

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

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 28, 2025

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Dear Friends,

It's always nice to be home again from a really great vacation, plenty of rest, plenty of relaxation, plenty of reading and, of course, plenty of warmth and sunshine. Always does the trick.

On the last weekend I was here, I spoke at all the Masses, either as part of my homily or at the end of the Mass, reporting on the major results of the **Disciple Maker Index**, the survey so many of you took, measuring your thoughts/reflections/comments on parish life. Thank you to all who took the time to participate. We had an extraordinary participation rate of 60% of our regular Sunday mass attendees. Outstanding. If you haven't seen the handout, go to the top of the homepage of the website.

The Index is one part of the **We Are His Witnesses** initiative by Cardinal Tobin, to create thriving parishes that **grow spiritually, build community and invite others to do the same**. The first thing that struck me, on the reverse side of the page, was the statistic that 27% of parishioners never invited someone to Mass and only 35% did so only once or twice. If we think we have the Good News, shouldn't we want to share that? Jesus calls us to let our light shine before all, especially in what seems to be the ever-growing darkness of our world, society and culture. In the coming weeks, there will be Listening Sessions to "flesh out" this reality and to think of ways of deepening that relationship with the Lord so that we may grow into a community that actively invites others to encounter Christ.

The second result that struck me was in the area of **Spiritual Growth**. 37% of the respondents felt they were growing in faith but **would like to grow more** while 10% shared they were not growing at all and 27% said they do not know Jesus personally as a friend, the same Jesus who said at the Last Supper, "I do not call you servants; I call you friends."

There are two opportunities on the horizon that offer the opportunity to grow in faith. The first is the upcoming **Catechesis** which begins Monday night, September 29th. I often (no, almost always) begin Mass recalling that Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist to assure us that He "walks with us in this journey of life, to lift us up and bring us hope." As we grow older, and have a chance to look back at our lives, we realize that we are, in fact, on a journey. We never really arrive; we can never say, "I have come to that perfect spot." The same is true of our faith life. I can never say, "I am finally a Christian." We are always on a journey of faith. We are always on a journey through the events of our lives where we mature to discover and experience the love God has for us, the presence of God in and through all those events, and the very purpose for which God has called us into being and through which He offers us life, and life to the full.

So if you are wondering what is happening in your life, if you are seeking a path that will help you discover the meaning of your life, if you have often desired to really encounter Christ in the reality of your day-to-day experiences, then I invite you to the Catechesis which begins this Monday. These are not just lectures but an opportunity to experience the Good News of Jesus Christ as directly relevant of our lives. Everyone is welcome—those with faith, those who question their faith and those without faith, those baptized and those who have never

been baptized, those who may have left the Church, and those who may be wondering if this is the time to return.

I invite and encourage you to come and listen. Maybe there is someone you know, whom God has placed in your life specifically for you to **invite** to come and listen. Maybe this is the time to speak a word, to invite them and bring them and listen with them, to grow in an adult experience of your faith and rediscover the joy of knowing Jesus Christ, and, in Him, to find peace in the midst of your doubts and struggles and fulfillment in your joys. **Come and Listen.**

Also on the horizon—**Women's Cornerstone.** More about that next week.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime." This rebuke to the rich man by Abraham, in today's Gospel, clearly implies that the rich man did not use wisely those good gifts with which he was blessed. **Stewardship** challenges us to do just that. The Christian Steward uses not only the gift of **Treasure**, but also **Time and Talent**, to promote not only his/her own interests, but also the interests of the **Good Giver. Do you?**

The Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,160. God bless your generosity in serving the interests of the **Good Giver**, Who has blessed you. Electronic giving helps the parish fulfill its mission. Check the bulletin for more details.



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WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Is God calling you to know Him better?



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.

Scan the QR code here or register online at:
www.tinyurl.com/WCS2025Retreat



Questions? Contact Kristin Halvey
kahalvey@gmail.com



MOMs MONTHLY MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY—OCTOBER 1ST
9:15AM | PARISH CENTER

Guest Speaker: Sarah Mathew

All mothers are welcome to join us this Wednesday, October 1st at 9:15AM in the Parish Center. Sarah Mathew, captivating author and speaker who intertwines faith with everyday life, will share her journey of faith with us. For more information, go to: www.olmcmoms.com or email Alexis Kenny, amcnamee91@gmail.com

MOMs OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
No RSVP Required! COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS!

**We still need two small group facilitators for
our Tuesday Jr. High program (3:45-5:00PM).**
Can you help?

Facilitators will:

- Guide discussions and foster community
- Encourage others on their faith journey
- Receive training and support

No teaching experience required—just a love for Christ and a willingness to serve.

To learn more or to sign up please contact
Nicholas Fallivene at nfallivene@olmcridgewood.com

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT (MT 5)
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN



IF today SOMETHING MAKES you FEEL POOR
(SUFFERING—OPPRESSED—ANXIOUS—IN NEED)

COURAGE!

HAPPY ARE YOU

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IF you want to DEEPEN your Faith

COME * LISTEN

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STARTING TOMORROW—SEPTEMBER 29TH

EVERYONE IS INVITED

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli,
Michael Ortolani, Robert Smith, Thomas Tesoriero

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Religious Education Grades 1-6



Welcome Back All Families!

Join us for our Annual Program Year "kick off" Mass

Sunday, October 5th—9:30AM or 6:30PM

Hospitality to follow after both Masses

Children of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Adoration for children & families

Monday, October 6th—3:45-4:15PM or 4:25-4:55PM

Daily Mass Chapel

Sacrament Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 22nd—9:30AM OR 7:30PM

Parish Center

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

Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com

Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211

Jesus and Me Story Time

Saturday, October 11, 2025—10:30AM

Parish Center Meeting Room

Bring your child, grandchild or Godchild to a fun, faith filled, story time for young children ages 2-1/2 to 5.

To register contact Adriana DeCandia

thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com

\$10 suggested donation per family

Join Mt. Carmel's Adult Choir Rehearsals Begin This Tuesday September 30th—7:30PM!



The OLMC Adult Choir is seeking new members. All voice parts are welcome. Whether you are a former choral singer or love to sing in your car or in the shower, there is a place for you here. Come this Tuesday and join in!

The Adult Choir practices on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM and performs at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass and at special liturgies at Christmas and Holy Week.

Contact Peter Sicko for more information:
mtcarmelmusic58@aol.com

FR. ENGLISH —FROZEN CASSEROLE MINISTRY

PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF—SATURDAY, OCT. 4TH

(AT OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN)

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry. Easy recipe options are provided with pans and lids. Casseroles must be **FROZEN**. Your generous response will make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal.

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624



Academy of Our Lady—Father's Guild 2nd Annual Msgr. Ron Rozniak Invitational Golf Outing

**Friday, October 10, 2025
8AM Registration & Breakfast
10AM Shotgun**

Bowling Green Golf Club, Oak Ridge, NJ

Lunch & Award Ceremony to Follow

Scan this QR code to register and for sponsorship opportunities.

Questions? Contact Tom Robins,
trobins299@gmail.com



**OLMC YOUTH MINISTRY
SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE
THIS COMING SATURDAY
OCT. 4TH—9AM-12NN**

DRIVE THRU—SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY

FR. ENGLISH: Anything high in protein!! Bagged or Canned Beans (Black & Kidney), Chick Peas, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Nuts, Canned Meats (Chicken, Spam, Hams), Tuna, Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Juice (Apple, Tomato, V8), Jiffy or Similar Muffin Mix, Coffee, Tea, Saltine Crackers, Raisins, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Veggies

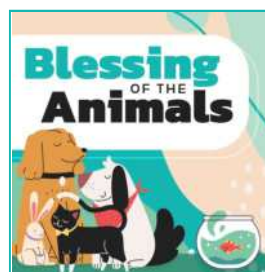
SOCIAL SERVICES: Cereal, Oatmeal; Pasta/Pasta Sauce; Peanut Butter & Jelly; 100% Fruit Juice; Hearty Soups; Rice; Hot Chocolate Mix; Canned Tuna/Chicken/Ham; Shelf Stable Milk, Cleaning Products, Laundry Detergent; Personal Toiletries

RIDGECREST: Small sizes preferred as most residents live alone.

Depend Brand Adult Briefs for Women any size; Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; Tuna; Canned Chick Peas/Lentils/Black Beans; Bran, Original Cheerios (not honey nut), Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies; Canned Chicken/Tuna; Bottle Water (gallon); Sugar Free Pancake Syrup; Low/No Sugar Instant Oatmeal; Salad Dressings; Coffee (instant or ground, regular or decaf); Green Tea Bags; Mayonnaise; Rice; Peanut Butter/Jelly; Mayonnaise; Shelf Stable Milk, Sponges, Toilet Bowl Cleaner; Tissues; Olive Oil (smaller bottles)

HEALING MEALS: Fresh Carrots/Celery/Onion; Kosher Salt; Barilla Lasagna Noodles (**NOT** oven ready); Whole Wheat Elbow Macaroni; Olive Oil; Canned Diced Tomatoes; Canned Cannellini Beans; Dried Lentils; Canned Chick Peas; Vegetable Broth; Paper Towels; Cleaning Disinfectant Spray

Questions? Contact Glen McCall
gmccall@olmcridgewood.com



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
12:00 NOON—PASSAIC ST. PLAZA**
**In honor of St. Francis of Assisi,
Feast Day—October 4th,
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
will have the blessing of the
animals of all kinds.**



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel any time or, better yet, sign up for one Holy Hour that is good for you. Not sure of your schedule? Sign up as a Substitute Adorer.

SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED

Sundays: 1-2PM; Mondays: 5-6PM; Tuesdays: 2-3PM;
Wednesday: 8-9AM; Thursdays: 9-10AM; Saturday: 5-6PM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
THIS COMING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 8:30AM MASS**

Daily Mass Chapel

Everyone's invited to First Saturday Devotion for the intention of consoling and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come to pray the rosary with us and meditate on the mysteries as Our Lady requested at Fatima.

HEALING MASS

Church of the Annunciation
50 W. Midland Ave., Paramus, NJ

Saturday, October 4th—11:00AM
(followed by a light lunch)

Celebration of the Eucharist; Laying of Hands;
Anointing; Handicapped Access

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened
and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28*

Questions: d.monticello@hotmail.com, 201.261.6322

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 28	9:00AM SCC Formation Day (PCA) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Hand Bell Choir Practice (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR)
Mon. Sept. 29	10:00AM MOMs Book Club (MR) 4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Team (Lib) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Pastoral/Finance Councils (MR) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Tues. Sept. 30	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife: Sharing Christ (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Oct. 1	9:00AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Young Adult Bible Study (MR) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Oct. 2	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt 7:15PM WCST Team 24 (MR) 7:30PM Knight of Columbus Social (Hall) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Oct. 3	9:00AM MOMs SALT-2 (SMR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Inspire Young Adult (MR)
Sat. Oct. 4	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Youth Ministry Food Drive (Driveway) 12:00NN Blessing of the Animals (Passaic St) 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

Local Area Catholic High School Open Houses

BERGEN CATHOLIC

Wednesday, October 8th & Wednesday, November 5th
6:30PM-8:30PM

DON BOSCO PREP

Sunday, October 19th—1:00PM-3:00PM

SAINT PETERS PREP

Sunday, October 19th—1PM-4PM



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**

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD NEWS

Flu Clinic

Tuesday, October 7, 10:00AM-12:00 Noon

Appointments Required. Call 201.291.6090

Most insurance plans accepted. Residents 18+ years may register.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, 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, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Range, Linda Reo, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Jim Roth, 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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

- + **6:30AM Angela Crova**
req The Bolduc Family
- + **8:30AM Kathleen & William Sullivan**
req Rose Sullivan
- + **12:00NN Miguela & Sendemio Nacua**
req The Veloso Family

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

- + **6:30AM Shyam Kartari**
req The Colaco Family
- + **8:30AM Kathleen Sullivan**
req Rose Sullivan
- + **12:00NN Robert Just**
req His Family

Wednesday, Oct. 1 *Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

- + **6:30AM Ann & Tom DiPiano**
req The DiPiano Family
- + **8:30AM John St. Clair**
req His Family
- + **12:00NN Rose DiDonato**
req Rosemarie & Michael Dunworth

Thursday, Oct. 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

- + **6:30AM Roger Breslin**
req Meaghan & Lloyd Williams
- + **8:30AM Dennis Bombardier**
req Phyllis Heirborn
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members
of the Lustberg Family**
req Michelle Lustberg & Family

Friday, Oct. 3

- + **6:30AM Preston Stott**
req Timothy Stott
- + **8:30AM Dr. Michael O'Leary**
req Elisa Guarino & Eileen Iacobellis
- + **12:00NN Steve Galasso, Sr.**
req Stefania Galasso

Saturday, Oct. 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*

- + **8:30AM Russ Strait**
req Tim & Trina Bradley
- + **5:30PM Special Intention
of the Francesco Family**
req Micahel Francesco

Sunday, Oct. 5 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM Dominic Turdo**
req Sal & Tina Volpe
- + **9:30AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **11:00AM Anna Scrivanich**
req Joan & Al Scrivanich & Family
- + **12:30PM Joseph Antonacci**
req Peggy & Chris Sullivan
- + **3:00PM Anabella Moharita Alvarado**
req Yadira Moharita
- + **6:30PM Robert Delaney**
req The Littlewood Family

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Amos 6:1, 4-7

Amos was the 8th Century B.C., prophet of the southern kingdom (Judah), sent by God to prophesy in the northern kingdom (Israel), where he was decidedly unpopular (imagine an Iranian prophesying here). His message—the self-absorption of the people, evidenced by their sumptuous banquets, celebrated with wine and song, on luxurious couches, will only lead to disaster, for themselves, first, and for the entire kingdom.

2. I Timothy 6:11-16

In the previous verses, Paul warns against false teachers, who even expect a fee for their dubious service. Today's excerpted section encourages Timothy to be an example and a model for others to follow, following the example of Jesus, Himself, as one who dedicates himself to God and practices every virtue, so as to look forward to his reward, not here, in monetary payment, but in the final appearance of Jesus.

3. Luke 16:19-31

Following last week's example of the unjust and wily steward, Luke continues on the theme of the pursuit of riches. In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, only a gate separates the vastly different worlds, one of fine linen and sumptuous dining, the other of poverty, hunger and disease. Just as they were separated in life, so shall they be separated in death, but this time by a wide chasm. The reversal, torment for the one, but now honor for the other, reflects an inescapable truth—how one lives in this world determines how one will live in the next. Any changes needed must happen in the here and now.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Is there a Lazarus at your front door?
2. Are there any ways by which our community (religious and civic) could become more conscious of the poor, hungry and the homeless around us?
3. A famous Holocaust survivor has written, "The opposite of love is not hate, it is indifference." How does that resonate with you?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 10/4	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun. 10/5	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. John Carlo
	11:00AM	Fr. John Carlos
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Felix

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



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