

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
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 29, 2023

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What is a Permanent Deacon?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our pastor, Msgr. Ron, is enjoying a well-deserved cruise vacation. We all offer our prayers and best wishes.

In his absence, I have the privilege of sharing my story in his Pastor's Corner. I hope not to be windy and boring. And if it comes across that way, I promise to go to our pastor for forgiveness when he returns from his trip.

My journey to the permanent diaconate began in September 2012 while still working at my corporate job. Four years of part-time studies at Seton Hall University's Immaculate Conception Seminary and being awarded a Master of Theology degree in May 2016. I was ordained as a permanent deacon on June 4, 2016 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in the Archdiocese of Newark. Many things have happened in my life during those seven years that manifested the love and glory of God.

I thank my wife, Tessie, our daughters, Msgr. Ron, Fr. Charlie Pinyan, Deacon Nick DeLucca and his wife, Arlene, and many more individuals who had a hand in encouraging me to pursue and complete the diaconate ministry. They saw something in me that I did not see to serve our Lord. Because of their belief and trust in me, I undertook a journey of faith that truly transformed my life forever.

What is a permanent deacon? Is he really a Catholic clergy? Why can he be married? Many more questions likely are in people's minds. Tessie and I didn't really know much about the diaconate and deacons until I became one.

In the Catholic Church, there are three branches of clergy—bishops, priests, and deacons. The word “deacon” comes from the Greek word “*diakonia*” which simply means to serve. In the early Catholic Church, the apostles who were the first bishops needed assistance to minister to the faithful as the church grew. They selected and appointed seven worthy men who were the first deacons. The first martyr was St. Stephen, a deacon.

For several hundreds of years, the diaconate existed then declined in the third century and disappeared by the fifth century. That was the case until a group of priests imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps in World War II envisioned the restoration of the permanent diaconate. The initial recommendation was presented to Pope Pius XII in 1957. In July 1967, Pope St. Paul VI authorized the re-establishment of the permanent diaconate. Currently, there are about 17,000 permanent deacons in the United States and about 36,000 worldwide and growing.

A married man can journey to become a permanent deacon as long as he is already married prior to his ordination. A deacon is in the secular and spiritual worlds. He has the understanding, knowledge, and experience of being able to exist in two different but similar worlds. He assists the priest at Mass, proclaims the Gospel, preaches with the pastor's approval, performs baptisms and funeral services,

visits the sick, and many other clerical functions. A permanent deacon is not a priest. He does not preside at Mass, consecrate the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, anoint the sick, or hear confessions. He can be a husband, father, grandfather, a professional in a variety of careers. In all of these roles, he is simply a servant-leader to serve Jesus Christ.

My faith has deepened and grown by being with faithful people. I have learned humility, patience, joy, love, and being prayerful in its truest sense. My role as the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Director at OLMC has given me a window on Catholics and non-Catholics wanting to receive the sacraments that Christ had instituted often leading them to genuine personal relationships with the Son of God. On September 1, 2023, Cardinal Joseph Tobin appointed me as the Assistant Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Newark. I'm honored and humbled by this appointment that I did not seek nor applied for. I assist the Director, Msgr. Joe Chapel, who is also the pastor at St. Andrew's Church in Westwood. We are guiding and coordinating the permanent diaconate journeys of men who are deacon candidates and the aspirants who are inquiring to be accepted into the permanent diaconate formation program. Two important roles for me to guide people to Christ.

In every step of the way, Tessie is my partner and advisor. She keeps me grounded and focused on my spiritual journey. Our marriage is strong and deep. The blessings that have come our way have been rewarding and not from a financial perspective.

I hope to serve OLMC Ridgewood and the Archdiocese of Newark in the best possible way. I hope to be a true disciple of Christ centered on the Eucharist and on a mission to share his love and his Good News to others. Please pray for Tessie and me. We love you all and will keep you all in our prayers.

In Christ,
Deacon Bob Liwanag

STEWARDSHIP

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The 2nd of the great commandments, as preached by Jesus. How? By concern, by sharing, by helping, etc. In other words, using our gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. The Christian Steward understands this and also knows that when he/she loves in this way, the Kingdom of God is being built, and God is being thanked for His generous gifts to each which is the source of our giving to each other. That's how we love. Do you?

The parish Stewardship of in the in-pew collection last weekend was \$11,838. God bless your generosity in "loving your neighbor as yourself" as you build the Lord's kingdom and thank you for your continued support for the parish. The best way to continue that support is through online giving which steadies the income of the parish and makes it more predictable and therefore helps in planning the activities of the parish to build the Kingdom.



Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)
MEETING WEDNESDAY—NOVEMBER 1ST
9:15AM—PARISH CENTER

MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!

Guest Speaker: Paula Metzger

Topic: The Importance of Evaluating our Feelings

Join us as Paula Metzger, renowned Ridgewood based clinical social worker and therapist, speaks to our group about the importance of evaluating our feelings. She will lead us in exercises around processing our feelings for ourselves, our marriages, and our children. For more information, go to www.olmcmoms.com or email Jackie Carter: OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com

ANNUAL FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE
And Food Collection
NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY, NOV. 4th, 9AM-12NN



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Questions? Contact Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

FR. ENGLISH PANTRY FROZEN CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Please note that our Frozen Casserole Ministry will be suspended for the November Food Drive so that we may focus on the Food and Frozen Turkey collection.

Frozen casserole collection will resume with our December 9 food drive.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather

When Families Gather November Sessions

Sunday, November 5

Attend 9:30AM or 11:00AM Mass

Saints Carnival to follow each Mass (see Page 3)

Monday, November 6 | 7PM | Parish Center
Parents Only Session

Questions? Contact Religious Education—201.444.0211
chunt@olmcridgewood.com
pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com



Catechesis Continues For Adults and Youth (12 Years+)

Mondays and Thursdays
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Fall Scripture Reflection Continues Join Us When You Can!

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 us any Thursday morning through December 14.

Weekly RSVP is appreciated so that materials may be available for everyone.

RSVP—lenglish122@gmail.com, 201.207.5920

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOV. 5TH

GAMES!
PRIZES! DONUTS!



FOLLOWING THE 9:30AM & 11AM MASSES

Children who dress as a saint will receive a prize!
Families who dress as saints will receive a prize!
First Place Grand Prizes will be given!

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. (If it is raining the party will be held in the parish center.)

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THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY OUR LADY'S CHAPEL 7:30PM



Join us 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. All are welcome!

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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
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Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Better yet, sign up for a scheduled hour once a week, every week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God.

Please see the hours needing coverage below and prayerfully consider signing up as a Scheduled Adorer.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 5-6AM, 9-10AM,
Mondays: 2-3AM
Saturdays: 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

*First
Saturday
Devotion*



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH
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.

**OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY
NOV. 2
6:30PM**



**REGISTER TO
ATTEND AT
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Gilbert Badillo, Frederick Bruno Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kenneth Gershbort, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Oct. 29	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) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D (MR)
Mon. Oct. 30	8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Tue Oct. 31	7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Nov. 1	9:15AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC) 7:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer (MR) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Quiroz Confirmation Group (REC1)
Thurs. Nov. 2	10:30AM Scripture Reflection (SMR) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Nov. 3	9:30AM MOMs SALT (SMR) 7:00PM Jr. High Lock In (PC) 7:00PM Inspire Young Adult (NCW-A)
Sat. Nov. 4	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM FROZEN Turkey Drive (Pking Lot) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (SMR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**



Reynaldo Ames, Michael Appleton, Rhonda Campanello, Jerry Ciraulo, William Fitzpatrick, Henry Koelln, Zofia Kruk, Charles Lillis, Aurora Sandomato, Robert Wylie

Many Thanks!



The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus thank our fellow OLMC parishioners for your wonderful response to our "Shake the Can" collection last weekend. The drive was a success thanks to your generous support. 100% of donations will be distributed to agencies whose mission is to serve those with cognitive disabilities—several of which are located right here in Ridgewood. If you weren't around last weekend, you may still help by donating via the QR codes for PayPal and Venmo shown here.



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 Frank Palombo**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Oct. 30

- + 6:30AM **Giovani Scolaro**
req Nick Cantone
- + 8:30AM **Caitlin Alvaro**
req The Cosgrove Family
- +12:00NN **Sue Noel**
req Ann & Bill Leahy

Tuesday, Oct. 31

- + 6:30AM **Margaret Connolly**
req Her Family
- + 8:30AM **Judy Coughlin**
req Jim & Mary Beth Pesce & Family
- +12:00NN **Carmine Paesano**
req The O'Shea Family
- +7:30PM **Jack McCooe**
req The McCooe Family

Wednesday, Nov. 1 *All Saints Day*

- + 6:30AM **Maria Gozdz**
req Lucy Rieger
- + 8:30AM **Hermida Santos**
req Teresita Sanabria Reedy
- +12:00NN **Walter F. Engel**
req Patricia & Richard Engel & Family

Thursday, Nov. 2 *All Souls' Day*

- + 6:30AM **All Souls**
- + 8:30AM **All Souls**
- +12:00NN **All Souls**

Friday, Nov. 3 *Saint Martin de Porres, Religious*

- + 6:30AM **All Souls**
- + 8:30AM **Mary Angus**
req James & Gay Pfeiffer
- +12:00NN **Tom Keleher**
req The McCooe Family

Saturday, Nov. 4 *Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

- + 8:30AM **All Souls**
- + 5:30PM **Frank Bergen**
req Adele Bergen

Sunday, Nov. 5 *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + 8:00AM **Theresa Wallace**
req Jimmy & Vickie Tarabokija
- + 9:30AM **All Souls**
- 11:00AM **Alpheus Farnsworth**
req Priscilla Farnsworth
- +12:30PM **Maureen Monaghan**
req Tara Adams
- + 3:00PM **Arturo Benemerito**
req Friends at Ridgecrest
- 6:30PM **For the People of the Parish**

ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 31st—7:30PM (Anticipated)
 Wednesday, November 1st—6:30AM, 8:30AM, 12:00NN
 All Masses will be in the Church

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

A priest is always available for emergencies

1. Exodus 22:20-26

In this portion of Exodus, Moses, standing before the cloud of God on Mount Sinai, receives instructions for the people of Israel that will identify them as God's own. Having already heard the fundamentals (the 10 Commandments), these further directives express God's concern for the poor. Caring for others becomes the only fitting response to a God Who has set the example for care and love in His dealings with Israel. This God has brought them from slavery, provided them with food from heaven and water from the rock and given them victory over their enemies. Now, as His covenanted people, they must reflect similar compassion.

2. 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Imitating Paul, the Thessalonians were to live in such a way as to attract others to imitate them in faith and in love. In Jesus, the proclaimer becomes the proclaimed. In the Thessalonians, the imitators become the imitated, the evangelized become the evangelizers. This is the way the message is passed through the ages. And the message is simple and clear; they have turned from false gods to the service of the true God, saved from their sins by the death and resurrection of the Son, Jesus, Who will return in glory.

3. Matthew 22:34-40

Once again, Jesus is drawn into a controversy centering on the Law. There were 613 laws in the Torah, but how could anyone keep track of them? And there was an ongoing debate among the rabbis as to the most important. In asking Jesus to identify the most important, perhaps the lawyer was hoping Jesus would offend in His answer. Jesus answers by combining two into the request for the one. Love of God and love of neighbor become the one upon which all the others must depend. Others before Jesus had paired them as well, but Jesus puts them on the same level and defines them as mutually interdependent. Only then will religion and worship be true.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Is love of neighbor more challenging than love of God? If so, why?
2. Does today's 1st Reading say anything to me about the great issues of our own day? If so, what?
3. What gifts have I received which can be used to manifest my "love of neighbor"?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS (always subject to change)

Sat. 11/4	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun. 11/5	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Hermes Diaz
	6:30PM	Fr. Felix

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