

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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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 19, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Although I may be accused of “beating a dead horse,” I want to go back to the Archdiocesan planning process called, “We are His Witnesses.” As the Cardinal wrote, “It is a journey of renewal—one that asks each of us to discern, with courage, humility and faith where God is leading us.” Where are we now? Where is God calling us? How will we get there together?

For our parish, the “where are we now” can be framed by looking at the **Disciple Maker Index** which gave us a pretty good picture of ourselves. Ongoing discussions and presentations will help us define where we think God is calling us. But as I wrote last week, all of that planning cannot be done alone, in isolation from believing communities (parishes) around us. This is the phase the process is in now—sustainability and responding faithfully to the realities of our changing landscape to ensure continued growth of our faith life.

Last week, in the bulletin, and the insert in the bulletin, I invited you to attend either one of two listening sessions at which this changing landscape will be further explored—November 4th or November 6th. In addition, at these sessions, the Archdiocese will present a path to achieve this long term sustainability, the creation of **pastorates** out of the 219 parishes that now exist. Basically, the pastorates will be two or more parishes served by one pastor, which may eventually merge into one parish. Once created, the pastorate itself, will make determinations as to the specifics of parish life, buildings, mass schedules, programs, staffing, etc. In the models, it is proposed that a pastorate be created including Mount Carmel and St. Catharine's. You can see the full list of the proposed pastorates for the Archdiocese by going to the website, “We Are His Witnesses.”

Our listening sessions on 11/4 and 11/6 are designed not just for the Archdiocesan presentations but also designed for **INPUT, YOUR INPUT**. This is why these sessions are so important. For a full understanding of the changing landscape, the proposed solutions to address this, and your reactions and input, please come. But you will need to register so we have enough material prepared for each session. Please use the QR code that follows this column or go to the link on the homepage of our website.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron.

Scan this QR code to register for one of OLMC's “We Are His Witnesses” Listening Sessions. Options are Tuesday, Nov. 4 or Thursday, Nov. 6.



STEWARDSHIP

“But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Today’s Gospel question is the question Jesus asks each of us. Only you can answer. Amidst all the activities of your life, is there time for faith; is there time for prayer (“Jesus told His disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always”—from today’s Gospel)? The Christian Steward tries to keep faith at the center of his/her life through gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. What helps you keep faith in focus?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,614. God bless your generosity in support of the work of the Gospel. Help the parish continue that work by using electronic giving—**WeShare/Venmo**. It really does help.



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—OCTOBER 19TH

The Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the world will unite in prayer and generosity for the Church’s missionary efforts. Please support the Pope’s missions and participate through prayer and support in your community. Checks, payable to OLMC with World Mission Sunday on the memo line, may be placed in the collection basket, in the boxes at the doors of the church, or dropped off at the Rectory.

FAREWELL

Next weekend is Fr. Felix’s last weekend with us as he returns to Nigeria to resume his teaching duties. We thank him for helping us these past four months, for his generous spirit, his joyful laugh and enthusiasm, and his insightful homilies. We wish him well, both in his teaching ministry and his work with the children of Nigeria through his *OneHopeChildren* Foundation. As in the past, and as a sign of our thankfulness, Fr. Felix will preach at all the masses next weekend on the work of *OneHopeChildren* and there will be an actual second collection in support of his work. As always, it will follow immediately after the first collection for the support of the parish.

ALL SOULS’ NOVENA

Two weeks from today the All Souls’ Novena begins, nine days of masses offered for the faithful departed, loved ones who have passed from this world. The masses are offered for those deceased whose names are written in the hearts of their loved ones and on the envelopes in the basket that is placed before the altar during those nine days. They are remembered whether there is an offering or not. The offering is free will and, like all mass offerings it is used for the support of the clergy.

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW (3 weeks only)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

BOYS—Grades 5-12 | Girls—Grades 5-8

**MUST BE PARISH MEMBER & ATTEND OLMC
CCD (or have been confirmed for High School)**

Register at:

5th—8th Grade: <https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10306/1772>

High School Boys: <https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10306/1781>

Coaches: <https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10306/1778>

ABSOLUTELY NO ADMITTANCE AFTER DEADLINE

Questions: mbcaffrey@aol.com

Can you help?

**ANNUAL FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE
And Food Collection**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
9AM-12NN**



DROP OFF IN THE SCHOOL BLDG DRIVEWAY
TURKEYS MUST BE FROZEN AND NOT EXCEED 25 LBS.
(We will also accept FROZEN turkey breasts!)

ALSO APPRECIATED!

*Cranberry Sauce, Stove Top Style Stuffing, Pop Tarts,
Rice (bagged or boxed), Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup,
Pasta Sauce, Canned Pastas,
Canned Tomato Products, Shelf Stable Milk, Coffee,
Hot Chocolate, Tea (green tea for Ridgcrest),
Canned Meats (Chicken, Ham, Spam), Tuna, Muffin Mix
(Jiffy or other brands), Peanut Butter, Jelly*

Questions? Contact Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com



**ALL SAINTS DAY
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, NOV. 2TH**

**GAMES!
PRIZES! DONUTS!**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 9:30AM & 11AM MASSES**

Children who dress as a saint will receive a prize!

All families from the parish are invited to attend the All Saints Day Celebration, in costume, as their favorite Saint! We will have a little party on the Passaic Street lawn where there will be games, prizes, donuts and juice. We ask that all parents stay with their children during the party. (In case of rain, the party will be held in the parish center.)

Religious Education
Grades 1-6



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.



OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood
Celebrates 35 Years!
November 22 & 23, 2025

All are invited to celebrate this milestone year! There will be two celebrations. Come to both or one, whatever you are able to do, but we hope to see everyone! Use the QR included here to register for both, or either, event.



GALA

Saturday, November 22 | 7PM-10PM | Parish Center

Cost \$50/person includes a delicious food spread and great company. Come with a date, a friend or just yourself! This event is BYOB.

COMMUNION BRUNCH

Sunday, November 23 | 9:30AM & 10:30 | Parish Center

Please join us at the 9:30AM Mass followed by a beautiful communion brunch downstairs for just moms! Linda English will be our Honorary Chairperson. Brunch will run 10:30-12 and is \$25 per mom.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator of the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at: **201.407.3256**.

Immaculate Heart Academy Campus Ministry
presents

Halloween @THEHEART

TRUNK OR TREAT AT IHA
THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24—4PM-6PM

500 Van Emburgh Ave., Twp. of Washington
(upper parking lot)

Entry is Free! ~ Preregistration is Required!

Event is for children 14 and under.
Parents MUST stay with their children!
No trunks needed—only trick or treaters

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

NOW THE KINGDOM OF God IS CLOSE to you

IF you want to DEEPEN your FAITH

COME * LISTEN

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MONDAYS * THURSDAYS 8:00PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED

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Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday—10AM-4PM

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Clean & Wearable Clothing; Household Items;
Small Furniture; Bric-a-Brac; Books;
Working Electronics

Questions?
Call 201.652.7661 during open hours only.

Senior Living Information Meeting
Monday, November 10th—2:00PM & 7:00PM
Parish Center Meeting Room

Do you or your loved one want information regarding assisted living, memory care living and/or nursing homes? Do you need to make educated decisions that will impact your finances, health, longevity and overall quality of life?

Joe Chu*, a certified Senior Living Advisor, will address some of these concerns on Monday, November 10 at 2:00PM and 7:00PM. Choose whichever time is most convenient for you.

RSVP—Sr. Mary Spano
mspano@olmcridgewood.com, 201.390.4041

**Joe is a married minister, lives in Paramus and is offering his service, free of charge, to you and your family.*



OCTOBER 19, 2025

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

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: 2-3AM, 1-2PM; Mondays: 5-6PM;
Wednesdays: 8-9AM; 11AM-12NN;
Saturday: 6-7AM; 5-6PM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY

Hope for Holiness Retreat

Saturday, November 1, 2025—10:00AM-4:00PM

A retreat focusing on the universal call to holiness for all people. \$30/person with lunch or \$15/person w/o lunch.

RSVP by Tuesday, October 28.

Call Dannyelle, 845.947.2200 Ext. 313 to register.

Local Area Catholic High School Open Houses

DON BOSCO PREP

Today, Sunday, October 19th—1:00PM-3:00PM

SAINT PETERS PREP

Today, Sunday, October 19th—1:00PM-4:00PM

BERGEN CATHOLIC—OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 5th—6:30PM-8:30PM

Church of the Nativity—Midland Park

Rosary Society Meets

Thursday, November 6, 7:00PM

(Enter the front of the Church)

Nativity's Rosary Society welcomes women seeking to strengthen their spiritual bonds with Mary and Jesus, and other Catholic women. It is an opportunity to meet, pray, share and have something sweet. Consider joining us on Thursday November 6 at 7:00PM. Contact the church office for more information at 201.444.6362 or at office@nativitynj.org.



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 Charles Murphy

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Oct. 19	1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Hand Bell Choir Practice (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 7:30PM Lois/Perrapato Confirm. Group (YCB)
Mon Oct. 20	5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting (MR) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church) 8:00PM Catechesis (PCA/B)
Tues. Oct. 21	1:00PM Discovering Yourself (SMR) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM ChristLife: Sharing Christ (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Oct. 22	9:30AM First Penance Parent Meeting (PC) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM First Penance Parent Meeting (PC) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Oct. 23	9:00AM MOMs SALT-1 (MR) 10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:30PM SCC Boyle (REC1) 7:30PM Knight of Columbus Social (Hall) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Oct. 24	9:00AM MOMs SALT-2 (SMR) 10:30PM WCST Bible Study (Library) 5:30PM CYO Basketball
Sat. Oct. 25	7:30AM Women's Cornerstone Retreat (PC) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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 Ramge, 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.

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, Thomas Tesoriero

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, Oct 20 *Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*

+ **6:30AM Eleanor Thomas**

req Mary Leale

+ **8:30AM Maria Y. Aran**

req Esther Mendez

+**12:00NN Amelia & Andrew Bruno**

req Grace & Pat Gallo

Tuesday, Oct. 21

+ **6:30AM Alice Polizzi**

req Doreen Santora

+ **8:30AM Tuffy Clark**

req Jenny & Brian Clark

+**12:00NN Don Mellon & Bernie Casella**

req Anne & George Skau

Wednesday, Oct. 22 *Saint John Paul II, Pope*

+ **6:30AM Mary Springer**

req Her Family

+ **8:30AM Antone Moreira**

req The Moreira Family

+**12:00NN Robert N. Delaney**

req Mario & Denci Matesic

Thursday, Oct. 23 *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*

+ **6:30AM Jack Puleo**

req The Pulford Family

+ **8:30AM Malcolm McClure**

req The McClure Family

+ **12:00NN Matthew Redden**

req Joan Lalonde

Friday, Oct. 24 *Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

+ **6:30AM Marlo Vital**

req Annabelle Lito Lianna

8:30AM Special Intention of Caroline Russo

req Her Mom & Dad

+**12:00NN Bobby Condon**

req Erica & Rich Dunckley

Saturday, Oct. 25

+ **8:30AM Richard Scalione**

req Mary Ellen Lenihan

+ **5:30PM Stella Biglioli**

req Richard & Patricia Pazer

Sunday, Oct. 26 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM James Tarabocchia**

req Domenick & Crissy Morin

+ **9:30AM Maria Morin**

req Nick & Josephine Tarabocchia

+**11:00AM Wayne Morrison**

req His wife, Dolores

+**12:30PM Danny McGinley**

req His Family

+ **3:00PM Jose Esteban Lopez**

req Maria Lopez

6:30PM For the People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Exodus 17:8-13

The desert experience is a continuous lesson on reliance on God—food from heaven, water from the rock and deliverance from enemies. Today's excerpt focuses on the latter. In the literature of the Bible, Amalek represents anything that interferes with the people's progress toward God. In the excerpted scene, Moses' hands represent God's banner. As long as they are raised (and Israel fights under them), the battle, toward God, and against the forces arrayed against God, goes Israel's way. When his hands are lowered, the forces against God prevail. This is a forceful reminder of the Exodus theme—Israel's life depended on the Lord.

2. 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Paul encourages Timothy to cling to what he has learned from Paul and from Scripture. Prayer would enable Timothy to hold on to what he has learned, to assimilate and integrate the Word into his own life and then teach that Word to others. It is in the teaching to others that the Word's usefulness, relevance and power to inspire becomes clear and so Timothy will need persistence and patience, because at times the Word will be difficult, inconvenient and unpopular.

3. Luke 18: 1-8

Located as it is, sandwiched between a discourse on the end time and the question of faith, this parable is a clear warning from Jesus to His disciples that the only way to cultivate faith and to be prepared for the final accounting is through prayer—persistent prayer. Widows were the most vulnerable people of the time and were frequently victimized and they relied on judges to protect them. The judge in this excerpt acted on her behalf, not out of justice but out of her persistence. She is the example of "faith on earth," mentioned at the conclusion of this passage.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Do you use Scripture to feed your prayer life?
2. How are you with persistence? In prayer? In the Christian life? In your life as a disciple? Right now, is it strong or is it flagging?
3. What can you do to renew and restore persistence in your faith life and in your discipleship?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 10/25	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun. 10/26	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Felix
	12:30PM	Fr. Felix
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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