beginning 3:30PM**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration BBQ

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

Bring something to share! BYOB! The more
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Text Cynthia for more information: 551.574.1063

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us for a series of 8 consecutive Thursday evening sessions of mutual sharing and support in a spiritual, caring, strictly confidential setting. The group is led by a trained facilitator certified by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Thursday Evenings beginning September 26
6:45PM-8:00PM**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church—Parish Center
47 Island Road, Mahwah, NJ**

Contact Immaculate Heart's Rectory office at 201.529.3517
Pre-registration is required. All calls are confidential.

No one should grieve alone; it helps to have a friend that listens.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 18	4:00PM	Spanish Coffee (PC)
Tues. Aug. 20	7:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Aug. 21	7:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Sat. Aug. 24	6:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 8/24	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun. 8/25	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
	9:30AM	Fr. Rolando
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Diaz
	6:30PM	Fr. Felix

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

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**Bergen County Annual Senior Festival
Thursday, September 12, 2024—10AM-2PM**

Rain Date: Tuesday, September 17th

Van Saun County Park, Paramus

If you're 60 years or older, join us for a fun filled day including lunch, music, entertainment, resource tables & much more! Registration Required:

<https://bergencountyseniorfestival2024/eventbrite.com>

For special accommodations, contact Katie Burke, seniors@co.bergen.nj.us, 201.336.7417

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

- Monday, Aug. 19** *Saint John Eudes, Priest*
 + **6:30AM Ana Elena & Raquel Barrientes**
 req The MacGregor Family
 + **8:30AM Sr. Annmarie Fisher**
 req The Bolduc Family
 +**12:00NN Antonietta Di Scola**
 req Peggy Frazza
- Tuesday, Aug. 20** *Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*
 + **6:30AM Thomas D'Alessio**
 req The Cooney Family
 + **8:30AM Janet Schwartzberg**
 req Lois & Tim Wylie
 +**12:00NN Dennis Tomala**
 req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag
- Wednesday, Aug. 21** *Saint Pius X, Pope*
 + **6:30AM Joseph P. Kelly, Jr.**
 req The Kelly Family
 + **8:30AM Elizabeth O'Connor**
 req The O'Connor & Calvetti Families
 +**12:00NN Michael Hand**
 req Jennifer Hogan
- Thursday, Aug. 22** *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
6:30AM Special Intention of Brandon Uber
 req Steven & Yvonne Uber
 + **8:30AM Laura Marchini**
 req Rose Sullivan
 +**12:00NN Todd DeLucca**
 req His Family
- Friday, Aug. 23** *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*
 + **6:30AM Janine Heidig**
 req Eileen Heffernan
 + **8:30AM Deceased Members of the McKenny & Raftery Families**
 req Anne Denyeau
 +**12:00NN Dra. Maruja C. de Delgado**
 req Cecilia Delgado & Family
- Saturday, Aug. 24** *Saint Bartholomew*
 + **8:30AM Rose Alfieri**
 req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
 + **5:30PM Julie Pia**
 req The Lacuna Family
- Sunday, Aug. 25** *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 + **8:00AM Robert Morris**
 req Roz Messineo
 + **9:30AM Emma Cruise & Paul M. Reynolds**
 req Pamela Cruise
 +**11:00AM Elizabeth Steen**
 req Nancy Steen
12:30PM For the People of the Parish
 + **3:00PM Evaristo & Rosa Peralta**
 req Maria Morales
 + **6:30PM Sallyann Feyn Colistra**
 req Jim & Janice Mazzo

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- 1. Proverbs 9:1-6**
 Proverbs is filled with practical guidelines to help the reader stay on the path to life. And that path is the one that leads to God. This is the prevalent theme of the entire book. Like the other wisdom books, it addresses the need for Israelites to choose correctly, in the face of other choices offered them by their neighbors. In today's excerpt, the reader is invited to Wisdom's house, beautiful and easy to find with its seven columns out in front. Once inside, those who accept the invitation will be feted with a sumptuous feast, nourishment of every kind to satisfy. In contrast, those who choose folly in place of wisdom will find only bread and water, ignorance and death.
- 2. Ephesians 5:15-20**
 Having been directed in last week's reading to be imitators of God, living in love as Christ loved, the reader is further challenged to see God as the ultimate measure of every word, thought and action. This is accomplished through a constant discernment of God's will, led by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit whose presence will also lead the believer to live a life of praise and thanksgiving.
- 3. John 6:51-58**
 The intensity of chapter 6 has been gradually increasing from the multiplication of the loaves, through the discourse, to this very moment. The climax comes in these verses when Jesus clearly indicates that this bread He has been talking about is, in fact, His flesh. John uses the same Greek word that He used in chapter 1 when he announces "And the Word became **flesh**." By placing this Eucharistic reference early in his gospel (rather than at the narrative of the Last Supper), John is teaching the reader that in the Eucharistic gift of His flesh, all the moments of the Christ-event are present, from the incarnation to the cross to the resurrection to the glorification of Jesus. All who partake of the Eucharist share in all of Jesus' life and enter into an intimate relationship with Him that brings new life. They actually enter into that new life, a new life not only for the moment but forever.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. The table of wisdom is laid out for you. What keeps you away?
2. Did your appreciation for the Eucharist grow during the pandemic, especially during the three months of the lockdown? Has it deepened since your return?
3. If you share in Jesus' life, do you carry it with you, outside the church, for that day? Week?

Next Weekend's Presiders can be found on Page 5.



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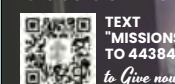
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