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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 17, 2024

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Dear Friends,

I mentioned in my column last week that I would be in the Turks and Caicos Islands for Confirmation that weekend. It's always a joy, and a privilege, to confer the gift of the Holy Spirit to help Catholics grow in their faith and, especially, their witness to the living Christ in our world, whether in the Mission or here in our own diocese. But it is especially moving for me when I celebrate in the Islands. When I visited the school I saw young people whom I had confirmed last year and so it reminded me of how the Mission continues to grow. When I first started celebrating Confirmation it was, perhaps, every two or even three years, because the numbers were so small. Now it is every year. This year I confirmed 23 youth and 4 adults. That's more than in one of the parishes I celebrated with in the Archdiocese last spring. Faith continues to grow there, even in small numbers. Praise God for His goodness.

Fr. Rolando has been asked by the Archdiocese to become **Temporary Administrator** of St. Lawrence in Weehawken, replacing the pastor who has a medical emergency in his family. My information is that the temporary nature could be about three months. He left this past Friday to assume his new responsibilities. I stress the "temporary" nature of this assignment and would expect him back when the pastor returns. Let's all keep him in our prayers in this challenging moment of change (no matter how "temporary") in his life.

This weekend is the annual **Academy of Our Lady** weekend. Since I wrote extensively about it last weekend, I won't repeat it again just to remind everyone that any help you can give in the Annual Fund goes a long way in ensuring the continuation of this very important apostolate for our parish and St. Catharine's.

The nation will celebrate Thanksgiving Day in less than two weeks. I can't believe how quickly we're entering the holiday season with that celebration. Thanksgiving has often been called the quintessential American holiday. Whether any thanksgiving day is celebrated in any other nation, it is really an American holiday, the celebration of which was formalized under George Washington and continued, on and off, to its establishment on the 4th Thursday of November under President Lincoln. While there are many challenges, both personally and societally that face us, as a people and as a nation, there are also many blessings to be thankful for, including the much contained Covid virus, the growth of the national economy and the recent "peaceful" national election. And I hope each and every family in our parish community can stop, think about, and give thanks for the individual blessings you have encountered in your lives.

I invite everyone to mark their calendars now for the annual Mass of Thanksgiving which we celebrate in the parish at 8:30 on Thanksgiving morning. Begin the day with a true

act of thanks to God for all we have received and take a loaf of blessed bread to bring home to your Thanksgiving table, whether in your own home or the home of those you love.

Grace and Blessings,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.” The words of today’s 1st Reading remind us that our faith-lives are expected to have an influence on others. We are to be the light for our world. The Christian Steward knows this and uses his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** “to lead the many to justice.” Do you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$14,536. God bless your generosity in support of the good works of the Gospel. Please consider using electronic giving as your avenue for the support of the parish. Simply go to the **WeShare or Venmo** icon or QR Code on the homepage of the website or in the bulletin every week. Thank you.



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ACADEMY OF OUR LADY

**This weekend we CELEBRATE
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our ANNUAL APPEAL**

Mt. Carmel is proud to support **Academy of Our Lady** and 101 years of Catholic education! All are invited to the Parish Center for coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts following 9:30AM and 11:00AM mass **today, Sunday, November 17th**.

The future of our school relies on the generosity of our families, alumni, neighbors, and the parishioners of St. Catharine’s and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. 100% of your contribution to our Annual Appeal helps cover day-to-day operating expenses. We hope you consider a gift to sustain the strong tradition of Catholic education in Bergen County for the next 100 years!

**Donations may be made by
scanning the QR Code here.**



Kelly Creegan Coat Drive

Join Mt. Carmel’s Cadaret Confirmation group in their effort to support the annual Kelly Creegan Coat Drive. The drive, itself will be Saturday, November 30, 9AM-12NN in the Graydon parking lot but you can drop coat donations right here at Mt. Carmel. There is a marked box in the front lobby and one at the Passaic Street entrance. Questions? Email Brody Higgins, bhigs1234@icloud.com.



Pancakes & Pictures with Santa
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 29th & 30th
9AM-1PM
OLMC Parish Center
\$40/Family
Includes Pancakes, Juice,
Coffee and One Family Photo

Photos will be taken on your device by our photographer. All proceeds benefit the Mt. Carmel youth pilgrimage to Rome this summer.



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

Spanish—Sundays, 2:00PM
English—Thursdays 7:30PM



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather November Session

Parents Only Session
Monday, November 18th—7PM-8PM
Parish Center

Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
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Jesus and Me Storytime Saturday—December 7, 2024 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

Academy of Our Lady Home & School Assn. CLOTHING & MORE DRIVE

AUTUMN Closet Cleanout

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 23RD | 4PM-6PM

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 24TH | 10AM-2PM

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Clean & Wearable Men's, Women's & Children's Clothes & Shoes;
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Towels; Sheets; Pillowcases; Stuffed Animals;
Small Toys (2 ft. or less); Bikes; Strollers!

Please bag & tie items in sturdy garbage bags.
Please bag shoes separately.

Items Not Accepted: Quilts, Comforters, Pillows, Blankets, Sporting Equipment, Board Games, Books, Puzzles, Pots & Pans, Car Seats, Electrical Devices, Glass, Large Toys, Cribs, Highchairs, Scooters

Questions?

Contact Jadyn Miller—jadyn.a.miller@outlook.com

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Rema Oasis Ntore Nshuti, *son of Jean-Remy & Gracia*

Lucy Quinn Lillis, *daughter of John & Ashley*

Natalia Valentina LoCasto, *daughter of Julian & Jasmine*

John Wesley Waszczak McCrudden,
son of Adam & Kelley

Olivia Elaine Parkinson, *daughter of Douglas & Kristina*

Blake Eloise Ebert, *daughter of Christopher & Krista*

Scarlett Frances Iozzia, *daughter of Michael & Bridgette*

Luca Salvatore Romano, *son of Vincent & Amy*

Pia Marie Schmelzer, *daughter of Thomas & Elaina*

Nolan Jack Biango, *son of Jonathan & Meghan*

Scarlett Marie Peacock, *daughter of Brian & Kristine*
Valentina Lucia DiMartino,

daughter of Massimo & Jacqueline

Jack Michael Knudsen, *son of Jack & Victoria*

Kennedy Kay Schrock, *daughter of Ryan & Cassandra*

Theodore James Stevens, *son of Michael & Alyssa*

Cesidio Joseph Finocchi, *son of Cesidio & Brittany*

Adriana Alicia Manzo, *daughter of Gabriel & Melissa*

Emma Charlotte Chloe Samson,
daughter of Matthieu & Lisa

Elisabeth Angela Gray *daughter of Timothy & Iryna*

Victoria Raelyn Tarabocchia,
daughter of Dennis & Nicole

Violet Marie Ferrato, *daughter of Matthew & Stephanie*

Penelope Laine Conforti, *daughter of Andrew & Danielle*

Nathan Christopher & Noelle Catherine Shah
children of Daniel & KerriLynn

Noelle Sophia Povenzale, *daughter of Jason & Laura*

Ned Patrick Fisher, *son of Mark & Caroline*

Sienna Jane Delcalzo, *daughter of Joseph & Allison*

Dawson Francis Miller, *son of Sean & Lindsey*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsa, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, 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, Nancy Steen, 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.

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, Thomas Tesoriero



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(PEA)**

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SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Wednesdays: 8-9AM; Fridays: 7-8AM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

"Calling all Senior Citizens!"

**ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN
THANKSGIVING DINNER**

HOSTED BY IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY

TUESDAY, NOV. 26, 2023 | 4PM-6PM



All seniors welcome to attend IHA's Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner and raffle hosted in the IHA cafeteria.

**PLEASE RSVP FOR DINNER BY CALLING 201.445.6800
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM-3PM.**

Please do not leave a voicemail.

**PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE!
REGISTER NOW!**

**ANNUAL MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT
FRIDAY-SATURDAY—JANUARY 24-25, 2025**

If your spiritual batteries are in need of a recharge, then this Cornerstone retreat may be God's answer. Registration is now open for our Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat held in the Parish Center. Use the QR Code here to register now.



Expect to find camaraderie, fellowship and opportunity for renewal in a relaxed environment. This year's event is fast approaching, scheduled two weeks before Super Bowl LIX. Consider it a gift to yourself.

Questions/More Information

Contact Dan O'Keefe, danokeefe@icloud.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 Bruce Simmons**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Nov. 17	1:00PM Women's ISP Team (SMR) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 2:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PCA) 7:30PM Meleski Confirmation Group (YCB)
Mon. Nov. 18	5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Spanish Play Rehearsal (MR) 7:00PM WFG Parents Only (PCA) 8:00PM Catechesis (PCAB)
Tues. Nov. 19	4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM ChristLife Facilitator Reunion (PCA)
Wed. Nov. 20	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 9:30AM Keeping the Promise Alive (MR) 3:30PM Women's ISP Team (MR) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7 Makeup (PCA) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:30PM Protecting God's Children (PC) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thur. Nov. 21	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Script. Study (SMR) 3:30PM Jr. High Youth Group (Gym) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd Community (YCB) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:15PM WCST Retreat 23 Group (MR) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Nov. 22	10:30AM WCST Bible Study (Library) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Spanish Play Rehearsal (MR)
Sat. Nov. 23	9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM WCST Communion Breakfast (PC) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (Library) 2:00PM Spanish Play Rehearsal (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)



30th Anniversary Gala
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Nov. 18 *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*

- + **6:30AM Rose Marlowe**
req Giana Castelli
- + **8:30AM Elizabeth Sherlock**
req Fran Riley
- + **12:00NN Irineo & Irene DeCastro**
req The DeCastro Family

Tuesday, Nov. 19 *Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*

- + **6:30AM Carolyn Marie LePera**
req Rickie & Rich Dunckley
- + **8:30AM Margaret Estelle Kannenstine**
req Ana O'Callaghan
- + **12:00NN Patricia Engel &
Constanza Garcia Morales**
req Richard Engel & Family

Wednesday, Nov. 20

- + **6:30AM Ralph & Eileen Diverio**
req The Messineo Family
- + **8:30AM John Riley**
req The Riley Family
- + **12:00NN James A. Franchina**
req His Family

Thursday, Nov. 21 *The Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- + **6:30AM Edith Carreno**
req Domenick & Crissy Morin
- + **8:30AM Michael Appleton**
req Bernadette & Bill Tiernan
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members
of the Kennelly Family**
req Carole & Bill Frank

Friday, Nov. 22 *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

- + **6:30AM Victor Messineo**
req His Family
- + **8:30AM Lya Flora Garrido**
req The McClure Family
- + **12:00NN Terry & Ellin Carroll**
req The Bolduc Family

Saturday, Nov. 23 *Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel
Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*

- + **8:30AM Richard Murphy, Sr.**
req The Amoresano Family
- + **5:30PM The Bergen & Crowley Families**
req Adele Bergen

Sunday, Nov. 24 *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM Al Yancius**
req Leah & Steve Sonnick
- + **9:30AM Danielle & Eric Crespo**
19th Wedding Anniversary
req Mary Bollhofer
- + **11:00AM Jim Smith**
req Anne & George Skau
- + **12:30PM For the People of the Parish**
- + **3:00PM Kraig Raspaldo**
req Lia Guzman & Family
- + **6:30PM Edward David Walsh**
req Bernadette McGuire

1. Daniel 12:1-3

While apocalyptic elements can be found in other places in Scripture, it can be said that there are two apocalyptic books in Scripture, The Book of Daniel, in the Old Testament and the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. Apocalyptic literature generally arises in times of persecution, and the Book of Daniel, from which this excerpt is drawn, was written during the terrible persecutions of the Syrian empire and the Maccabean War. Michael, later identified as an archangel, is the great prince and guardian of the people. Though persecuted by earthly powers, those who are faithful will rise to everlasting life, and shine like stars in the night, the first clear reference to the afterlife in the Hebrew Bible.

2. Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

While priests daily offered sacrifices for the sins of the people, these were unable to take sin away. But the one sacrifice of Jesus, offered on the cross, has effected the forgiveness of sin, for all time. We need only to accept the gift of forgiveness, for Christ has consecrated us to God His Father and made us perfect in God's sight.

3. Mark 13:24-32

As the church brings its liturgical year to an end, it traditionally draws upon the portion of the gospel that deals with the end time. In this year of Mark the whole of Chapter 13 of that gospel is often referred to as the "apocalyptic discourse." The chapter first narrates devastating events that should not be taken as signs of the end: the destruction of the Temple, persecutions and desolating sacrilege. The final end will be marked by signs that will be unambiguous and cosmic. Then the Son of Man will appear, for His vindication and the regathering of His people. But by the time the signs appear, it will be too late to prepare. Preparation must come at every moment.

Reflections for the Week

1. What do you think it means to have your name written in the Book of Life as described in today's first reading? What might keep you out of that book?
2. Where do you find signs that Christ is "at the gates," about to make his disruptive presence felt?
3. The first and third readings convey a sense of imminent crisis. Do you recognize these decisive moments in your own life? Is your life at a crisis moment?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 11/23	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 11/24	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Diaz
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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