

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
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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 31, 2025

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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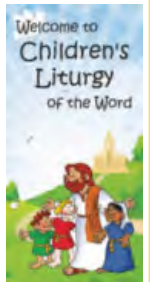
A colorful graphic for a 'BLOCK PARTY'. At the top, there's a row of small illustrations showing people eating, playing games, and socializing. Below this, the words 'FUN FOOD FRIENDS' are on the left, 'BLOCK PARTY' is in large, stylized letters in the center, and 'EATS TREATS GAMES' is on the right. At the bottom, there's a red banner with white text that reads: 'SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH | 1:30PM-5:00PM', 'BEHIND THE CONVENT—RAIN OR SHINE', and '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

Children's Liturgy of the Word Assistants Needed Sundays, 9:30AM Mass

Participating children, ages 4-8, will be seated with their families for the Introductory Rites of the Mass. The group 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.

LOOKING FOR SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS!

Do you have a heart for helping others grow in their faith?

We are looking for **small group facilitators** to be a source of light in our **Junior High Faith Formation classes** this year. Facilitators will:

- Guide discussions and foster community
- Encourage others on their faith journey
- Receive training and support

No teaching experience required—just a love for Christ and a willingness to serve.

Classes options are as follows:

Tuesday 3:45-5:00 PM; Wednesday 3:45-5:00 PM
Sunday 5:00-6:15 PM; Sunday 7:30-8:45 PM

To learn more or to sign up please contact Nicholas Fallivene at nfallivene@olmcridgewood.com

RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY



Academy of Our Lady—Father's Guild 2nd Annual Msgr. Ron Rozniak Invitational Golf Outing

Friday, October 10, 2025
8AM Registration & Breakfast
10AM Shotgun

Bowling Green Golf Club, Oak Ridge, NJ
Lunch & Award Ceremony to Follow

Scan this QR code to register and for
sponsorship opportunities.

Questions? Contact Tom Robins,
trobins299@gmail.com



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED TOMORROW MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

In observance of Labor Day, all Parish Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 1. The only Mass celebrated will be at 8:30AM. A priest is always available for emergencies.

STEWARDSHIP

“When you hold a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends... in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.” To give, freely and purely, without thought of repayment, is to mirror the generosity of God, Who gives bountifully to all. The Christian Steward recognizes God's bountiful love and, in thanksgiving, shares his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. Do you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$11,847. God bless your generosity in thanksgiving for God's blessings in your life. If you don't already, give some thought to using electronic giving as your way to support the work of the Gospel and the parish. Considering the strain these days on food pantries, the July tithe will be divided equally between the Fr. English Center and Ridgewood Social Services, each receiving \$2,612. Please remember to make suggestions for future tithes to Fr. Ron.



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or scan the QR code here.

First Saturday Devotion *This Coming Saturday, September 6th* *Immediately Following 8:30am Mass*

Daily Mass Chapel

Everyone's invited to First Saturday Devotion for the intention of consoling and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come to pray the rosary with us and meditate on the mysteries as Our Lady requested at Fatima.



MOMs KICK OFF MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH 9:15AM—PARISH CENTER

All mothers are invited to the Mt. Carmel 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!



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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 18, 2025

6:00PM-8:00PM—OLMC Parish Center

(Enter through the Passaic Street door.)

Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

Geared towards the families of 7th & 8th Grade students who are interested in attending a Catholic high school.

You are invited to learn more about the rich tradition of Catholic education where academic excellence, faith, and service come together to shape future leaders. Meet teachers, administrators, and students who will share what makes Catholic high school a place of growth, opportunity, and belonging. Whether you're exploring next steps for your child's education or simply curious, all are warmly welcome.

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 Church Welcomes...

The following 12 children who were baptized in Christ during the month of August.

Siena Penelope Suguitan, daughter of Mark & Jasmin
Riley Jacqueline Mahoney, daughter of Patrick & Jamie
Matteo Salvatore Italia, son of Marc & Alessandria
Jordan James Martinez, son of Juan & Analia
Chase Peter Jaskot, son of Justin & Nicole
Alessandro & Leonardo Ardemagni,
sons of Andrea & Karem
Alani Rose Balistrieri, daughter of Michael & Catherine
Adalina Jolene DePaz, daughter of Luis & Valeria
Christian Luke Cody, son of Steven & Felicia
Enzo Anthony & Francesca Eileen Nardelli,
Children of Michael & Shirin

Regis High School Open House at OLMC

Wednesday, September 17, 2025—7PM-9PM

OLMC Parish Center

(Enter through the Passaic Street door.)

Ready to explore the next step in your child's education? Come experience what Regis High School has to offer. Strong academics, faith-filled community, sports, arts, and leadership opportunities. A place where every student belongs. Meet teachers, students and staff. Ask questions. Discover a welcoming community that's ready to open its doors to YOU!

All families welcome! Don't miss it!

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

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 13, 2025—3:00PM
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

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 31	4:00PM	Spanish Community (PCA)
Mon. Sept. 1	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (Gym)
Tues. Sept. 2	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (Gym)
	8:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 3	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (Gym)
	7:00PM	Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	8:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Sept. 4	7:15PM	WCST Team 24 (MR)
	7:30PM	Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Fri. Sept. 5	5:00PM	Summer Heatt (GYM)
	7:00PM	Inspire Young Adult (NCW-A)
Sat. Sept. 6	9:00AM	Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

There's Been a Change

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) will no longer be celebrated on Monday evenings throughout the year. Rather, confessions will be heard on Monday evenings during the great preparation seasons of Advent and Lent.

Local Area

Catholic High School Open Houses

Walk the halls. Meet students, faculty and staff.

PARAMUS CATHOLIC

Wednesday, September 24th—6:30PM-8:00PM

www.paramuscatholic.com

DON BOSCO PREP

Thursday, September 25—6:30PM-8:30PM

Sunday, October 19—1:00PM-3:00PM

donboscoprep.org

BERGEN CATHOLIC

Wednesday, October 8th

Wednesday, November 5th

6:30PM-8:30PM

Register online at www.bergencatholic.org
admissions@bergencatholic.org.



SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Women's Cornerstone Retreat

Saturday, October 25, 2025

More information to follow!

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, Sept. 1 *World Day of Prayer
for the Care of Creation; Labor Day*

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Sept. 2

+ **6:30AM Joan Lyons**

req Judy Barone

+ **8:30AM Bridget Roddy**

req Her Family

+ **12:00NN Lucia & Herbert Engel**

req The Engel Family

Wednesday, Sept. 3 *Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church*

+ **6:30AM William Upperman**

req Peter Casale

+ **8:30AM Joseph Giunta**

req Vic & Shawn Amoruso

+ **12:00NN Peggy & Joe Gleeson**

req Anne & George Skau

Thursday, Sept. 4

+ **6:30AM Ms. Naomi Braz**

req The Paes Family

+ **8:30AM Ramon Ramos**

req Alex Ramos

+ **12:00NN John & Anne Papsun**

req Jeannie & Kent Papsun

Friday, Sept. 5

+ **6:30AM Valorie Schretter**

req The Hofstetter Family

+ **8:30AM Edra Mercer**

req The Barsa Family

+ **12:00NN Teresa & George Kovacs**

req Jeannie & Kent Papsun

Saturday, Sept. 6

+ **8:30AM Michael Montipoli**

req The Finucane Family

5:30PM Special Intention of Olivia Russo

req Mom & Dad

Sunday, Sept. 7 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM Gerard "Buddy" Gordon**

req Joan & Robert Gordon

+ **9:30AM Jo Delaney**

req The Delaney Family

+ **11:00AM Michael Callanan**

req Joanne Archer

12:30PM For the People of the Parish

+ **3:00PM Alicia Garcia DeLeon**

req Miriam Castro

+ **6:30PM Lucy Caceres**

req The McClure Family

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Sirach 3:17-18, 28-29

Omitted from the Palestinian (Jewish) canon, this book probably had its origin in the 2nd Century BC. Translated by the author's grandson, the book equates wisdom with knowing and being content with one's place before God and it values the Mosaic tradition as the source of true wisdom. In this excerpt, the reader is reminded that every person enjoys life as gift from God and that humble service to God and others is the only proper response. A selfless nature allows a person to listen more attentively to the wisdom of others and to see more clearly the needs of others.

2. Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Through the first covenant (the Law, given on Sinai), believers learned to fear and reverence God through signs of fire, storm, darkness, trumpet blast and unbearable voice. Through the second covenant (Jesus Christ), the believer is given bold and confident access to God through that same Christ, access marked by a joyous and glorious celebration, involving angels, saints, God and Jesus. The believer needs to live in awe, somewhere between undue fear and undue familiarity.

3. Luke 14:1, 7-14

Luke's Gospel is often called the Gospel of the great reversal, evident in today's excerpt. Defying the familiar code of honor and shame that guided almost everything in public and private, Jesus reverses the concept of where honor lies. Seeking seats of honor was, itself, not honorable. The disciple lives humility in his/her life. The second principle is delivered in the last section of the parable. The disciple does good deeds without care or concern for reward, repayment or recognition.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. To whom do you relate more: the guest who hurried to the higher place or the one who took the last?
2. An authentic understanding of true humility is to be well-grounded. Does that make the virtue more appealing and easier to embrace?
3. Where do you fall on that scale of "undue fear" and "undue familiarity" with God? Is it a good place to be?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 9/6	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun. 9/7	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. John Carlos
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	3:00PM	Fr. John Carlos
	6:30PM	Fr. Felix

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025—7:00PM

All are welcome to join us
next Thursday, September 11, at 7:00PM
in the Church for our 9/11 Mass of Remembrance.
Rev. Anthony Palombo—Celebrant



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