

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
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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.

A colorful poster for a 'Block Party'. At the top, there are cartoon illustrations of people eating, drinking, and playing games. Below the illustrations, the text 'FUN FOOD FRIENDS' is on the left, 'BLOCK PARTY' is in the center in large, stylized letters, and 'EATS TREATS GAMES' is on the right. Below this, it says 'TODAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH' and '1:30PM-5:00PM'. At the bottom, it says 'BEHIND THE CONVENT—RAIN OR SHINE' and 'FUN! ~ FOOD! ~ FRIENDS! ~ TREATS! ~ GAMES!'.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time— September 17, 2023

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A Note from Fr. Anthony

This past Monday, we remembered those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001. As you know, my father was one of the firefighters who gave his life to save others on that day. When he died, I was fifteen, and I could not understand how God could allow that to happen. However, through that event, and my subsequent rebellion, I was able to experience the loving mercy of God. God took advantage of that tragic event, and my sinful reaction, to show me a love so tremendous that I could not resist the call to the priesthood. Through the death of my father, I began to discover that God is my Father. Verse 5 of Psalm 68 has reverberated throughout my life, "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling."

On October 1st, I will begin a new assignment, as the Priest secretary of Cardinal Joseph Tobin. This came as a surprise to me just a little over a week ago. Coming to terms with this change has been a grieving process for me; a process that I am still going through. However, I know that my new assignment is an important service to our whole Archdiocese, including Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

I am grateful to our parish community. Since my family moved to Ridgewood in 2006, you have been a tremendous support to me and my family. When my mother decided to move out of Brooklyn, she was looking for two things. She wanted to live somewhere with good schools and she wanted a parish that had the Neocatechumenal Way. In Ridgewood, she found both, and more.

As our mother was dying, we received an overwhelming amount of support from the parish and the wider community of Ridgewood. The meals that many of you organized, cooked and delivered remain an indelible mark of selfless service to a widow and orphans. It has been an honor for me to be able to serve you in return.

I love the ministry I have been able to do at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. All of it. I love celebrating the Eucharist. I love preaching. I love hearing confessions. I love celebrating baptisms. I love preparing couples for marriage and celebrating that momentous occasion with them. It has been a true honor for me to be able to accompany your families through loss and preside at funerals. Sharing in the ministries of our parish has been a real source of joy for me. I have enjoyed my time spent with the Hispanic Apostolate, When Families Gather, MOM's, Women's and Men's Cornerstone, the Ignatian Spirituality Project, ChristLife, Academy of Our Lady, the Youth Group's Service Week, Thursday nights with the Knights of Columbus, a few Third Thursday Breakfasts, Marriage Preparation, the Finance Council, and the RCIA. And then there have been all of the moments that I have shared, simply listening to you in my office, at the hospital, at your home, by the church doors, or wherever else. Over and over again, I have seen that, despite my own inadequacies, God has provided me with a word for you, because He loves you and He provides when his ministers are lacking. I feel that all of you have unhesitatingly forgiven and overlooked my flaws. I am profoundly grateful for that.

I will not be at the parish this weekend because I am taking a personal retreat with my Neocatechumenal community. Next weekend will be my last weekend here and it will also be the weekend that we announce the Catechesis for Youth and

Adults. I ask you to give serious consideration to the invitation, whether you have attended previously or not, both for yourself and for those you know.

On a Sunday morning, in 1986, my father was a firefighter, with a struggling marriage, sitting in the pews. He heard this invitation, took a card, went home, and insisted with my mother that she accompany him. She told him that this would be the last thing she did in the Catholic Church and, on Monday, they went. And the trajectory of their lives, the lives of their children, and the lives of their children's children changed. This catechesis saved my parents' marriage and, years later, it saved me from being another overdose death in a New York gutter. In the short time I have been here, I have seen this catechesis similarly impact many of you. For me, there is nothing more important than bringing the Good News to those who are in a situation of need. So, I ask you to seriously consider this invitation.

I have always been able to rely on our parish community for support. I do not expect that to change. Please pray for me.



Dear Friends,

If you were surprised about Fr. Anthony's transfer—join the crowd. No one was more surprised than I was. Or he was. Change and transition is always difficult. More about that next week.

Fr. Anthony will celebrate his last Mass here on Saturday, September 30th, at 5:30 PM. It will be followed by a reception in the Parish Center where everyone will have an opportunity to thank him for his ministry here and wish him well. Please join us for one or both of these moments.

Fr. Jakov Vidov will join the staff of Mount Carmel when Fr. Anthony leaves. Some of you may remember him. He served his diaconate year here from June 2017 until his ordination to the priesthood, May, 2018. As he is a familiar face, I am glad he will be returning.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron



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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 30TH
12:00 NOON | PASSAIC STREET PLAZA**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day October 4th), Mt. Carmel will have the blessing of animals of all kinds. Bring your pets for a blessing!



**"Why do you spend your money
and your labor for that which
does not satisfy?"**

**Catechesis
For
Adults and Youth (12 Years+)
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Mondays and Thursdays | 8:00PM | Parish Center

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**Questions? Contact Fr. Anthony Palombo
apalombo@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.2000 x202**

STEWARDSHIP

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." These words, from today's 2nd Reading give us the essence of Stewardship—everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. What do you do with those gifts? Do you use any of them to build up the Kingdom of the Giver?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last weekend was \$15,577. God bless all whose generosity allows the Gospel to be preached. Online giving, **WeShare**, through regular support, or using of the QR code helps the parish better fulfill its mandate to be the presence of Christ in this part of the world. Thank you.

**Fall Scripture Reflection
Beginning This Thursday, September 21st
Reflect on the Upcoming Sunday Mass readings
Thursday Mornings—10:30AM-11:45AM
Parish Center Meeting Room**

St. Jerome famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". This Fall you are invited to join others from Mt. Carmel to let the Word of God speak to your heart. This past summer we offered a two month version. Each week as we came together, we were surprised that we had new insights through praying, reading and sharing our thoughts with others.

How blest we are when participants can proclaim how different the experience of liturgy became on Sunday by preparing with others during the previous week. Sign up information is below.

A weekly in person session will be provided to help you deepen your relationship with God in scripture **beginning September 21 and concluding on December 14**. Join in anytime. **Please RSVP by contacting Linda English.**

lenglish122@gmail.com, 201.207.5920

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather Program Year Beginning!

Blessing of the Backpacks THIS Weekend

This will take place at all Masses. Bring your child, along with their backpack, to any Mass for a blessing and they will receive a special keychain for their backpack.

When Families Gather

Please attend ONE of the following meetings. There will be a brief presentation of the new curriculum and books will be distributed.

Sunday, Sept. 24—10:30AM | Monday, Sept. 25—7:00PM

October Family Session—Sunday, October 1st

Attend the 9:30AM or 6:30PM Mass
Hospitality will follow.

Sacrament Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th—9:30AM OR 7:30PM

Please attend this meeting if you have a child receiving First Reconciliation or First Communion this year.

For more details, contact the
Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211
Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

CALLING ALL FAMILIES! PARISH PLAYGROUND MEETUP NEXT WEEKEND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—10:30AM

(Immediately following the 9:30AM Mass)

OLMC Youth Center Playground (behind the school bldg)

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



Women's Cornerstone Retreat Saturday, October 14, 2023 Register Now

Give yourself a spiritual lift. As a woman of the parish of any age and stage, you are invited to strengthen your relationship with God and meet other women of faith by attending the beautiful Women's Cornerstone retreat. If you've thought about joining us, make this your year.

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



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Tuesday, October 3rd | Village Hall | 10AM-12PM

Ridgewood Residents—18+.

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The Ridgewood Senior Bus
is available for transportation services.
Call 201-670-5500 ext. 2203 to make a bus reservation.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH | 7PM | 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 this Regional Information Night. This event offers a firsthand look into the Regis experience for local students, emphasizing shared educational values and details. Attendees include the Director of Admissions, current students, parents, and alumni parents, creating an ideal introduction to life at Regis.

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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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The Adorers are amazing. About 90 people came including Fr. Ron, Fr. Felix and Dcn. Bob. Feedback was very good. Adorers said they had a great time despite the rain. Our youngest guest was 3 months old. Guests were a mixture of long time and newer Adorers, along with children. Adorers connected with each other. Once we are connected with God through PEA, everything good follows. We receive the grace and we share it with one another. (So sorry, some Adorers had to wait in their cars due to rain—including Fr. Frank.)

Adorers brought a lot of delicious food, specialty desserts and wine. But most of all they brought with them their happiness, peace and love (fruits of Adoration) to share with one another. Adorers were so thankful they made it. They had a great time. Truly God's presence was evident.

If you missed it, plan on coming next year. Rain or shine—we will provide a much bigger tent.



A good time was had by all at the Annual PEA BBQ held Sept. 9th. The rain could not dampen the spirits of those who attended.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Gilbert Badillo, Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kenneth Gershbert, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letiza, Anna Lobascio, Joel Lustberg, Cambell McArthur, Gemma Miller, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 17	1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC)
Mon. Sept. 18	6:00PM Spanish Lector Training (PC) 7:30PM Confirmation Meeting (Church)
Tue Sept. 19	5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM ChristLife (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 20	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Catechist Meeting (REC1) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Parish Finance Council (MR) 7:00PM Regis High School Info Night (PC) 7:15PM WCST Retreat Team Meeting (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Sept. 21	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:30PM Jr. High Orientation (Church)
Fri. Sept. 22	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
Sat. Sept. 23	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) North NJ

Executive Speaker Series

This Thursday, September 21—7PM-9PM

Morris Catholic High School—Denville, NJ

Speaker: Cristofer Pereya, CEO, Tepeyac Leadership

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BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

We are offering a Bereavement program beginning the week of September 25th supporting anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. The groups meet once a week 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., parent, sibling, cousin or friend.

Morning Spousal Meets: 10AM-11:30AM

Evening Spousal Meets: 7:30PM-9:00PM

General Loss: 7:30PM-9:00PM

Program is available at no cost.

Registration is required.

For more information & registration, please call 201.327.1313 x872. All calls are confidential.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado, John Morano, James Nardelli, Robert Smith



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Sept. 18

- + **6:30AM Robert Barry**
req The Tondi Family
- + **8:30AM Maria Meza**
req The McClure Family
- + **12:00NN Jack Greeley**
req Ann & Bill Leahy

Tuesday, Sept. 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*

- + **6:30AM Christopher Picinic**
req Kristina Tarabokija
- + **8:30AM Bessie Cancellieri**
req The Van Dyke Family
- + **12:00NN Johnnie St. Claire**
req Stephanie Budelman & Family

Wednesday, Sept. 20 *Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

- + **6:30AM Adriana Radossi**
req Her Family
- + **8:30AM Jaime Cardona**
req Maria Cardona
- + **12:00NN Una Glennon**
req Erica & Rich Dunckley

Thursday, Sept. 21 *Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

- + **6:30AM Lila Zapata**
req Patricia & Richard Engel
- + **8:30AM Brendan Malley**
req Peter O'Malley
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members of the Orozco Family**
req Alba Ludmer

Friday, Sept. 22

- + **6:30AM Michelle Scrivanich Paparella**
req Marija Picinic
- + **8:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes
- + **12:00NN Laura Chester**
req Rosemarie Chester

Saturday, Sept. 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

- 8:30AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots**
req Patricia Engel & Family
- + **5:30PM Ambrose & Josephine Dell'Orto**
req Adele Bergen

Sunday, Sept. 24 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM Gladys Garcia**
req Alfredo Garcia & Lourdes Carus
- + **9:30AM Joanne Corsaro**
req Erin Taddei
- + **11:00AM Walter Matesic**
req Joan & Al Scrivanich
- + **12:30PM Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes
- + **3:00PM Angel L. Montalvo**
req Awilda Montalvo
- 6:30PM For the People of the Parish**

1. Sirach 27:30-28:7

Written only 200 years before Jesus, The Book of Sirach is a compilation of reflections on the Torah to help others on their spiritual journey. Today's excerpted passage is directed to someone injured by another, and is a warning against wrath and vengeance. Sirach reminds the reader that there is an inherent contradiction between the unwillingness to extend forgiveness to another and looking for healing and mercy from God for one's own sins. Toward the end of the reading, Sirach warns that a day is coming when a person will have to answer for their choices and their own sins will go unforgiven if they fail to offer it when they have the chance.

2. Romans 14:7-9

In this excerpted passage, Paul encourages us to take an honest look at our lives. We live and we die for the Lord. We should never imagine that we are the ones in charge of those lives. All comes from God; all belongs to God. Because Jesus won the victory over death, He is Lord of the dead and of the living.

3. Matthew 18:21-35

In this dialogue between Jesus and Peter, Jesus proposes a new concept of mercy and forgiveness. Common rabbinical teaching would call for forgiveness as many as three times. Peter, no doubt feeling he was righteously going beyond that suggests seven times, more than doubling the generosity shown by the rabbis. Symbolically, Jesus raises the bar even further—indefinite is the number Jesus has in mind. The king and the servant illustrate the point of Sirach's reflection; God places no limits on forgiveness, neither by number or kind, thus humans must go and do likewise. Forgiveness must be unending and from the heart. If humans place limits on forgiveness, limits will be placed on them.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Do you readily forgive those who offend you? Do you reach out to them first?
2. What transformation of your heart do you have to make to forgive as Jesus forgives?
3. How can a deeper trust in grace help you release the debts (hurts) caused by another?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	9/23	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun.	9/24	8:00AM	Fr. Felix
		9:30AM	Fr. Anthony
		11:00AM	Fr. Anthony
		12:30PM	Fr. Frank
		3:00PM	Fr. Lynx
		6:30PM	Fr. Anthony

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00NN on the Saturday of that weekend.



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