

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
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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 6, 2024



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Dear Friends,

I know the Bulletin Coordinator may not be too happy with me because of the space involved, but I'm repeating the first part of last week's column, because nothing has changed in the world in the last seven days.

Because life moves so fast, and we often don't have time to stop and look around us, we may not realize it but our culture continues to eat away at our faith life through all of the messages that tell us either we don't need to bother that much about religion, or, at most, just keep it tucked into a very small corner of our lives. We are living in a time where a way of life is presented to us as the answer to our struggles and difficulties—a path that easily leads to rely on material things and wealth as the source of our happiness and fulfillment. At the same time, our lives continue to be assaulted by events that are out of our control and by situations and decisions that weary us and cause us suffering and a loss of hope. On the world and national scene, we are confronted with suffering and death all around us, in Ukraine and Gaza and now Lebanon, where bombings kill the innocent every day; in all parts of our own country, where innocent adults and students become the victims of someone's rage and fear permeates our daily living, when we walk the city streets or even send our children off to school. And every time we ask the question—why. Even in our personal lives we so often ask that same question—why is this happening to me? Why is someone I love suffering so much? Especially during and after Covid—what is my life all about and where am I going with it? The ultimate answer to these questions and the deepest of life's struggles is in faith, Christian faith, which is not really about rules and regulations, do's and don'ts, as Pope Francis has often said, but about an encounter, a meeting with a Person, Jesus Christ.

I have been writing these past weeks about the pilgrimage we are all on and I have invited you to see life as a journey. Last week, I invited you to consider a particular path on that journey, a path and journey to meet that Person, a journey to deepen faith and to discover who this Jesus is and what a difference He can make in your life. When we mature as adults, we come to realize that all life is a journey; we never really arrive; we can never say I have come to the perfect spot. The same is true of our faith life. We 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. We are blessed here at Mount Carmel to have a choice of many different paths on that journey. The **Catechesis** and the Neocatechumenal Way is one such path, but there are others. The three seasons of **ChristLife**, which will begin again in January, is another; **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**, especially in

this time of the Eucharistic Revival, is another. **When Families Gather**, which is way more than an educational/formational approach to Religious Education, is another; and **Cornerstone** is another. And, it is about **Cornerstone** that I write today.

In recent months we have been bombarded with pictures of some of the most horrific brutality that can be imagined, enormous devastation, the bodies of children, all the horrors of war. I know that you are moved, as I am, when we see these images. One of the things which is clear is that the human race, after all is said and done, is really a family. If we weren't a family, would we care what happens thousands of miles away? Would we care what happens to people who don't look like us, speak like us, believe like us? No, we wouldn't. But we do, because we are part of the one human family. We are not alone, nor do we live in isolation from the rest of the world.

That can also be said of life right here in Ridgewood and its vicinity. We are not alone, nor do we live life alone. Sometimes, because of the rush of the world, the burdens we bear, the anxieties about our future (ours, our children's, the country's, and all the other stresses I've already mentioned), we can feel alone and isolated. But, literally, and as the old (but updated) adage goes, "No person is an island." We are not alone.

Sometimes we need to take some steps to be reminded of that. **Cornerstone** is just such a step. It is a time (a very short time) to experience the reality that other women walk that same road. **Cornerstone** is a very special "retreat" moment—women for women. But it's not just the retreat moment. It is what develops in and during the retreat, and the possibilities that follow, that really becomes that path to a deeper encounter with the Lord, through the life and faith of other women.

I extend an invitation to all the women of the parish to come and share this day and this opportunity—October 19th. I extend this personal invitation especially to all our younger women, and our moms who are balancing so much in their lives. Step out, take a break, share a moment with other women and let the Lord "refresh" you with His love. Members of the team will be speaking at the end of all the Masses this weekend. Let the Spirit open your hearts to their message.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron



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STEWARDSHIP

"If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us." The verse of today's Gospel Acclamation reminds us that this love (love for God and love for one another) is the foundation of all we do and, in fact, the foundation of the Gospel. It is the Christian witness to spread this message, through the offering of our **Time, Talent and Treasure**. It is what the Christian Steward does. Do you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$17,648. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the 5 weeks of September was \$127,531. It was received as follows:

Online Giving (WeShare/Venmo): \$56,640
In Pew, Mailed to the Rectory: \$70,891

God bless all who build the Kingdom of God's love through their generosity.

Once again, we encourage the use of electronic giving as a good way of supporting the work of the parish and the building of God's Kingdom. More than even the envelope system, it provides a steady and regular resource for the support of all the parish has to do and wishes to accomplish. Thank you for considering the electronic options.

Women's Cornerstone Retreat Saturday, October 19, 2024



Register Now! Space is Limited!
DEADLINE TO REGISTER—OCT. 15TH

This is an invitation to our Annual Women's Cornerstone Retreat held in the Parish Center. Give yourself the gift of Women's Cornerstone. It is a beautiful, spiritual and social experience that is sure to enrich your life. There is absolutely no pressure on the retreat. All you need is an open heart.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/WCS2024Retreat
or by scanning this QR Code

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



We celebrate Msgr. Ron's many years of generous stewardship, steadfast leadership, and unwavering support of Catholic education and the Ridgewood & Glen Rock communities

Join us for the Inaugural Msgr. Ronald Rozniak Invitational Golf Outing

Friday, October 11, 2024—9:00am 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





Welcome Back Families!
Religious Education
When Families Gather

Sacrament Parent Meeting
Wednesday, October 23rd—9:30AM OR 7:30PM

Please attend this meeting if you have a child receiving First Reconciliation 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 Storytime
This Coming Saturday—October 12th
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

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY—OCTOBER 19TH—9AM-12NN
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, Canned Veggies, Canned Tuna/Chicken/Ham, Rice, Shelf Stable Milk, Cleaning Products, Laundry Detergent

RIDGECREST Depends for Women any size, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tuna, Canned Chick Peas/Chicken/Lentils; Raisin Bran, Cheerios (original), Low/No Sugar (instant oatmeal, pudding, Jello, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise, Bagged Beans, Shelf Stable Milk, Sponges, Toilet Bowl Cleaner

HEALING MEALS: Fresh Carrots/Celery/Onion; Garlic (fresh/jars); Lasagna Noodles; Whole Wheat Flour; Olive Oil, Pasta Sauce (cans/jars); Canned Diced Tomatoes; Marinara Sauce; Canned Cannellini Beans; Dark Brown Sugar; Molasses; Quart Size Freezer Bags; Latex-Free Gloves

Questions? Contact Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com



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 Daniel McGinley

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY HSA FUNDRAISER

BEN & JERRY'S SCOOP NIGHT
This Thursday, October 10th—5PM-8PM
(104-106 Franklin Ave., Ridgewood)

Please join us at Ben & Jerry's for a sweet treat scooped and served by special Academy of Our Lady guests.

"CONSOLE MY PEOPLE AND SPEAK TO THE HEART OF JERUSALEM AND SHOUT: HER SLAVERY IS ENDED!"

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IF YOU ARE ENSLAVED TO YOUR
PRIDE AND CANNOT FORGIVE
IF YOU WANT TO
DEEPEN YOUR FAITH



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CATECHESIS CONTINUES
FOR ADULTS * YOUTH (12 YEARS+)
MONDAYS * THURSDAYS 8:00PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED
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VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD NEWS

Caretakers Support Group for Neurodegenerative Disease
First Monday of every month—6PM-8PM—Ridgewood YMCA
Call 201.444.5600 x302 to register.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings
Held the third Friday of every month—1:00PM-3:00PM
Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20
First Floor Garden Room—Village Hall

Senior Health & Wellness Fair—Tuesday, October 29th
Resources | Information | Giveaways | Refreshments
9:15AM—Presentation on "The Ride Connect" program by
Orestes Rios, Mobility Manager
10AM-12PM—Health & Resource Fair
Register at <https://register.capturepoint.com/ridgewood>
or call 201.670.5500 ext. 2203

Flu Shots and Senior Fair take place at Village Hall
Ridgewood Senior Bus available for transportation.
Call 201.670.5500, ext. 2203 for a reservation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

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

“Just show up for Prayer, for God” *from the book 33 days of Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly.*

In showing up, it is not about us working for our salvation but it is God working in us, for us and with us. All we have to do is to make ourselves available to Him. And when we do, marvelous things happen in our lives and those around us. Maybe it can happen in an instant but most of the time, it takes consistency in showing up for God to be able to work on, in, and with our lives. If we come in “on and off” then the fruits are not as much as when we come to Him regularly with our full heart and soul. We don’t even have to ask. God knows what we want and what we need. He will give what is best for us. Just show up!

It is never a waste of time showing up for adoration, to sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament, to attend Holy Mass or “March for Life” or other events of the church. God is working in us, for us, and with us.

Everyone is invited to participate in PEA. Stop by the chapel (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) to pray. Better yet, sign up for a Holy Hour that is good for you, once a week every week. If you’re unsure, try being a substitute.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 12NN-1PM; Thursdays: 12Midnight-1AM, 4-5AM;
Fridays: 2-3AM, 6-7PM; Saturdays: 3-4PM, 5-6PM, 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Joseph Antonacci, Richard Borchers, Ines Bunza,
Michael Callanan, Anthony Caruso, Mary Crawford,
Robert Delaney, Joan D’Gerolamo, Alice Fleckenstein,
Rita Foote, William Frank, Carl Funke, Marilyn Jacoby,
Sally Killeen, Anna Maria Lobascio, Ramon Paez,
Vincent Salvati, Peter Van Der Velde, Elsie Wagner

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Join fellow parishioners to pray the rosary
each week in the Daily Mass Chapel.

Spanish—Sundays, 2:00PM

English—Thursdays 7:30PM



**DO NOT REPLY TO TEXT MSGS. OR EMAILS
FROM FR. RON REQUESTING A FAVOR.**

**Fr. Ron would NEVER communicate
such a need in that manner.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Oct. 6	1:30PM RCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC) 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (PC) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D 7:30PM McHugh Confirmation Group (YCA)
Mon. Oct. 7	7:30PM Men’s Cornerstone (MR) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Tues. Oct. 8	4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM ChristLife Sharing Christ (PC)
Wed. Oct. 9	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7 Makeup (PCA) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 Meeting (MR)
Thur. Oct. 10	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Script. Study (SMR) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd Community (YCB) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Oct. 11	9:00AM MOMs SALT (SMR)
Sat. Oct. 12	9:00AM Men’s Basketball (Gym) 10:30AM Jesus & Me Story Time (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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**Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings
Parish Center—10:30AM-11:45AM**

For more than a year, 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 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 interested, please contact Linda English so that materials may be available for you.

lenglish122@gmail.com, text 201.207.5920

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsa, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley Geraldine Cruzen, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Frank Gillen, Augustina Gonzalez, Susan Hart-White, Rebecca Heffernan, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Cambell McArthur, Christine O’Brien, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Ramge, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Genesis 2:18-24

In the previous chapter, recounting the story of creation, everything that God has created has been called good. As this excerpt begins, God announces that it is **not good** for the man to be alone. Such an appraisal gives all the more emphasis to the gift God will now give to the man—a true partner, one who will complement and complete the man. The wordplays in these texts, man and woman (and adam, the reddish clay so common in the Near East), affirm the sacred writer's understanding that human beings are a special creation of God and their affinity for each other reflects the Divine intent.

2. Hebrews 2:9-11

Up to this point, the author of Hebrews has stressed Jesus' superiority to the angels. He is divine. But as this excerpt begins, that same Jesus is made lower than the angels. Why? As the excerpt goes on the answer is given—so that He can identify with us. In being made lower than the angels, He has tasted death, making us His brothers and sisters. With a brother's love, He suffers for us and through His passion He expresses His compassion for us, for our needs, for our sufferings, for our salvation.

3. Mark 10:2-16

The Marcan Jesus is confronted by Jewish leaders who attempt to test Him, discrediting Him before the masses. The subject of divorce, no less contentious in Jesus' day than in our own, was a perennial subject of rabbinic dispute. Jesus heightens the controversy by attributing the debacle over divorce to the hardness of the human heart, and the distorted nature of humankind. Jesus reminds His hearers of the true spiritual nature of marriage and of the responsibilities of those who enter it. And in so doing, He reaffirms His authority to speak on God's behalf. Jesus closes by reiterating a point He has often made—the Kingdom belongs to the lowly and those of no social status, on the exact same social level as children.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. How do you shore up your personal commitments, to your spouse, your parents, your children, your church?
2. How can you keep your commitments life-enhancing?
3. What does it mean for you "to accept the kingdom of God like a child"? What does "childlikeness" look like for an adult? How does it help you accept the Kingdom?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 10/12	5:30PM	Fr. Rolando
Sun. 10/13	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Felix
	11:00AM	Fr. Rolando
	12:30PM	Fr. Felix
	3:00PM	Fr. Diaz
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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

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

- + **6:30AM Vincent P. Brana**
req Vito & Nancy Nardelli
- + **8:30AM Thomas Gaggin**
req The Szydluk Family
- + **12:00NN Aida Ardila**
req Her Family

Tuesday, Oct. 8

- + **6:30AM Katie Eidschun**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag
- + **8:30AM Chaz Lanski**
req His Mom
- + **12:00NN Maria M. Cabrera**
req Esther F. Méndez

Wednesday, Oct. 9 *Saint Dennis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest*

- + **6:30AM Maria Engel Taerstein**
req Richard & Patricia Engel & Family
- + **8:30AM Angela Ottina**
req Charlene Orzetti
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members of the Azzolini Family**
req Pauline & Pat Azzolini

Thursday, Oct. 10

- + **6:30AM Katie Eidschun**
req Marian Rutherford
- + **8:30AM Richard J. Murphy**
req The Stappenbeck Family
- + **12:00NN Giselle Canizares**
req Maria Canizares

Friday, Oct. 11 *Saint John XXIII, Pope*

- + **6:30AM Margaret Curtin**
req Anne & George Skau
- + **8:30AM Dr. Gregory Alan Stetzel**
req The Derkacs Family
- + **12:00NN Tony Moreira**
req Ann & Bill Leahy

Saturday, Oct. 12

- + **8:30AM Joseph Bolmanski**
req The Bolmanski Family
- + **5:30PM John Reeves**
req Peggy Mulqueen

Sunday, Oct. 13 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM For All Deceased Firefighters**
- + **9:30AM Anna Scrivanich**
req Joan & Al Scrivanich
- + **11:00AM Ophelia & Al Farnsworth**
req Priscilla Farnsworth
- + **12:30PM For the People of the Parish**
- + **3:00PM Blanquita Oliveras**
req Awilda Montalvo
- + **6:30PM Brenda Eickmeyer**
req The Budelman Family



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