

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

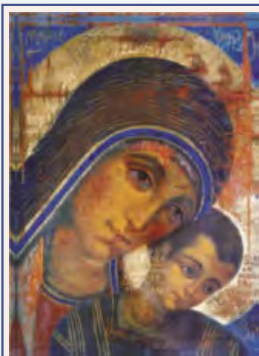
The Sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick* will be administered at anytime in an emergency and also at parish celebrations during the year. Consult the bulletin for dates. *Communion* is brought to the sick, the elderly and the homebound by priests of the parish and by Eucharistic ministers. The priests also visit the local hospital regularly. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.



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Dear Friends,

Starting from last week, no one was more surprised about the possibility of Fr. Anthony's new assignment than I was when the Cardinal called me on Labor Day to let me know of his intentions. As I have mentioned in at least one homily since then, and, privately to several parishioners, since then, during the ordination rite, when he was about to be ordained, he kneels before the Bishop, places his hands in the hands of the Bishop who asks him, "do you promise to me and my successors obedience and respect." And the priest responds, "I do." This is done individually, not en masse. If we take that seriously, as priests, moments will come when that promise is tested. I remember two occasions during my pastorate here when Archbishop Myers asked me to take two additional positions, Acting Executive Director of Catholic Charities and Acting CEO of Cathedral Health Services (the 3 Catholic Hospitals owned by the Archdiocese). It was the remembrance of that promise which shaped my response and I am sure it is the remembrance of that promise which shaped Fr. Anthony's response to the Cardinal's "invitation."

I am grateful to Fr. Anthony for his three years of service here, for the gifts and talents he brought, and for the sharing with this community of his life's story. But mostly I am grateful for his love of the priesthood, his priesthood, His calling and for his love of the people (you) he had been called to serve. Love of being a priest and love of serving God's people (and of course, love of God), will always mean God will work wonders in and through that ministry. I know we will all miss him.

Fr. Anthony's re-assignment has caused me to think back on my many years here at Mount Carmel. In the twenty-six years I have been here, there have been nineteen parochial vicars. Fr. Jakov will be the twentieth. At the same time there have been eight transitional deacons who have passed through on their road to the priesthood. We have seen many changes through all these years. Some priests left by their own decision. Some left by my decision. And some were called to other ministries by a "higher voice." Every change brought with it some pain and a sense of loss. But the Lord has always proven Himself trustworthy. He has always provided for the needs of this parish community, even if sometimes it took a year or two. And He will do so again. We are blessed that Fr. Jakov is already somewhat familiar with our community, having served here as a deacon from 2017-2018. As is our custom, I have asked him to write a column for next week's bulletin. His assignment is effective October 6th.

At the Block Party (and, by the way, thanks to all the children who must have been practicing their aim to

ensure I was dunked a record number of times), a number of people asked me about how this impacted my decision to retire in June. I wrote in the bulletin of January 22 that I felt I could retire in June, 2024 because "I believe the parish is in the hands of a good servant leadership team with the vision of making it possible for each and every parishioner to grow in Christ." Obviously this has somewhat changed but I don't think by much. Time will tell and I will use the next four months or so to discern again the Lord's will for me. I promise I will let you know in February when I will have to write the Cardinal, one way or another.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"So the last will be first and the first last." In today's Gospel passage, some are interested only in what's coming to them. The owner's generosity is a cause for complaint, not rejoicing. This passage is a reminder to us that God has been generous to all. Rejoicing in that generosity, we respond by being generous, ourselves, with our **Time, Talent and Treasure**, for the growth of His Kingdom. Do you rejoice in such generosity or do you hoard those blessings?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last weekend was \$17,973. Thank you to all who are so generous and so faithful in giving their gifts to continue to build the Kingdom. We continue to encourage electronic giving through **WeShare** as a way for the parish to better manage its resources.



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(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

Women's Cornerstone Retreat Saturday, October 14, 2023 Registration Deadline—Oct. 10



We invite you to make this your year to treat your heart and soul to something special—the Women's Cornerstone Retreat. We invite women of the parish to join us for this remarkable experience that has been called a "Spa for the Soul." Strengthen your relationship with God and meet other women of faith in this warm and welcoming environment. There is a place waiting just for you.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, October 10th or when we reach 35 registrants—whichever comes first.

Register now at:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/WCS2023retreat>
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Questions may be directed to
Kristin Halvey: kahalvey@gmail.com



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather Program Year Beginning!

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—Next 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



Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs) MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH 9:15AM—PARISH CENTER “OUR CHILDREN’S FAITH JOURNEY”

OLMC’s own Youth Ministry Director, Glen McCall, will lead us in a discussion on our children’s faith journey. We’ll have the opportunity to reflect on our role as mothers through all stages of parenthood. Once a mother—always a mother. Let’s come together to understand the best way for us to support our children at every age.

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thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com

THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY RESUMES OCTOBER 5TH OUR LADY’S CHAPEL ~ 7:30PM ALL ARE WELCOME



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Fall Scripture Reflection

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.

A weekly in person session will be provided to help you deepen your relationship with God in scripture. Join any Thursday morning through December 14. **Weekly RSVP requested for material preparation.**

RSVP—lenglish122@gmail.com, 201.207.5920



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.

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Prayer honors God, benefits the recipient of our prayers when we pray for others, and leads the person who prays closer to the Presence of the Holy One who showers untold blessings on those who pray. Let us be generous in our prayer life.

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel at any time or, better yet, sign up for an hour that is good for you.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 9-10AM, 10-11AM, 2-3PM
Mondays: 2-3AM
Fridays: 2-3PM
Saturdays: 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

Ridgewood's Annual Flu Clinic

Tuesday, October 3rd | Village Hall | 10AM-12PM
Ridgewood Residents—18+.

MUST register at Valley Health System, 201-291-6090

The Ridgewood Senior Bus is available for transportation services. Call 201-670-5500 ext. 2203 for bus reservations.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SEEKING SINGERS

The Cathedral Choir will present their 79th annual performance of Handel's MESSIAH on December 2, 2023, 7PM. Interested singers are invited to come to the first of nine Sunday rehearsals beginning October 1. Rehearsals will be held at Midland Park Christian Reformed Church, 183 Godwin Ave., 2:30PM-4:00PM. The American Chamber Orchestra will accompany the Cathedral Choir at the performance on December 2 with a quartet of soloists and Robert F. Davis conducting.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 24	10:30AM WFG Parent Meeting (PC) 1:00PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library)
Mon. Sept. 25	7:00PM WFG Parent Meeting (PC) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Tue Sept. 26	3:45PM Jr High 7A (PCA) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM ChristLife (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 27	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 3:45PM Jr High 7B (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:15PM WCST Retreat Team Meeting (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM NCW Large Group Meeting (PC)
Thurs. Sept. 28	10:30AM Scripture Reflection (SMR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Sept. 29	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
Sat. Sept. 30	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

Ridgewood Parks & Recreation presents

"Alzheimer's Gardens: Designed for Healing"

This Tuesday, September 26—11AM-12NN—Village Hall

Come join us for a PowerPoint presented by Jeff Rosenfeld, an Environmental Gerontologist and Assistant Professor at Parsons School of Design, as he shares renditions of gardens designed by his students and other landscape architects. Explore some of the world's most beautiful and therapeutic Alzheimer's Gardens. Refreshments provided.

**Register at www.ridgewoodnj.net/communitypass
Questions? Call 201.670.5500 x2301**

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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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Sept. 25

- + **6:30AM Christopher Picinic**
req Anthony & Laura Tarabokija
- + **8:30AM Special Intention of
Jason & Melanie Santlofer**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
- + **12:00NN Anthony Carminati & Scott Jacovino**
req Their Family

Tuesday, Sept. 26 *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

- + **6:30AM Caitlin Fennessy**
req Jeanne & Michael Bessel
- + **8:30AM Anabella Moharita**
req Yadira Moharita
- + **12:00NN Edmund & Mary Schoenfeld**
req Their Family

Wednesday, Sept. 27 *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

- + **6:30AM Nevio Mattessich**
req Anthony & Tracy Tarabocchia
- + **8:30AM Jim Griffith**
req Art Rippas
- + **12:00NN Lesby Molina**
req Lourdes Carus

Thursday, Sept. 28 *Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*

- + **6:30AM Elaine Chester**
req Lynne San Phillip
- + **8:30AM David Pelli**
req Phil Arfuso
- + **12:00NN Miguel Vera**
req His Wife

Friday, Sept. 29 *Saints Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael, Archangels*

- + **6:30AM Neil Roddy**
req His Family
- + **8:30AM William J. & Kathleen Sullivan**
req Rose Sullivan
- + **12:00NN Miguela & Sendemio Nacua**
req The Veloso Family

Saturday, Sept. 30 *Saint Jerome,
Priest and Doctor of the Church*

- + **8:30AM Kathleen Sullivan**
req Peggy Frazza

5:30PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, Oct. 1 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM Rose Frances DiDonato**
req Rosemarie Dunworth
- + **9:30AM Robert Pfeiffer, Jr.**
req Martin & Maria DeBenedetto
- + **11:00AM Hope Reynolds**
req Pamela Cruise
- + **12:30PM Paul D. Alfieri**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
- + **3:00PM Ramirez, Mucia, Danczuk Families**
req Herrando & Luz
- + **6:30PM Kathleen Sullivan**
req Mary Ann Blau

1. **Isaiah 55:6-9**

The first half of the Book of the prophet Isaiah is predominately a book of warnings about Israel's unfaithfulness and its consequences for the life of the nation. From chapter forty onward, the oracles of the prophet offer a message of comfort and hope. While many may have blamed God for their misfortune, the prophet leads them in another direction. Humble pleading for God's mercy will succeed. The loss of the Promised Land would not be irreversible. Having turned to God for mercy, the exiles would return home to begin anew their relationship with their God Who has unimaginable blessings in store for them.

2. **Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

By his own admission, Paul wavers between the desire to live with Christ (death) and the desire to go on working for Christ in this world (living). In the end, Paul was peaceful with whatever path God chose for him, so long as he, and they, would live in a way worthy of the Gospel itself.

3. **Matthew 20:1-16**

Of the many unsettling Gospel passages, today's text must be considered near the top of the list. It challenges the sense of fairness with which we all tend to approach the workplace. A day's wage for a day's work. The normal presumption would be that each group would receive an amount commensurate with the length of its workday. The reversal of the ordinary payment order leads to greater expectations which were eventually not met. The key to understanding is found in the last sentence. The righteousness of God is not bound by human standards. Whether a person comes to God early or late, their welcome will be equally warm.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you experienced, in a very tangible way, God's generous love for you?
2. Have you ever been in a situation when someone else "got" what you thought you deserved, or "got" more than you thought they deserved? How did you react?
3. Do you ever feel angry with God because others have more than you or that you're never rewarded for your labors?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	9/30	5:30PM	Fr. Anthony
Sun.	10/1	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
		9:30AM	Fr. Frank
		11:00AM	Fr. Felix
		12:30PM	Fr. Felix
		3:00PM	Fr. Betancourt
		6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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