

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 26, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Varia – short, unrelated reflections.

- Once again, I invite all parishioners to the **Listening Sessions** for “We Are His Witnesses,” conducted by the Archdiocese on November 4th and 6th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. At these sessions, the Archdiocese will present **the facts** of the changing landscape of our parishes, the **proposed plans/models** to address this landscape, and solicit **input/feedback** from us on those plans or models. These will be real moments/opportunities to speak out. But we do ask you to register so we have a handle on the numbers. Scan this QR code to register for one of the options:

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.



- As I have mentioned before, we have returned to the practice of *tithing* on our ordinary income, (**Sharing Our Gifts**) in support of charities that **you** suggest. The only two restrictions are; (1) they not be large, national charities (like the Red Cross) and (2) they not be charities engaged in activities that would not be in accord with the Church's teachings. Please email me with any suggestions you might have. In these difficult times for food pantries, the tithe for August of \$2,777 (each) was sent to both *Ridgecrest Senior Housing*, for its food pantry, and *The Center for Food Action*. The September tithe of \$3,010 each will be sent to *Good Counsel Home* of Spring Valley and *Families for Families*. Thank you for your generosity which makes **Sharing Our Gifts** possible. In the past, there was a small committee that evaluated the suggestions and made recommendations for distribution. If you would be interested in serving on such a committee please email me.

- We have always been proud to assist the young men of our parish with their *Eagle Scout* projects, the service projects which they need to accomplish, as one component in achieving the rank of *Eagle Scout*. In the past, such projects have included the restoration of the benches on the Passaic Street plaza, the garden/sitting area outside the front of the school, the beautiful bins in which the garbage cans are stored (unseen by most) by the garages. Timmy McCabe, an *Eagle Scout* candidate, has a different kind of project on his mind. Please check it out on page 3 of this bulletin, under the title **Eagle Scout Project**.

If you haven't as of yet, don't forget to complete your pledge for the **Annual Appeal**. It helps the parish as well and don't forget the All Souls' Novena of Masses that begins next Sunday.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“The one who serves God willingly is heard.” These words from the 1st Reading pose the question—how does one serve God willingly? There are many answers but the Christian Steward serves God by his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. How do you serve God? Does your service go beyond simply obeying the commandments?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,609. God bless your generosity in serving God through your gifts in support of the Gospel. Electronic giving—**WeShare/Venmo** stabilizes the parish resources to help it better support the work of the Gospel. Can you help by joining the online-giving crowd?



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all year long...



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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Timmy McCabe is raising awareness and funds for his Eagle Scout project to support siblings of children diagnosed with Trisomy, a genetic condition caused by an extra chromosome.

Inspired by his cousin Moya, who had Trisomy 18 and passed away after 82 days, Timmy is creating comfort kits for siblings attending the **SOFT** Annual Conference (Support Organization for Trisomy).

Timmy and his fellow scouts, family & friends will be outside of the Church today, Sunday, November 2nd after the 9:30AM, 11:00AM, and 12:30PM Masses to spread awareness of the **SOFT** organization and his efforts to support them. For more information on his project or to make a donation, you can visit www.trisomy.org/timmy/#/

Thank you!



**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.)

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
THIS 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

**ANNUAL FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE
And Food Collection**

**THIS COMING 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@olmcrdgewood.com

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
THIS COMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
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.



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 Frank Palombo**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Religious Education Grades 1-6



When Families Gather November Events

All Saints Mass & Carnival

Sunday, November 2—9:30AM & 11:00AM Mass

Please join us for the carnival Mass on the Passaic Street Lawn immediately following Mass (In the Parish Center if it's raining)

Children of the Eucharist

November 10—3:45PM-4:15PM or 4:25PM-4:55PM

Colleen Kelly Rayner

November 16—10:30AM, Parish Center

Parents only Session with Sarah Shutrop

November 19 | 7:30PM | Parish Center

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish to be Honored for its Dedication to Young People

Fr. Ron recently received a letter from the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry of the Archdiocese. Below, is part of the letter signed by Richard Donovan, the Associate Director.

It is with great pride that we inform you that we would like to present Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Youth Ministry Program with the St. Carlo Acutis Award at the "Living The Gospel" reception in recognition of your parish's commitment, dedication and evangelization to young people over the years. Your parishes' tireless dedication to young people throughout your parish and community has had a profound impact, and we are honored to celebrate your program on this special evening.

The St. Carlo Acutis Award is presented to a parish community for their "commitment, dedication and evangelization to young people" and will be presented FOR THE FIRST TIME at the recognition reception. We are honored that Our Lady Of Mount Carmel has been chosen as the recipient of this award!

Information will be in next week's bulletin on how you can take part in the reception held at the St. John Paul II Retreat Center in Kearny on Wednesday, December 3rd.

A special thank you to all of our parishioners for your dedication to our young people!

ALL SOULS' NOVENA BEGINS NOVEMBER 2ND

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.

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



OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood MOMs NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 9:15AM | PARISH CENTER

Note: Schedule change for November.

We will meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Guest Speaker: Monica Ortega

All mothers are welcome to join us Wednesday, November 12th at 9:15AM in the Parish Center. Monica Ortega, author, Catholic ministry leader, and co-host of the podcast Two Become Family will speak about marriage and motherhood. 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!**

Cheers! MOMs 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.



JOIN US FOR THE 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.

JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNION BRUNCH

Sunday, November 23 | 9:30AM | 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.

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.*



**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: 2-3AM, 1-2PM; Mondays: 5-6PM, 7-8PM;
Wednesdays: 2-3AM, 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.

BERGEN CATHOLIC—OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 5th—6:30PM-8:30PM
www.bergencatholic.org

**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

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

EVERYONE IS INVITED

**Our Lady of Mt. CARMEL PARISH CENTER
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(Free Babysitting will be provided)**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Oct. 26	9:30AM MOMs Baptism Welcome Mass & Breakfast (Church/PC) 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 Oct. 27	5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM SCC Core Team (MR) 7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church) 8:00PM Catechesis (PCA/B)
Tues. Oct. 28	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PC) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Social Services Association (PCA) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Oct. 29	9:30AM Keeping the Promise Alive (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:30PM Protecting God's Children (PC) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Inspire Young Adult Bible Study (MR) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Oct. 30	9:00AM MOMs SALT-1 (MR) 10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Knight of Columbus Social (Hall) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Oct. 31	10:00AM WCST Bible Study (Library) 5:30PM CYO Basketball
Sat. Nov.1	9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Youth Ministry FROZEN Turkey & Monthly Food Drive (Driveway) 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Oct 27

- + 6:30AM **Joan Daley**
req Jeanmarie & Patrick Mulholland
- + 8:30AM **John Cerruti**
req His Family
- +12:00NN **Deceased Members**
of the McCabe & Kennedy Families
req Monica & Ed McCabe

Tuesday, Oct. 28 *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

- + 6:30AM **Kevin LeGrand**
req Maria Coralde
- + 8:30AM **Audrey Bessel**
req Marilyn De Sario
- +12:00NN **Anna McCabe**
req Monica & Ed McCabe

Wednesday, Oct. 29

- + 6:30AM **Joseph Martin**
req Corinne Russo
- + 8:30AM **Bob Delaney**
req The McCrudden Family
- +12:00NN **Deceased Members**
of the Mulholland & McEnroe Families
req Monica & Ed McCabe

Thursday, Oct. 30

- + 6:30AM **Marie DeVita**
req Mary Leale
- + 8:30AM **Mark Murphy**
req Mary Hefferan & Family
- + 12:00NN **William Frank**
req The Liguori Family

Friday, Oct. 31

- + 6:30AM **Douglas Engsteler**
req Brian Keegan
- + 8:30AM **Margaret Connolly**
req Her Family
- +12:00NN **Helen Hayes—CHS 1952**
req Kay McCarthy

Saturday, Nov. 1 *All Saints' Day*

- + 8:30AM **Walter Engel**
req The Engel Family

5:30PM **For the People of the Parish**

Sunday, Nov. 2 *All Souls' Day*

- + 8:00AM **All Souls**
- + 9:30AM **All Souls**
- +11:00AM **All Souls**
- +12:30PM **All Souls**
- + 3:00PM **All Souls**
- + 6:30PM **All Souls**

1. Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The last of the seven wisdom books of the Bible, the Book of Sirach is a collection of the reflections of Jesus ben Sira, who lived in the 2nd Century before Christ and headed an academy in Jerusalem. Overall, the Book teaches the wisdom of living a life centered on God, as outlined in the Torah. The weak and the poor seem naturally disposed in this direction because they have no resources to foster an illusion of self-reliance. And God will not ignore those who are so easily dismissed. Their pleas may be ignored by earthly courts but they will surely reach the heavenly court.

2. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

In today's excerpt, the author allows later believers a glimpse into his soul during his final days as he realizes that this time in prison will, more than likely, lead to his death. Like a disciplined runner, or a wrestler in the ring, Paul has given everything and utterly spent himself in the service of the Lord and His Gospel. Now he rejoices because he has won the battle of life and is confident that Christ will bring him to His heavenly Kingdom.

3. Luke 18:9-14

Contrary to our initial readings of this familiar story, the Pharisee is not a horrible villain, nor the tax collector a hero. Despite his arrogance, the Pharisee lives his life in accord with the Torah, fasting and tithing. And despite his humility, the tax collector continues to cooperate with a cruel and oppressive government, extorting his own people. Neither character can be absolutely embraced or dismissed. For both, there is a disconnect between their prayer and their lives. For both, a transformation needs to take place. They both need to "talk the talk and walk the walk." At least the tax collector had one thing right, our salvation starts with God, not with ourselves.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Has someone's insight or example ever changed your life?
2. Do you know someone on the verge of a change for the better? Can you help by your words, actions or support?
3. Do you treat others, outside your "social" class, with disdain, as the Pharisee looked down on the tax collector?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 11/1	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 11/2	8:00AM	Fr. John Carlos
	9:30AM	Fr. Jakov
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. John Carlos
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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



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