

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

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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.

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 27, 2026

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A Message from the Staff

“Preach the Gospel Always; When necessary, use words.” From the first time I saw this quote from St. Francis of Assisi, I have tried to embody it.

In reflecting back, I have always been a person who relies more on a person's actions as opposed to the words they say. For me, actions always speak louder than words. Why? I guess because I have found it's harder to misinterpret someone's actions but can easily do so just by listening to their words.

For as long as I have attempted to follow St. Francis' advice, I have also volunteered at the Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson.

How do these two correlate to the each other?

Well, most of the clients who depend on the food pantry to help their family deal with food insecurity speak Spanish as their primary language with English being difficult for most of them. I am the direct opposite. English – no problem. Spanish – no bueno! To discover their needs or answer their questions, I had to devise a way to do this without using words. Sometimes, just pointing solved the issue or pantomiming got the message across.

Recently, a mom and her two school aged children were visiting the pantry. The start of school was two weeks away and the family was going down the aisle with school supplies. I could see the look of desire in the children's eyes as they saw the new bookbags. Their mom was more concerned with the food needs as opposed to school supplies and paid no attention to the supplies.

I stopped the mom and told her that if the kids wanted a bookbag, they could take one. She stared at me with a look that said, “I have no clue what you are saying to me.” So, I just pointed to the kids and then pointed to the bookbags. Her facial expression immediately changed. Her eyes widened, the biggest smile came across her face. I could see the “light bulb” go on over her head, fully understanding what I was trying to say and grateful that I noticed a need for her children. She looked at the two kids, who were now filled with anticipation of getting a new bookbag for the first day of school. Mom spoke to them in Spanish, they started jumping up and down with joy and giggling.

I told the kids they could pick whatever bookbag they wanted. They could choose the color, the multicolored design or animated character they liked best. Each chose their favorite and immediately put it on! The smile on their faces, the pride in their walk, the sheer appreciation in their eyes was all I needed to see. No words were necessary.

This also reminds me of a line in the Prayer of St. Francis... “It is in giving that we receive.” You might be saying to yourself, “Nice story Glen, but how did you preach the Gospel by helping kids to get a new backpack for school?” Well, I don't believe we need to “hit people over the head” with the Gospel Message. Sometimes we have to leave it up to the Holy Spirit!

I am confident the Holy Spirit enlightened these two kids...

- To give Thanks to God for those who donated the bookbags
- To realize they are worthy of God's love because someone cared for them
- To realize they were respected and treated with dignity as a child of God
- To say to themselves, “One day I want to do this for a child who doesn't have a bookbag”

As we approach the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, remember to “Preach the Gospel Always; When necessary, use words”!

Prayerfully, Glen McCall

STEWARDSHIP

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$15,161. May God continue to bless all who are generous in their support of the work of the Gospel. Electronic giving—WeShare/Venmo helps the parish to better manage its resources. Why not give it a try.



A recurring online gift To Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the best way to sustain the mission of this parish all year long.



Look for the **WeShare** link on our website homepage, Scan this QR Code, or call 877.316.0260

Weekly Offering Envelopes

September/October Offertory Envelopes were not mailed to families because the company that supplies them experienced a production problem. The company hopes to have new envelopes mailed out soon.

You can place your offering in any envelope with your name and envelope number on it or, simply, write your envelope number on the memo line of your check.

Now might be a good time...

With the two recent production issues, now might be the time to switch to online support for the parish. Follow the **WeShare** link on the homepage of our website.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Returns This Sunday at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass...

For ALL Ages (NEW!)

Volunteers needed

9:30AM Sunday Mass

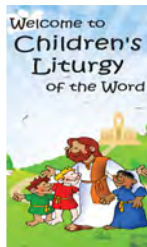
"Let the little children come to me." ~ Matthew 19:14

Children of all ages are invited to join our weekly children's liturgy at the 9:30AM Mass. We look forward to the return of the young children who have been attending and we welcome older children as helpers with readings and activities.

We need volunteers to keep this going. High school students are welcome to help with planning and activities. Leaders take turns so you don't need to be there every week. It's easy, rewarding and fun!

After the opening prayers, children are called to the front of the church and we lead them to the chapel for a children's version of readings and prayers. Parents are always welcome to come along. We return for the offertory.

Join us one Sunday to see how it works. Please use the QR code for any questions or interest you may have.



Community Events

Offered by Valley Hospital

My Aching Back

Thursday, October 1, 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
The Valley Center for Health and Wellness,
[1400 MacArthur Boulevard, Mahwah](https://www.valleyhealth.com/events)

Back pain is a leading cause of disability and affects more than 80% of American adults at one time or another in their lives, according to the National Institutes of Health. Find out more about this common condition, its causes, and the latest treatment options available. Register at <https://www.valleyhealth.com/events>



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 Grace Cua

COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE TIRED AND BURDENED
AND I WILL RESTORE YOU ~ Mt 11:28



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Religious Education

Grades 1-6

When Families Gather/New family parent meeting:

Any family that is new to the program is invited to join us for a welcome meeting on Sunday, 9/27 @ 10:35 AM or Monday, 9/28 @ 7PM, Parish Center

Opening Mass & Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, 10/4 @ 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM

After Mass, all returning families should go to the parish center to pick up the books & materials.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 21st @ 9:30 AM or 7:30 PM, Parish Center. Please join us as we begin the journey to prepare your children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Religious Education—201.444.0211
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OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)

MOMs MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

9:15AM—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

A Powerful Witness of Faith & Hope

Guest Speakers: Larry & Casey Dorame of Miraculum
Featured Speakers on the Hallow App

Through extraordinary trials, suffering, and uncertainty, their story is a moving witness to perseverance, trust in God, and the hope that can be found even in the heaviest crosses. Come be inspired by a story of faith that reminds us: God is always at work, even in the hardest moments.

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Directly behind the church

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CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026-2027 **REGISTER NOW**

Any rising 9th grade student who has not yet registered for the 2026-2027 Confirmation program should contact the Youth Ministry Office now.

Additionally if you are a student in the classes: of 2027, 2028, or 2029 and you are missing any of the Sacraments of Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, you may contact the Youth Office now.

Director of Youth Ministry, Glen McCall
gmccall@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.9302



Women's Cornerstone Retreat Saturday, November 21, 2026

Would you like to get to know other women of faith and become a part of this special community? If so, give yourself the gift of Women's Cornerstone. It is a beautiful spiritual and social experience that is sure to make a difference in your life. There is absolutely no pressure on the retreat. All you need is an open heart.

Register now at

www.tinyurl.com/WCSReretreat2026

or by scanning this QR Code.

Registration Deadline

Tuesday, November 17

(or earlier if spaced are filled).



Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings Religious Education Bldg.—10:30AM-11:45AM

(56 Passaic Street, Ridgewood)

All are Welcome!

For several years now, 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 the 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 you plan to attend, please contact Linda English so that materials may be available for you.

Linda—lenglish122@gmail.com or text 201.207.5920

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS (always subject to change)

Sat. 10/3	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 10/4	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Msgr. Emery
11:00AM	Fr. John Carlos w/Dcn. Bob	
	12:30PM	Fr. Felix
	3:00PM	Msgr. Emery
	6:30PM	Msgr. Emery

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

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,
 Patrick Springer, Thomas Tesoriero



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

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SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2PM-3PM, 6PM-7PM, Mondays: 8AM-9AM,
Tuesdays: 1PM-2PM; Fridays: 7AM-8AM,
SaturdayS: 3PM-4PM;

**Contact Cynthia Torres, 551.574.1063
cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com.**



Thanks be to God for a wonderful barbeque with Msgr Emery
and our team of PEA adorers.

HEALING MASS

Saturday, October 3, 2026—11:00AM

Church of the Annunciation
50 W. Midland Avenue, Paramus
(followed by a light lunch)

Please arrive by 10:45AM for check-in/seating.
Celebration of the Eucharist; Laying of Hands;
Anointing; Handicapped Access

**Please register by Thursday, September 24:
d.monticello@hotmail.com or 201.261.6322**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Dale Adamo, Lupita Alarcon, Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Frank Brennan, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Julianna Grace Giles, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Stella V. Ladera, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Linda Reo, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 27	11:30:AM WFG New Families Mtg (PCA&B) 12:15PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR) 7:30PM Barabas/Schmidt Conf. Group (YCB)
Mon. Sept. 28	7:00PM WFG New Families Mtg (PCA&B) 8:00PM Catechesis (PCA&B)
Tues. Sept. 29	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PCA&B) 4:00PM Choir Rehearsals (Church) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 30	4:00PM Jr. High 7B (PCA&B) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Oct. 1	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall) 8:00PM Catechesis (PCA&B)
Fri. Oct. 2	9:15AM MOMs SALT (YCB) 7:30PM Inspire YA Group (NCW basement)
Sat. Oct.3	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 12:00PM Blessing of the Animals 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)



**Inspire: Catholic Young Adult Ministry
Friday, October 2nd—7:30PM**

Lower Level of the School Bldg.
52 Passaic Street, Ridgewood
(enter through the rear door)

All young adults aged 21-35 are invited to Inspire's First Friday meeting on Friday, October 2nd, at 7:30 PM in the NCW basement across from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Ridgewood - social to follow afterwards. For further information,

please email olmcyoungadults123@gmail.com.

Visit Our Website—www.olmcridgewood.com



WARNING

**DO NOT REPLY TO TEXT MSGS.
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REQUESTING A FAVOR.**

Msgr. Emery would **NEVER** communicate
such a need in that manner.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28 | Philippians 2:1-11 | Matthew 21:28-32

FOCUS: God is just and rewards the humble and repentant heart.

In our Gospel today, we hear the parable about two sons who are called by their father to work in the vineyard. The first says I will not, but changes his mind; the second says Yes, sir, but doesn't go after all.

Part of the message in our readings today is that it is not enough for us to say we are following Christ; our actions must match what we say we will do. Our "yes" must mean "yes." That's why the son who said he would go into the vineyard, but then did not, does not do the will of his father. It is not enough to say we are following Christ; our actions must match what we say we will do.

Of course, there is ultimately only one Son who does the will of the Father perfectly: Jesus Christ. Saint Paul calls us to have the same attitude as Jesus, who humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death. Jesus' "yes" to his Father was complete and absolute, and he followed through even though that "yes" would lead to the cross. So often in our lives we want to obey, but when obedience becomes difficult, we falter from our initial commitment. In order to persevere in obedience, we need the humility to recognize that we cannot do it on our own; we need God's grace to remain faithful.

At other times in our lives, we may more readily see ourselves in the son who initially says he will not go to work in the vineyard and then changes his mind. Perhaps we have gone through life opposing God's will, only to find that it's a path that leads nowhere. Sometimes we're the son who goes our own way, only to realize that our Father's way is better. When we repent and change our ways – returning to the path of the Father—we will find life. If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life, the prophet Ezekiel tells us.

Jesus' response about sinners entering the kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders should give us hope. The son who changed course, overcoming his initial hesitation to do what the father asked him, was closer to the path than the son who ultimately only paid lip service to the father's command. Jesus' words remind us that even great sinners can enter the kingdom of heaven first, if they repent. It is never too late to return to God and to do God's will. And perhaps paradoxically, it's often those who repent who are the first to find their way to the kingdom. The tax collectors and prostitutes of Jesus' day knew what their earlier "no" led to. Once they saw what saying "yes" to God offered, they became zealous in seeking it.

As we gather as disciples of the Lord at this Eucharist, we ask for the grace of humility, that we may recognize our need for the Lord's grace to say "yes" and to remain faithful in doing all the Lord asks of us. May this Eucharist also stir our hearts to repentance and hope, recognizing that despite our failures, at any moment, the kingdom lies open to all who turn their hearts back to God.

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

+ **6:30AM Barbara Moreira**

req John & Jean Boyle

+ **8:30AM Marian Brennan**

req The Poole Family

+**12:00NN John Scrvanich**

req Nick & Maria Busanic

Tuesday, Sept. 29 *Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels*

+ **6:30AM Anne Robinson**

req Barbara Greco

+ **8:30AM Kathleen & William Sullivan**

req Rose Sullivan

+**12:00NN Miguel & Sendemio**

req The Veloso Family

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

+ **6:30AM John J. Gleason, Sr.**

req Ed & Kristen Fernez

+ **8:30AM Kathleen Sullivan**

req Rose Sullivan

+**12:00NN Anthony Faraloro**

req The Barsa Family

Thursday, Oct. 1 *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

+ **6:30AM Dec'd Members of Mulvey Family**

req Mark Mulvey & Joanne Dikun

+ **8:30AM Rose DiDonato**

req Rosemarie & Michael Dunworth

+**12:00NN Paul Dominick Alfieri and**

Rose Madeline Alfieri

req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

Friday, Oct. 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

+ **6:30AM Jamice Healy**

req The Bessel Family

+ **8:30PM James Toscano**

req Lisa Kuczkowski

+**12:00NN Dec'd Members of Mulholland Family**

req Monica & Ed McCabe

Saturday, Oct. 3

+ **8:30AM Nora Garcia**

req The Engel Family

5:30PM Donna & John Tarabokija

25th Wedding Anniversary

req The Family

Sunday, Oct. 4 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM Dec'd Rwd Firefighters**

+ **9:30AM Antone Moreira**

req Barbara Moreira

+**11:00AM James Sullivan**

req Dennis Sullivan

+**12:30PM Hope Reynolds**

req Pam Cruise

3:00PM S.I. Patricia Beltran

req Cecilia Delgado

+ **6:30PM Gloria Schmitt**

req Richard & Patricia Pazer



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