

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.



The Parish Family of

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

One Passaic Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
www.olmcridgewood.com

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 24, 2025

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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BLOCK PARTY

FUN FOOD FRIENDS EATS TREATS GAMES

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH | 1:30PM-5:00PM
BEHIND THE CONVENT—RAIN OR SHINE
FUN! ~ FOOD! ~ FRIENDS! ~ TREATS! ~ GAMES!



**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

STEWARDSHIP

“For many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” Jesus’ words in the Gospel remind us that there is effort, work required of us if we hope to enter into the Lord’s joy. It is not a free passage. The Christian Steward “works” with his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to insure entrance into the Kingdom. How do you do the same?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last weekend was \$12,139. God bless your generosity in supporting the “works” of the Gospel. The use of electronic giving, **WeShare/Venmo**, is an excellent way of expressing that support in a consistent and stable pattern. Why not give it a try.



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all year long...



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Look for the **WeShare** link on our website homepage,
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As promised, a couple of reflections from the parish youth that attended the Pilgrimage of Hope for the Jubilee 2025

My name is Andrew Allison, and I'm fifteen years old. This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee of Hope, an experience that left an unforgettable mark on my life. We visited places such as the Vatican and the Tomb of St. Francis of Assisi. The climax of the pilgrimage was all the pilgrims from around the world meeting with Pope Leo. We had evening prayer, slept outside on the ground, and then woke up and had a Eucharist.

Throughout the pilgrimage, I was reminded of many things I often take for granted as a Catholic. First, that God loves me: he brought me to Italy to experience unforgettable places and moments, all for my conversion. Each part of the journey felt like an ongoing dialogue with Christ. With the guidance of the catechists and priests traveling with us, I was able to discern answers to questions I have about my life's meaning and direction. The word I received has truly changed me and my life forever.

I want to thank the generous parishioners of OLMC for offering this opportunity to encounter Christ to youth like me. The chance to see and hear the Pope is something truly special, a moment which will always stay with me. I would also like to thank the catechists for leading our pilgrimage and truly caring for the conversion of the pilgrims that followed them. This pilgrimage not only deepened my faith, but also gave me the strength and perseverance to live it out every day, and for that I will always be grateful.

My name is Gabriela de los Reyes, and I am an 18-year-old parishioner here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I just wanted to take the time to thank you all for your support and donations through the Pennies for Pilgrims fundraiser, which has helped me and many other youth have a concrete encounter with the Lord. This pilgrimage has been one of the best experiences of my life, where I have felt profound closeness to God. From the very start, I received a strong word from a priest during a penance celebration, where he said that once the spirit of Christ enters your heart, everything else will become secondary because He will fulfill you. This word was an unceasing consolation for me throughout the pilgrimage because I have been seriously discerning my vocation this past year and have been praying to open myself to God's will. The highlight of my pilgrimage was when we visited the nuns at the Monastery of the Enclosed Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Naples. Their experiences were so powerful that I was moved by their astonishing certainty and how in love with God they are. Their attitude was infectious, and when one of them said, "doubt no longer has power over me," it touched me greatly. This struck me because I tend to doubt and believe the lie of the devil that God has forgotten me and doesn't have a plan for me. However, throughout the pilgrimage, I received many graces that have allowed me to see that God has not forgotten me, that He has a plan for me, and that He loves me more than I can even comprehend. We visited the Tomb of St. Matthew in Salerno, we were able to see the Pope, and walk through the Holy Doors of both St. John Lateran and St. Peter's Basilica. I am grateful that through this pilgrimage I was taken out of my daily routine to experience the real presence of God in my life through His love, mercy, and forgiveness. It was such a gift to be given the opportunity to seriously discern my vocation and to live this Jubilee year to the fullest.



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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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Participating children, ages 4-8, will be seated with their families for the Introductory Rites of the Mass. The children will be dismissed to their gathering space in the Chapel to share age-appropriate reflection of the Sunday readings. Everyone will rejoin their families prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will celebrate at the 9:30am mass every week resuming September 14th. We hope your children will join us!

Many hands make light work, please consider helping our children feel important and that our church is their church. Any adults who would like to assist as a Co-Leader or Assistant please text Nancy Nardelli 201 665 8849



MOMs Kick Off Meeting
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
9:15AM—PARISH CENTER

All mothers are invited to the Mt. Camel MOMs Kick-Off meeting! Our theme this year is **"Living in the Joy of the Holy Spirit."** Come learn about our ministry and meet other moms. For more information, go to:

www.olmcmoms.com or email Alexis Kenny at
OLMcmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com

MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
No RSVP Required! COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!

Church of the Nativity—Midland Park

Nativity's Rosary Society welcomes women seeking to strengthen their spiritual bonds with Mary and Jesus, and other Catholic women. It is an opportunity to meet, pray, share and have something sweet. Consider joining us on the first Thursdays in Fall (Sept. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6) at 1:00pm. Contact the church office for more information at 201.444.6362 or at **office@nativitynj.org**

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; Tuesdays: 2-3PM; Thursdays: 9-10AM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration BBQ
Saturday, September 14, 2024—3:30PM
618 Bartell Place, Ridgewood

*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

Lazarus Ministry

In every death, there is a resurrection.

We are currently seeking volunteers for Funeral Liturgy Planners and Funeral Mass Altar Servers. This ministry offers consolation and support to parish families who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Funeral Liturgy Planners—Meet with families, at a mutually agreed upon time, to assist them in selecting readings and hymns for the Funeral Mass. Outlines and training will be provided.

Funeral Mass Altar Servers—Adults who are available Monday through Saturday, 9:30am-11:30am to assist during the Funeral Mass. Training will be provided.

Planners and Servers are called on a rotating schedule and serve based on their individual availability. Please consider joining this rewarding and beautiful ministry.

For more information, contact Patti Roche,
proche@olmcridgewood.com or 202.444.2000 ext. 200

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 24	4:00PM	Spanish Community (PCA)
Mon. Aug. 25	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (Gym)
Tues. Aug. 26	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (Gym)
	8:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Aug. 27	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (Gym)
	7:00PM	Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	7:00PM	Young Adult Bible Study (MR)
	8:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Aug. 28	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (Gym)
	7:30PM	Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Fri. Aug. 29	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (GYM)
	6:30PM	Women's ISP Team (MR)
Sat. Aug. 30	9:00AM	Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

2025-2026

REGISTER NOW



Any rising 9th grade student who has not yet registered for the 2025-2026 Confirmation program should contact the Youth Ministry Office now.

Additionally, if you are a student in the class of 2026, 2027, or 2028, and you are missing any Sacraments of Initiation; i.e., Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, you may contact the Youth Office now.

Director of Youth Ministry—Glen McCall

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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 66:18-21

The Book of Isaiah begins with the weakening of the bond between Israel and their God. The Chosen People have pursued their own course. In this final chapter of Isaiah, a renewed bond is celebrated, but not just with the Chosen People—all are now in the bond. The universal character is symbolized by the reversal of the effects of Babel—all barriers to communication are now lifted, God sending messengers to the symbolically far-away places represented by Put and Lud. No part of the world is excluded. To Jerusalem, God invites and welcomes the whole world, an offering as great as any in the Temple.

2. Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

By accepting the trials of life as discipline, the reader is invited to come to know himself/herself and to learn to realize what must change in their lives in order to be a more faithful follower of Jesus. Jesus' disciples must be willing to be taught by His example, in accepting the sufferings that were essential to His mission.

3. Luke 13:22-30

Who will be saved? This is the question posed to Jesus. The answer is not easy. Nominal membership (I call myself a Catholic) and outward belonging (but I was baptized) will not suffice. For Jesus, the one criterion for gaining final entrance into God's Kingdom is doing the will of God. It is a narrow gate, accessed only by accepting our share of the cross and there is an urgency about doing that. All those who accept Jesus, and live accordingly, will find themselves inside, while those who fail to live the call will be locked out.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. In your life, what have been the narrow gates you have passed through?
2. When you hear the first reading and Gospel reading, do they challenge you to think of those you would shut out? Who are they?
3. The 1st Reading sets the scene—no nation on the earth will be excluded from the Lord's holy mountain; all will be brothers and sisters. In these days, when stories abound about people being "rounded up" and "snatched" and businesses being raided, do you see immigrants and refugees in that light?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 8/30	5:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
Sun. 8/31	8:00AM	Fr. John Carlos
	9:30AM	Fr. Felix
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Felix
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. John Carlos

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

Monday, Aug. 25 *Saint Louis;*

Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

+ 6:30AM **Mr. & Mrs. Crx Braz**

req The Paes Family

+ 8:30AM **Bob Delaney**

req Sharon Reitz & Family

+12:00NN **Anne Marie Gorman Conrad**

req Peggy & Chris Sullivan

Tuesday, Aug. 26

+ 6:30A **Mr. & Mrs. Milagres Paes**

req The Paes Family

+ 8:30AM **Gloria Raffaele**

req Joan O'Keefe & Family

+12:00NN **Anne & John O'Brien**

req Cynthia O'Brien

Wednesday, Aug. 27 *Saint Monica*

+ 6:30AM **Mr. Gilman Paes**

req The Paes Family

+ 8:30AM **Andrea Schroen Bernstein**

req The Schroen Family

+12:00NN **Diane McLaughlin**

req Erica & Rich Dunckley

Thursday, Aug. 28 *Saint Augustine,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

+ 6:30AM **Mr. Tony Paes**

req The Paes Family

+ 8:30AM **Marie Palma**

req The Kranenburg Family

+12:00NN **Zoila Alarcon**

req Her Family

Friday, Aug. 29 *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

+ 6:30AM **Wilson Paes**

req The Paes Family

+ 8:30AM **Thomas S. Bollhofer**

req Mary Bollhofer & Family

+12:00NN **John Happersett**

req His Wife, Gloria

Saturday, Aug. 30

+ 8:30AM **Malcolm McClure**

req The McClure Family

+ 5:30PM **Billy Callanan**

req His Family

Sunday, Aug. 31 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ 8:00AM **Theresa & John Bresnowitz**

req Jeannie & Kent Papsun

+ 9:30AM **Hope Reynolds**

req Pam Cruis

11:00AM For the People of the Parish

+12:30PM **Robert N. Delaney**

req Lourdes Carus

+ 3:00PM **Fabio Ramirez**

req Hector Caastro

+ 6:30PM **Alice Fleckenstein**

req Jenny & Kevin Hogan



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