

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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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.

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WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm
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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— October 1, 2023



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Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but, for me, this has been the "most normal" of Septembers since 2019. So much that has been happening are things that happened before Covid and we finally seem to be returning to that "normal" that we all missed. I know it's still out there (I'll be going this week for my 6th Covid shot), but it seems more distant than ever and I hope my saying so doesn't challenge it (Covid) to prove me wrong.

In any case, these are some of the "highs" and "lows" for me for the month.

THE HIGHS:

1. Weddings of couples (4), one spouse of which in each wedding grew up in Mount Carmel and whose families I have known. It's a great blessing for me, and a real joy, to officiate at these weddings and see children/teenagers grow into adults ready to enter into the greatest relationship God has created—marriage. And to see the joy in these families on these very special occasions. It is one of the great blessings of the years spent here at Mount Carmel. And I still have two more to go in the beginning of October.
2. The Block Party. What a great success it was this year. The weather was perfect, the crowds were great, the children's aims (at the Dunk Tank) were almost flawless and I didn't get a cold from the experience (although a very bloody cut—which healed well). I think everyone had a great time and there was enough help to carry it off. A big thanks to Jeff Voigt, Cathy Hunt, the K of C, the MOMs, Religious Ed parents and all who helped make it a huge success.
3. The start of all the various programs/opportunities for the coming year. I was at the start of every one (except one—the Jr. High program), the MOMs, the Confirmation program, the Parent meetings for When Families Gather, the Catechesis, ChristLife. This weekend I look forward to celebrating special liturgies at the 9:30AM and 6:30PM masses to mark the beginning of our Religious Education program, as well as to hearing from a number of women of the parish who will speak about the upcoming Women's Cornerstone Retreat. What struck me at all of these moments/events was the renewed enthusiasm everyone seemed to have, a far cry from the hesitant start of the last couple of years. Large parishes have a downside, the difficulty in getting to know everyone in a more personal way. But they also have an upside, one of which is to be supported in this faith journey by so many people/families we do know.
4. The assignment of Fr. Jakov Vidov who comes, not as a stranger, but as someone who knows us, what the community is like and how he is expected to serve. In other words, he doesn't have to begin from scratch. That's a blessing.

THE LOWS:

1. One big one—the surprise and unexpected transfer of Fr. Anthony. It is a loss to the parish of this faithful, faith-filled and dedicated priest. His ministry among and to us, especially during the uncertainty of those immediate post-lockdown days is greatly appreciated. While nothing can ever make up for this loss, the Lord will provide, as He always does, as He has always done for Mount Carmel.

And so we begin October, looking forward to the possibilities of ever-growing awareness of Christ's life and presence in each of us and in our community as a whole.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." St. Paul's words in the 2nd Reading clearly remind us that we live as part of a community, offering our gifts for the community and receiving, in the same way, the gifts of others. We don't just live for ourselves; we live for others as well. The Christian Steward understands this and offers his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** for the good of the community and accepts those gifts from others. What do you offer in the "give and take" of community living?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$11,799. Thank you for your continued support for the parish and the Gospel. Your faithfulness and generosity is truly inspirational. Online Giving, **WeShare**, continues to help the parish better live out its mission.



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MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY
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"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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Women's Cornerstone Annual Retreat Saturday, October 14, 2023



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.

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

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Questions may be directed to

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**THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY RESUMES
OCTOBER 5TH
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Join us as we resume gathering each Thursday evening in Our Lady's Chapel to pray the rosary in response to our Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for a devotion to the Rosary for the conversion of Russia and to stop war.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather Program Year Beginning!

When Families Gather

October Family Session—Today, 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.

Questions? Contact Religious Education—201.444.0211

Preschoolers 2-1/2—5 Year Old

Jesus & Me Story Time

All Hallow's Eve & All Saints Day Themed

Saturday, October 21—10:30AM

Parish Center Meeting Room

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DeCandia—thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com

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Questions? mbcaffrey@aol.com



*First
Saturday
Devotion*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH
DAILY MASS CHAPEL
FOLLOWING
THE 8:30AM MASS

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.

FROM FR. RON

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celebrate! Come for bagels, coffee and a chance to learn
about the Academy of Our Lady experience!

SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION SESSION AT AoOL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 7PM | COMMUNITY HALL

We are hosting a guest speaker, Paul Sanfrancesco. He will
speak about social media use, its dangers, and how to
navigate a medium that is constantly changing. He will
present to grades 5-8 during the day and then host a parent
talk in the evening at 7:00PM in Community Hall. All
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OLMC Youth Ministry's Monthly Food Drive **Saturday, October 14—9AM-12NN**

Frozen casseroles will also be collected at this time.

Foil Pans/Lids/Recipes will be available
at all Masses the next weekend, October 7 & 8.

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

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

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



Prayer is communication with God. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is all about PRAYER—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is a scheduled Adorer every hour and substitutes to cover whenever the Scheduled Adorer can't make it. Someone is praying to Jesus at the chapel 24/7.

Substitute Adorers are such a blessing. Prayerfully consider signing up as a Substitute Adorer. 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: 5-6AM, 9-10AM, 2-3PM
Mondays: 2-3AM
Fridays: 2-3PM
Saturdays: 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

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October 6-8, 2023**

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**CATHEDRAL CHOIR SEEKING SINGERS
REHEARSALS BEGIN TODAY—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
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183 GODWIN AVE., MIDLAND PARK
2:30PM-4:00PM**

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 practices. 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.



The Sanctuary candles that were on the altar at the Mass on September 11, will burn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our deceased brothers and sister, as they have in past years.

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week is commemorating
the memory of Grace Cua**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Oct. 1	9:30AM WFG Kick Off Mass (Church) 1:00PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (MR) 6:30PM WFG Kick Off Mass (Church) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR) 7:30PM Curtis/Fitzgerald Conf. Group (YCA)
Mon. Oct. 2	7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 7:30PM Journey Parent Prayer Serv. (Chapel) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Tue Oct. 3	4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM ChristLife (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Oct. 4	9:00AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC) 3:45PM Jr High Grade 7 Makeup (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:15PM WCST Retreat Team Meeting (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Oct. 5	10:30AM Scripture Reflection (SMR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Oct. 6	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Inspire Young Adult (NCW-A)
Sat. Oct. 7	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

Fr. Anthony's Contact Information

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(Goes through a receptionist)

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, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Oct. 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

+ 6:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon
req Patricia & David Hughes

+ 8:30AM Basil Pizzuto
req The Holt Family

+12:00NN The Daly Family
req Anne & George Skau

Tuesday, Oct. 3

+ 6:30AM Margaret Grana
req Marian Gillson

+ 8:30AM Daniel Patrick McHugh
req Peter & Barbara McHugh

+12:00NN Edward Reitz
req Jim & Doreen Delaney

Wednesday, Oct. 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*

+ 6:30AM Mary Frances Greenan
req Candy & Carl Funke

8:30AM In Thanksgiving to Saint Francis
req The Engel Family

+12:00NN Deceased Members
of the Mulholland Family
req Monica & Ed McCabe

Thursday, Oct. 5 *Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

+ 6:30AM Frances Sclafani
req The Dunckley Family

+ 8:30AM Annie Ivers
req Linda English

+12:00NN Mary Park
req Her Friends at Ridgecrest

Friday, Oct. 6 *Saint Bruno, Priest;
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

+ 6:30AM Anna Scrivanich
req Joan & Al Scrivanich

+ 8:30AM Leonardo Mongiovi
req The Quinn Family

+12:00NN Beatrice & Michael Del Mastro
req Their Family

Saturday, Oct. 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

+ 8:30AM Angel Nino & Paula Vera
req The Bedoya Family

+ 5:30PM The Varcasia Family
req The Guinchard Family

Sunday, Oct. 8 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ 8:00AM Deceased Firefighters

+ 9:30AM Maria Engel Taerstein
req Patricia & Richard Engel

+11:00AM Ophelia & Al Farnsworth
req Priscilla Farnsworth

+12:30PM Eugene Connors
req Jean & John Boyle

+ 3:00PM Francia Melendez
req Ricardo Melendez

+ 6:30PM Chaz Lanski
req His Mom

1. Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel's continuous message was the call to Israel to accept the reality of the exile and turn, once again, to repentance and a right relationship with God, forgoing the temptation to find relief in foreign alliances. But that relationship is the responsibility of each person. God calls each and every person to exhibit the standards of heaven in their actions. Every personal word and work is a response to God. Past generations cannot be blamed for the failure of the present. But even in the face of present failure, each person has the opportunity to repent and live.

2. Philippians 2:1-11

For those who feel they've heard this hymn before, they are correct. It was part of the reading for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (Sept. 14). Discipleship is not automatic; it requires a turning of one's whole self to the Lord and following His example, the emptying and self-sacrificing love exalted in the hymn (verses 6-11). How can one come to the radical following? Because and through the opening images, the encouragement, the solace, the participation, the compassion and the unity. All these work together to help the disciple have "the same attitude" as Christ Jesus.

3. Matthew 21:28-32

Located as part of the controversy narratives following the cleansing of the Temple (after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem), this parable can be seen on two levels. The first is clear, is it best to say yes to something, and not do it, or to say no, and then reverse oneself and do it? Obviously, doing the will of God is far superior to just talking about it. On the second level, Jesus' challenge to His detractors was much more pointed. If they could recognize the eventual better choice of the first son, why could they not see and respond to God's invitation to them through John and Jesus, as "sinner" had already done and were doing?

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Do you believe you are as faithful as you could be? How do you express your faithfulness?
2. Is it possible to experience both sides of this parable? Can you pinpoint a few of those moments? What can you do to respond more faithfully to God's call?
3. Do you sometimes say, "I will not" to God? What happens after that?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	10/7	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun.	10/8	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
		9:30AM	Fr. Ron
		11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
		12:30PM	Fr. Frank
		3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
		6:30PM	Fr. Felix

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on the Saturday of that weekend.



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