

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



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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 11, 2022

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Dear Friends

We all know that statistically all four seasons are of almost equal length. But somehow, summer always seems to be the shortest or go the quickest. For some reason, this summer seems to have raced through in double time. Even though I generally consider myself a winter person, I did really enjoy this summer, with its high temperatures and abundant sunshine. And even though it may have left us in a little bit of a drought, the fall looks like we'll make up for that shortage.

In any case, here we are at the eve of fall, the start of the new school year and the new program season, the first real start as we have known it since 2019, the last fall before the pandemic hit in late winter, 2020. And as in the past, there are a host of things clogging the calendar.

This weekend, Sunday is the 21st Anniversary of 9/11 and the remembrance of one of the most tragic days in American history. As a parish, we will remember the relatives, friends and neighbors we lost right here in Ridgewood at the 6:30PM Mass Sunday evening. Because it's a Sunday, by Church law, the celebration of the 24th Sunday of the Year takes precedence over any other celebration but we will still remember those we lost by the inclusion of their names in the Universal Prayer and with the Sanctuary Lamps, bearing their names, which we will use before the Blessed Sacrament for the next ten weeks. Whatever Mass you attend, remember them and those who still mourn their tragic passing.

At the end of September and the beginning of October we will briefly hear presentations at all the masses about two important spiritual opportunities to deepen our faith, the beginning of the Catechesis, by the team of the Neo-Catechumenal Way and the one day women's retreat by the team of Women's Cornerstone. Both of these offer opportunities to grow in faith, to come to terms with the new challenges we face in a world that is far less in our control than we thought only three years ago or to discover answers to any of the nagging questions we may have about the meaning and purpose of life. Please read the bulletin for more information on these two special moments in our parish life.

You may have seen something in the bulletin or on the homepage of the parish website called **FALL HOUSE GATHERINGS**. After the first three months of the pandemic "lockdown," and the next three months of those severe restrictions on gathering in public, including worship, we thought a good way to reintroduce people to one another would be to offer small gatherings in people's homes in each of the geographical areas of the parish (generally in line with the individual school districts). At the time, it was thought this would be a good opportunity to socialize, something not done in six months, to pray together and to share "survival stories," about the pandemic. As these plans were being made, there was an outbreak of the "delta" variant which made safe gatherings of neighbors a questionable activity. This was followed by the omicron variant which also called into question the wisdom of such gatherings. Now that we have settled into what will probably be the steady approach to this virus, we thought we would stick to the original plan and try to **reconnect** as a parish family, in small groups, in parish neighborhoods. I encourage

you to look at the info on the homepage, accept our invitation, register and begin to help us **REBUILD** our parish family.

Finally, more on the subject of **reconnecting and rebuilding**. Next weekend is our annual **Parish Block Party**, with its usual games, rides for the kids, free food and “mixing,” the chance to simply walk around, meet one another, talk to one another and enjoy each other. It is an informal celebration of the family we call Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It’s a week later than usual because the usual Sunday, the first Sunday after Labor Day is 9/11 and I hope the weather remains warm for at least another week, although we had lousy weather last year. I hope this will be a real “coming out party,” the coming out of so many parishioners we haven’t seen in so long. Truth be told, we have not yet reached the average Sunday attendance that we had before the pandemic. It’s not a question of numbers. When we come for worship we strengthen one another’s faith, we build the community, hope grows and all of this brings light to the darkness of our world. And there has been so much darkness these last three years. If you have not yet come back, maybe this is the Sunday to do it, to begin to rebuild our faith community as we have already rebuilt our family lives, our social lives and our business lives. As this is the beginning of a new school year, I invite you to make next weekend, 9/17-18, the beginning of the new **rebuilding, reconnect** year for our parish, starting with Mass. Perhaps you’ve heard the latest from the CDC, that they are recommending a “yearly” booster shot for the COVID 19 virus, much the same as for the flu. This suggests that COVID will be around for a long time and everyone will have to develop a way to live life in its presence. Now may be the time to re-start that living.

Hope to see you all next weekend.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

PS. Work on the bathroom in the cry room is scheduled to begin Monday, 9/12. Please be advised it will be out of commission for about two weeks. The “downstairs” bathroom will be available during these times.

STEWARDSHIP

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son, “My son, you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. The Christian Steward responds to this extraordinary generosity with his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. What is your response to such remarkable generosity? Do you give of your time, talent and treasure as joyfully and generously as God has given to you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$9,858. God bless your generous response to God’s own generosity to you, for the work of the Gospel. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 Sundays of August was \$95,462. It was received as follows:

WeShare Online Giving:	\$49,361
In-Pew/Mailed to the Rectory:	\$46,101

As a point of comparison, total church support for the 5 Sundays of August, 2021 was \$95,382. And for the 5 Sundays of August 2020, it was \$124,084 and for the 4 Sundays of August, 2019—pre-pandemic, it was \$87,828. God bless all who continue to support the work of the Gospel in these difficult times. Thank you.

Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)
2022-2023 KICK OFF MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
9:15AM | PARISH CENTER



MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME!
COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!

Are your hands full with little ones, school calendars, meal prep, etc.? Are you a new or seasoned mother who is looking for a place to retreat and connect with other mothers and the Lord, Jesus? Join us for this year’s kick off meeting!

THE MINISTRY OF MOTHERHOOD (MOMs) MISSION STATEMENT

MOMs is a group of women, both new and experienced mothers, striving to make Christ the center of their family life through supporting, sharing with, ministering to, and learning from each other.

This year's theme is "*Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full*". You are invited to come alone or with little ones in tow! Bring a friend! We all know how busy motherhood can be. Come learn why MOMs has been such a cherished group for over 30 years! We look forward to meeting you on September 14 for a great MOMs year!

For more information, go to
www.olmcmoms.com, scan this QR code,
or email Deirdre Costello at
OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com



THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 **NEW & CURRENT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ALTAR SERVER INVITATION:
EXTENDED TO ANY YOUNG PERSON IN GRADES 5-8.

Dear friends! We are working to rebuild our Altar Server Ministry. We recognize that during COVID, many of our ministries naturally faded. We want to change the tide. We believe our parish can have a robust server ministry once again.

In addition to serving Mass at the Altar, we want to rebuild our Altar Server community throughout the year with fun gatherings, fun service activities and a year-end outing for those who have shown a commitment to serving.

Our next training day for new servers will take place this Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 2pm in the Church. We will have pizza afterwards. The training and pizza will wrap up by 4pm. (Existing servers can also join us for a refresher course.) If any servers have siblings who want to join the ministry or you know of any other 5th-8th grader who has expressed interest, please have them come as well!

Please feel free to reach out via the email below to register (or just show up!). We look forward to meeting you on Sept. 17.

Christina Boniello & Fr. Frank
Altar Server Coordinators
cboniello1@gmail.com

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE Courses Being Offered at OLMC Parish Center Meeting Room

These courses, offered through the Archdiocesan Office of the Protection of the Faithful, are mandatory for any volunteer with access to minors and all parish staff members.

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN

Tuesday, September 27—9:30am-12:30pm or
Wednesday, September 28—6:30pm-9:30pm

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE

Tuesday, September 27—6:30pm-8pm or
Wednesday, September 28—9:30am-11am

Protecting Gods Children is a three hour course and is required for all first time volunteers and all parish staff.

Keeping the Promise Alive is a one and a half hour recertification course for all volunteers and staff who have taken PGC within the past five years.

**NOTE: NO LATE COMERS WILL BE ADMITTED
NO MINORS ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND**

Light refreshments will be provided.



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Parents, Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles!
Bring your little one(s)—age 2-1/2-5 years—and join
us for an engaging preschool class filled with Bible
stories, music and crafts.

Dates: Oct 29; Dec. 17; Jan 21; March 18; April 15

Contact Adriana DeCandia for more information:
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—ALL PROGRAM LEVELS REGISTER NOW FOR 2022-2023

Grades 1-6

Contact Cathy Hunt or Pat McGarvie
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201.444.0211

Junior High Ministry—Grades 7-8

Contact Giana Castelli
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Confirmation & High School Ministry—Grades 9-12

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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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)
CHAPEL OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Please see the hours needing coverage below and prayerfully consider signing up as a Scheduled Adorer or a Substitute.

SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED

Mondays: 3-4PM
 Tuesdays: 3-4AM
 Wednesdays: 1-2AM; 6-7PM
 Thursdays: 4-5AM; 11AM-12NN
 Saturdays: 12NN-1PM; 3-4PM; 5-6PM

Contact Cynthia Torres:
551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

JOIN US FOR A **BAR-B-Q** **ANNUAL PEA BBQ**
SATURDAY, SEPT. 17TH—3PM
618 Bartell Place, Ridgewood
Questions? Text 551.574.1063

Scheduled Adorers, Substitutes and Visitors of the Blessed Sacrament are invited! Bring your family and friends! Meet fellow Adorers!

Let us pray for a gathering that is full of God's presence. May this be an experience of "Heaven on Earth."




FUN FOOD FRIENDS **BLOCK PARTY** **EATS TREATS GAMES**

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BLOCK PARTY
NEXT WEEKEND
SUNDAY, SEPT. 18TH—1:30PM-5:00PM
BEHIND THE CONVENT—RAIN OR SHINE



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 11	1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC)
Tues. Sept. 13	7:30PM Jr. High Orientation (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 14	9:15AM MOMs Kick Off (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Sat. Sept 17	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Fall House Gatherings

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

-Matt. 18:20



You are invited to an intimate gathering of fellow parishioners, hosted by a member of our parish, to meet up with people you may not know or haven't seen in some time, to enjoy lite refreshments and pray for each other's intentions. Home locations are provided when you RSVP.

Friday, Sept. 30 | 7PM-9PM | Bill & Jennifer McCabe
 Sunday, Oct. 16 | 4PM-6PM | Kevin & Jenny Hogan
 Thursday, Oct. 27 | 7PM-9PM | Bryan Duffy & Melissa Maloney
 Friday, Oct. 28 | 7PM-9PM | Mike & Paola Shaddow
 Thursday, Nov. 3 | 7PM-9PM | Neil & Erin O'Halloran
 Saturday, Nov. 5 | 7PM-9PM | Kristin Halvey

RSVP at
www.bit.ly/housegatherings or
 Scan the QR code here or
 Contacting the parish office,
lobby@olmcridgewood.com or
 201.444.2000 x200



Space is limited due to available occupancy at each home. If spaces are filled, and there is enough interest, more house gatherings will be considered in the future.

CATECHISTS NEEDED—TUESDAYS 4PM-5PM

The Religious Education office is looking for individuals to teach our When Families Gather Tuesday classes from 4:00PM-5:00PM for Grades 1, 4 and 5. No prior experience necessary!

Please contact Cathy Hunt or Pat McGarvie
Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com or
Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
 Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado,
 James Nardelli, Robert Smith

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, Sept. 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

- + **6:30AM Annunziata Basile**
req Stefania Galasso
- + **8:30AM Eileen & Frank McHugh**
req The Nardelli Family
- + **12:00NN Leida M. Vazquez**
req The Vazquez Family

Tuesday, Sept. 13 *Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- + **6:30AM Carmine Zito**
req Eleanor Lepore
- + **8:30AM Caroline Dikun**
req Joanne & Mark Mulvey
- + **12:00NN Linda Hallidy**
req Her Family

Wednesday, Sept. 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy cross*

- + **6:30AM Mary Dluhy**
req OLMC MOMs Ministry
- + **8:30AM Michael DeVita**
req Mike & Mary Hoffman
- + **12:00NN Breck Denny**
req The Testa Family

Thursday, Sept. 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

- + **6:30AM Diane Smith**
req The Brophy & Lane Families
- + **8:30AM Maria Meza**
req The McClure Family
- + **12:00NN Dominick Policano**
req Kay Feeney & Family

Friday, Sept. 16 *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs,*

- 6:30AM Special Intention of Anthony & Nickiann Bussanich—33rd Wedding Anniversary**
req Bussanich Family
- + **8:30AM Teresa & George Kovacs**
req Jeannie & Kent Papsun
- + **12:00NN Catherine Novak**
req Doris Novak

Saturday, Sept. 17 *Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- + **8:30AM Florencia Bazo**
req The Hunt Family
- + **5:30PM John St. Clair**
req The Hunt Family

Sunday, Sept. 18 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **9:30AM John St. Clair**
req The Martin Family
- + **11:00AM Ronald Forenza**
req Anne & George Skau
- + **12:30PM John St. Clair**
req OLMC MOMs Ministry
- + **3:00PM Anabella Moharita Alvarado**
2nd Anniversary
req Yadira Moharita
- + **6:30PM Florence Limon**
req Paul & Becky Simpson

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

This reading belongs to the Golden Calf episode of the Book of Exodus. While God is conversing with Moses on Mount Sinai, presenting to Moses the tables that will ensure the bond between them, the Israelites are already displaying their weakness of faith. And they coerce Aaron into fashioning an object for their worship, other than Yahweh. Bent on destroying this wayward people, Yahweh relents after Moses entreats Him to remember the promises Yahweh made to His faithful servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

2. 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul humbly and gratefully acknowledges that everything in his life, except for his own sins, is God's work, flowing from God's initiative. His litany of God's actions invites a similar reflection by all who read this letter, but particularly by those who are wearied by their responsibilities, especially to and for the community.

3. Luke 15:1-32

The entirety of Chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke is devoted to the theme of forgiveness, God's eagerness to forgive any sinner willing to repent. In all three of the parables excerpted for our Gospel reading today, the initiator of forgiveness is the Father, symbolized alternately by the shepherd, the woman and the father. All three focus on God Who searches for the lost. In the final parable, universally known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus contrasts those who accept the invitation to repent and those who do not.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever experienced the kind of forgiveness that the son does in today's Gospel?
2. Do you have your own moments of grace when God called you and changed your life?
3. Acknowledging the need to accept God's invitation to extend mercy to others as God, Himself, does (the older son's reluctance to show the mercy his father shows), does this speak to you about some of the hurts you're still holding on to? Will you be moved to do something about them?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	9/17	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun.	9/18	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
		9:30AM	Fr. Anthony
		11:00AM	Fr. Felix
		12:30PM	Msgr. Sheeran
		3:00PM	Fr. Anthony
		6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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