

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 15, 2024

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Dear Friends,

As a kick-off event, the program year started off with a bang with last Sunday's Block Party. As you may know, we moved it a week forward to avoid the usual conflict with the Village's street fair and I think it worked very well. There were games and rides and food and it looked like the crowd had a great time. I want to thank everyone who made it possible, especially Past Grand Knight Jeff Voigt who has been coordinating it these past many years and to everyone else who worked, either setting up, staffing the booths and the food stands and in the clean-up. These included the members of the Knights, the MOM's and the Religious Ed programs. I want to especially thank Mike Megnin from the Knights. He came up with the brilliant idea to get the water for the Dunk Tank from the laundry room of the old convent and not from the outside faucet. Thank you, Mike, the old bones of the old pastor are greatly appreciative. (And not the slightest hint of a cold the next day.)

Now that this great event has marked the beginning of the "new year," the activities begin in earnest, a Confirmation meeting Monday night, the next session of ChristLife on Tuesday night, multiple choir rehearsals, also on Tuesday night, and then it continues through the whole month, ending the month with the start of When Families Gather, our principal religious education format, at the 9:30AM and 6:30PM Masses. In addition, at all the Masses that weekend, members of the Team will speak a word of invitation to the Catechesis, and the following weekend (10/5 & 6), there will be an invitation to the women of the parish for the up-coming Women's Cornerstone Retreat. It's kind of exhausting just thinking about it all.

Remembering my column from last week, I would invite and hope that everyone would see these opportunities, not as things to do, but as stops, moments on our pilgrimage of faith, moments to encounter the Lord and His presence in our lives, moments to open our eyes and ears to ask what the Lord is asking of us, where is He leading us, both as individuals and as a faith community. They're not just events; they're encounters with the presence of the living Christ who always offers us more, of **HIMSELF** and of **LIFE**. Don't let Him pass you by.

On a couple of practical matters—I'm happy to announce we have received a \$250,000 grant from PSE&G to upgrade our heating system to high efficiency boilers. The parish will put in an almost equal amount. One of the old boilers is inoperative and costly to repair so this is the perfect time to move toward a more efficient system. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that all of this can be finished before the heating season starts.

The re-staining of the walls and woodwork is just about completed and we will be talking to a consultant to determine the best colors to choose for the painting of the church which was last done in the early 1990's. And we

have added two screens to help the congregants sitting in the transepts to see better so they don't have to strain their necks to see the hymns.

Finally, thank you to the 514 households who have participated in the Annual Appeal from the Archdiocese. The rebate will be a great help to the parish. If you've made a pledge, please try to fulfill it. Even though new pledges don't count toward the rebate, your fulfillment by year end of any pledge made before June 30th does count. Thank you again to all who generously contributed to the campaign.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God (and that's what the Christian Steward believes), then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a **Stewardship Way of Life** means using these gifts for the Kingdom, just as Jesus teaches in today's Gospel.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$16,331. God bless all who continue to support the work of the Gospel and this community of faith. Please consider joining the hundreds who are supporting the parish by using online giving, **WeShare**. I'm sure if you ask them, they will tell you it's a lot easier than carrying cash or stuffing an envelope. Why not try it?



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babysitters NEEDED For MOMs MEETINGS

Select Wednesdays 9:15AM-11:15AM | Parish Center
Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

MOMs is looking for babysitting help during our upcoming monthly meetings. Compensation offered! Please contact Alexis if you or someone you know are willing.

amcnamee91@gmail.com

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!
PLAYGROUND MEET UP TODAY
SEPTEMBER 15th | 10:30AM

(Following the 9:30AM Family Mass)

OLMC Youth Center Playground (behind the school bldg)

Snacks will be provided! All are welcome!
Hosted by the Mt. Carmel MOMs group



A Call for New & Returning Altar Servers!

Interested in serving at the altar during Mass? We need new and returning altar servers! If you've received First Holy Communion and are in Grade 5 or above, join us to assist with the liturgy, grow in faith, and serve our community.

Training: Saturday, September 28, 8:30AM-10:30AM in the Main Church starting with Mass. Mandatory for all new servers and refreshers for returning ones.

Register by scanning the QR code here or contacting Fr. Jakov—201.444.2000 ext. 202 or jvidov@olmcridgewood.com.
We look forward to welcoming you!



Regis High School Information Night This Wednesday, September 18, 2024—7:00PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center

Discover Regis High School's transformative Jesuit education, fostering excellence, curiosity, leadership, and service. Learn more about a Jesuit education by participating in our upcoming Regis Information Night. This event offers a firsthand look into the Regis Experience for local students, emphasizing shared educational values and details. Attendees will include the Director of Admissions, current students, parents, and alumni parents, creating an ideal introduction to life at Regis. Light refreshments will be provided.

Register at regis.com/admissions

Lectors, Commentators, Greeters, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers,
Altar Linen Crew, Funeral Servers & Planners, Musicians, Cantors,
Choir Members, Deacons, and RCIA Formators

JOIN US!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's

LITURGICAL MINISTERS RETREAT

Saturday
September 28, 2024
8:30 a.m. - Noon

REGISTER NOW
WITH THIS QR CODE:



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Welcome Back Families!
Religious Education
When Families Gather
Parent Meetings

Select the Parent Meeting of your choice (one parent must attend). Program materials will be distributed at this meeting.

Sunday, September 22 | 10:30AM | Parish Center
Monday, September 23 | 7:00PM | Parish Center

Children in grades 1-6 are welcome to join the When Families Gather program. If your child is not yet registered for Religious Education, contact us now.

Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com
Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS FAITH SHARING EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST—PARISH CENTER
CHECK IN: 12NN | PRESENTATIONS: 12:30PM-3:00PM

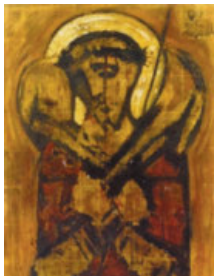
The National Eucharistic Congress was held July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN. This historic pilgrimage was centered on the Eucharist and its Revival. You are invited to listen and reflect on the life changing spiritual stories experienced by several local pilgrims. Invitation is open to everyone.

Prior registration preferred by Monday, September 16, requested as light refreshments will be provided.

Registration/Questions—Contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag,
bob.liwanag@olmcridgewood.com or 201.670.0587

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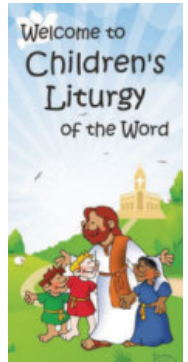
STARTING SEPTEMBER 30

EVERYONE IS INVITED

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FREE BABYSITTING WILL BE PROVIDED

Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes Today, Sunday, Sept. 15th

Parents/grandparents—bring your little ones (Pre-K—Grade 3) to this Mass. After Opening Prayer, the children are invited up to the altar and led to Our Lady's Chapel where they hear the Sunday scripture readings in a simpler language. The children return to the church before the Offertory. The kids (and parents) are so grateful. We do Children's Liturgy every Sunday.



Please consider volunteering to lead or assist. the more volunteers we have, the less time people need to commit! We provide a training session and materials for each leader. If you work during the week, this ministry is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved. Our goal is to have the children of our parish enjoy coming to Mass and learn about the weekly readings at their younger level of understanding.

For more information and to volunteer, contact:
Angela Krempel at a_krempel@hotmail.com



We are a ministry that is free and open to all, regardless of affiliation, who are unemployed or anticipating unemployment.

This fall, due to the present lower unemployment rate, we are going to offer personal, unemployment counseling—in person or by phone—depending upon our counselors' availability. Please feel free to contact anyone below for more information.

Carol Shea: carolcareers@gmail.com
Ed McCabe: efxmccabe@hotmail.com or 551.265.0175
Rich Kritzer: rich.kritzer@gmail.com

As always, we look forward to working with you.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

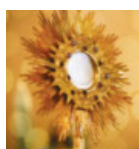
If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us for a series of 8 consecutive Thursday evening sessions of mutual sharing and support in a spiritual, caring, strictly confidential setting. The group is led by a trained facilitator certified by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese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

Thursday Evenings beginning September 26
6:45PM-8:00PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Mahwah, NJ
Pre-registration is required. Call 201.529.3517
All calls are confidential.



The candles present at our Mass of Remembrance on September 11th will burn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our deceased brothers and sister.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week
commemorates the memory of Richard Blood



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Every Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament is encouraged to accept Dcn. Bob's invitation to attend the National Eucharistic Congress faith sharing presentation here, at OLMC, on September 21st (see Page 4 of this bulletin). Registration is requested by tomorrow, September 16th.

If we want to be holy, we have to start with PRAYER. God will give us the wisdom that comes in prayer. With prayer all things are possible. A sinner can become a saint just as St. Monica's prayers for her son St. Augustine, a sinner, became a saint. It is not our intelligence that will bring much fruit in our spiritual life but it is the depth of our prayer. God looks at our heart.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

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

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

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Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings Parish Center—10:30AM-11:45AM

For more than a year a group of parishioners have met weekly to read, study, and share the meaning of the texts so as to prepare for the upcoming Scripture at weekend liturgy. Many have commented that it has deepened their faith and made a difference in their life.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." ...*St Jerome*
It is not necessary that you attend every Thursday but, if interested, please contact Linda English so that materials may be available for you.

lenglish122@gmail.com, text 201.207.5920

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join fellow parishioners to pray the rosary each week in the Daily Mass Chapel.

Spanish—Sundays, 2:00PM
English—Thursdays 7:30PM

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept 15	1:00PM Ignatian Spirituality Project (SMR) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC)
Mon. Sept 16	7:30PM Confirmation Orientation (Church)
Tues. Sept 17	4:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 4:00PM WCST CofP Prep (Library) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM ChristLife Sharing Christ (PC) 7:00PM Catechist Meeting (REC1)
Wed. Sept 18	9:00AM MOMs Core Team (SMR, Library) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Regis High School Info Night (PC) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 Meeting (MR)
Thur. Sept 19	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Study (SMR) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd Community (YCB)
Fri. Sept 20	9:00AM MOMs SALT (SMR)
Sat. Sept 21	7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Youth Group Food Drive (Driveway) 12:00NN Eucharistic Congress Witness (PC) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

Registration is Open! Women's Cornerstone Retreat Saturday, October 19, 2024



Registration now for our Annual Women's Cornerstone Retreat held in our Parish Center. Give yourself the gift of Women's Cornerstone. It is a beautiful, spiritual and social experience that is sure to enrich your life. There is absolutely no pressure on the retreat. All you need is an open heart.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/WCS2024Retreat or by scanning this QR Code

Questions may be directed to
Kristin Halvey: kahalvey@gmail.com



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsas, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley Geraldine Cruzen, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Frank Gillen, Augustina Gonzalez, Susan Hart-White, Rebecca Heffernan, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letizia, Anna Lobascio, Susan Lois, Cambell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Rame, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, 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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, Sept. 16 *Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

6:30AM Anthony & NickiAnn Bussanich

35th Wedding Anniversary

req Her Family

+ 8:30AM Caterine Novak

req Doris Novak

+12:00NN Richard Ferreri

req The Quinlan Family

Tuesday, Sept. 17 *Saint Robert Ballarmino, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

+ 6:30AM Augie Dos Santos

req Stacey & Peter Barsa

+ 8:30AM Chris Sullivan

req Marie Cummings

+12:00NN Jorge Alvarez

req His Family

Wednesday, Sept. 18

6:30AM Special Intention of the Uber Children

req Steven & Yvonne Uber

+ 8:30AM Maria Meza

req The McClure Family

+12:00NN Johnnie St. Clair

req Stephanie Budelman & Family

Thursday, Sept. 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

+ 6:30AM Adriana Radossi

req Her Family

+ 8:30AM Joseph DeAnnuntis

req Linda Bullaro

+12:00NN Sixta & Gonzalo Ardila

req Their Family

Friday, Sept. 20 *Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*

+ 6:30AM Katie Eidschun

req John & Jean Boyle

+ 8:30AM Jaime Cardona

req Maria Cardona

12:00NN Special Intention of Melanie Santlofer

req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

Saturday, Sept. 21 *Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

+ 8:30AM Margaret Finucane Boos

req The Sackrider Family

+ 5:30PM Brendan Malley

req Peter O'Malley

Sunday, Sept. 22 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ 8:00AM Joseph Hyde

req Cate Harkins

9:30AM For the People of the Parish

+11:00AM Michael & Cindy Minervini

req Linda Caporino

+12:30PM Laura Chester

req Rosemarie Chester

+ 3:00PM Angel L. Montalvo—23rd Anniversary

req Awilda Montalvo

+ 6:30PM Theresa Paladino

req Paul & Becky Simpson

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 50:5-9

Preaching the truth and shedding light on the world's dark deceit and injustice will require the minister to cultivate willingness to suffer for what is right and be defined by that suffering. The innocent, unidentified Servant in this reading is surrounded by opposition mounted by a disbelieving world, which heaps abuse on the Servant, to the point of a humiliating death. But the Servant is not swayed by such hardship. Confident in a strong relationship with God, the Servant remains unmoved, like the hardest stone.

2. James 2:14-18

The author of James appreciated the need for wise advice for those who were attempting to live according to the teachings of Jesus, especially for those who came to Christ without the benefit of the Jewish moral code. James regarded the works of the law along with faith as indispensable for justification, if these works are understood as an expression of lived faith. For James, faith is dead when it does not show itself in acts of love, but alive when it manifests itself in works of charity.

3. Mark 8:27-35

Peter's confession of faith and the first of three predictions of the passion mark a turning point in Mark's Gospel. As with the other two, it is marked by (1) the prediction by Jesus, (2) the misunderstanding by the disciples, (3) Jesus' connection of His passion and death to discipleship. It is prompted by Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah, after which Jesus explains what that means. A *messiah* would have conjured up images of a successful warrior, not suffering, so discipleship conjures up images of power and prestige for the twelve, not giving one's life for others. In an irony, Jesus tells the twelve losing their lives for others will actually result in gaining it.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever felt buoyed by God during times of crisis? A steady confidence? A momentary experience of the light?
2. What "good works" bring your faith to light?
3. What crosses do you take up, freely, for the sake of Christ? Do you see God's hand in the Church's suffering today?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 9/21	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun. 9/22	8:00AM	Fr. Rolando
	9:30AM	Fr. Jakov
	11:00AM	Fr. Frank
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Felix

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



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