

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
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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ November 24, 2024

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Dear Friends,

Today the Church celebrates the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* (the official title). It is also the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year.

As feasts go, *Christ the King* (the more common title) is really a late-comer. As I have written before, it was inaugurated by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a counterweight to the growing trend to deify the state as the ultimate source of both power and loyalty. This was most especially exemplified by the totalitarian governments of the time, especially the communists in Russia, the fascists in Italy and, later, the Nazis in Germany. The Church was reacting to systems of government that sought to place themselves, instead of God, in the hearts of their citizens. While all three may have gone away, the errors they propounded have stayed, taking other forms. If God can be pushed out of the human heart by the State, He can also be pushed out by ourselves, if not personally, then by the cultural mores of our times. If we call Jesus Christ King of the Universe, then we recognize that somehow our faith touches us in the way we live in this world and it challenges us to look at our lives, our priorities, the ordering of our days and ask ourselves if those decisions we make actually reflect what we believe.

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day. Even with all the strife in our world, we have much to be thankful for. For one thing, I am thankful that there has not been any widespread reappearance of the Covid virus. I invite you to join with fellow parishioners at the 8:30AM Mass to give thanks to God on Thursday morning for whatever you might know as gift in your lives.

Last weekend, for the first time ever, at all of our masses, students from the Academy of Our Lady, our interparochial school (with St. Catharine's), filled the various liturgical roles: greeters, readers, gift bearers, and leaders of the Universal Prayer. And they all did a great job. Thank you to all of them and their families. And to Katherine Clark who put the whole thing together. That weekend, (speaking of kingdoms) *Building the Kingdom... one child at a time*, also marked the beginning of our drive for the **Annual Fund**, asking each parish household to help continue the tradition of a Catholic school. Please consider a pledge or a donation to help support our school. With so much being written and debated about education these days, more than ever, we need a place where our children can not only learn about God, God's love for us in Jesus Christ and the salvation offered through faith, but also experience in a real life setting, how that love can and should be shared. Help us keep this going by your support. Envelopes are

still in the pews, or use the QR code in the bulletin.

I'm a little short this week because I had to have this column to the publisher last Monday and I need more time for next week's column (for the bulletin of 12/1) which had to be in this past Friday. And my mind doesn't work that fast anymore.

Grace and Blessings,
especially for Thanksgiving,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Jesus' words in today's Gospel remind us that there is a Kingdom of God. So often we put all our energies into building our own kingdom, a kingdom that will pass as quickly as we do. But Jesus' Kingdom, which already lives in our midst, is a Kingdom that lives forever. The Christian Steward knows this and uses his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to build that Kingdom. Which kingdom are you building?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,610. God bless your generosity in building the Kingdom of God, and of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, King and thank you for your continued support of the parish. Online giving is an excellent way to offer that support. And it saves the parish as well (by reducing the costs associated with the envelope system). Why not try it for the new liturgical year, beginning next week with the 1st Sunday of Advent.



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all year long.



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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.

Sharing Tree 2024

Gift Cards Only Please



As in the past, we are supporting organizations providing services to homeless women and children, nursing homes, survivors of human trafficking, an inner city parish as well as families and individuals within our own community.

The needs continue to be great so whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Gift Cards, in any amount, for VISA, Amazon, Target, Shop Rite, and Walmart are needed.

Some organizations have requested gift cards be in \$25 increments. This provides greater flexibility in distributing to those in need. **Whatever the amount, please clearly identify the value of the card (including the receipt is best).** Whatever generosity you can offer is greatly appreciated.

If you need assistance, or you know of someone in need, please contact Anne Denyeau. All requests are held in the strictest confidence.

Please place Gift Card(s) in an envelope labeled "Sharing Tree" and drop-off at the Rectory office no later than Monday, December 16th. The mail slot may be used after hours.

**DO NOT LEAVE GIFT CARDS IN THE CHURCH
DO NOT WRAP GIFT CARDS**

**Questions? Contact Anne Denyeau
annerafterdenyau@gmail.com or 201.970.1798**

**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**

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
THURSDAY & FRIDAY—NOVEMBER 28 & 29**

In observance of Thanksgiving, all parish offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday. A priest is always available for emergencies.

**NOTE
THERE IS NO 6:30AM MASS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Religious Education When Families Gather December Session

Mark Your Calendar—More Information to Follow
December 8, December 9, December 16

Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com
Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211

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

"Calling all Senior Citizens!"

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

HOSTED BY IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY

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

All seniors are 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.

Can you help Fr. Rolando?

As you know, Fr. Rolando is on temporary assignment and he has found the rectory to be in very poor condition. If you can provide any of the following items to help him over this immediate hurdle he would be extremely grateful.

Queen Bed Sheet Set (two sets would offer a spare);
Pillow(s)/Pillow Cases; Queen Comforter; Bath Towels;
Dish Towels; Pots/Pans; Dinner Plates; Mug/Cups;
Drinking Glasses; Knives/Forks/Spoons; Tea Kettle;
Kitchen Tools (cooking knives, spatula, etc.);
Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaning Materials.

Additional Furniture Needs: Sofa set; Recliner; Lamps;
Nightstand; Dresser; Office Table

**Please email Fr. Rolando, directly, if you can provide
any of the above—yadzki@yahoo.com**

Smaller items can be dropped off at the Mt. Carmel rectory. Arrangements can be made for the larger items if Fr. Rolando is able to use them.

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

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 23RD | 4PM-6PM
SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 24TH | 10AM-2PM

Drive-Thru Drop Off at The Holmes Building
(Located on the right of Saint Catharine's Church)
905 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Clean & Wearable Men's, Women's & Children's Clothes & Shoes;
Accessories: Handbags, Belts, Scarves, Hats, Gloves;
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
All proceeds from donated items benefit Aool students!

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY ANNUAL APPEAL

Mt. Carmel is proud to support **Academy of Our Lady** and 101 years of Catholic education! 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.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1736
ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY—DECEMBER 15TH
1:30PM-4:00PM

PARISH CENTER—ALL SENIORS WELCOME!

The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus will host the annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party, including lunch, music and entertainment, as well as a visit and gifts from Santa! Questions? Call Mike Megnin, 201.689.0562, or Mark Stappenbeck, 201.906.0102.



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 Christopher Wodenshek**



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

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

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at OLMC. Stop by the Chapel—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—any time, even through midnight hours. Better yet, sign up a Holy Hour that is good for you.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

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

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



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**.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Nov. 24	1:30PM OCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 2:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (PCB) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (PCB) 7:30PM Morbelli/Romero Conf. Group (YCA)
Mon. Nov. 25	5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Spanish Play Rehearsal (MR)
Tues. Nov. 26	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8 Makeup (PCA) 4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Nov. 27	5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thur. Nov. 28	RECTORY CLOSED-THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri. Nov. 29	8:30AM Neocatechumenal Way (PCA/B) 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Spanish Play Rehearsal (MR)
Sat. Nov.30	8:30AM Neocatechumenal Way (PCA/B) 9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 2:00PM Spanish Play Rehearsal (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)



30th Anniversary Gala

"A Child is Born"

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024—6:00PM

Westmount Country Club

Woodland Park, NJ

Enjoy an evening filled with entertainment and marvelous food. There will be a Venetian hour and a few surprises too! For reservations or more information, call 973.497.4520 or visit www.lifeneteducation.org/gala

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsas, 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 Rame, 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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel has just had the disturbing vision of the four beasts, emerging from the chaos of the sea, representing the four empires that ruled over God's people. Suddenly Daniel's attention is drawn to a more comforting scene. He sees the court of heaven preparing to pronounce judgment against the beasts. The scene is filled with brilliance and fire and into it comes the Son of Man, a human figure who contrasts with the beasts, to whom God gives a kingdom that embraces the whole world, and will last for all time.

2. Revelation 1:5-8

Above all else, Jesus is a king of love who has proved that love by His dying to free us from sin. Because of this, He deserves the honor and submission of all creation. He will come in glory at the end of time but even now he manifests His kingship by forming a kingdom of priests to give honor and glory to the Father.

3. John 18:33-37

This dialogue between Jesus and Pilate over the nature of Jesus' kingship is found only in the Gospel of John. It proceeds with the usual Johannine misunderstanding—what does it mean to say Jesus is a king. Pilate understands it in a secular sense; Jesus' understanding of His own kingship is defined by His place of origin. Jesus comes from the Father and He is King of God's kingdom. His kingship is not about wielding power, amassing lands and wealth, conducting battles as are the kingships of the worldly powers. It is about saving the world through self-giving. He rules by truth, the truth that is the full revelation of the Father, the truth that is the presence of God fully manifested in the reality of Jesus.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Two of the readings today have dreams and visions of Christ's enthronement. If someone asked you what this Kingdom is like, how would you answer?
2. How can you conform yourself to Christ's truth and speak that truth to others?
3. How does calling Christ "king" affect your understanding of Jesus?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

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

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

Monday, Nov. 25 *Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

+ **6:30AM Franca Grall**
req The Sadutto-Carley Family

+ **8:30AM William Joseph Jennings**
req Frank & Theresa Callaghan

+**12:00NN Nancy Mauro**
req Alice & Martin Mauro

Tuesday, Nov. 26

+ **6:30AM Katie Eidschun**
req Mary Pilipiak

+ **8:30AM Mike Keenan & Elizabeth Keenan**
req Betsy & Chris Marx

12:00NN In Thanksgiving
req The DeCastro Family

Wednesday, Nov. 27

+ **6:30AM Mary Frances Cone**
req Maura & Joe Bannen

+ **8:30AM Geoff Gaspari & Sally Cho**
req The Bullaro Family

+**12:00NN John & Eileen Wells**
req The Wells Family

Thursday, Nov. 28 *Thanksgiving Day*

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, Nov. 29

NO 6:30AM MASS TODAY

+ **8:30AM Elizabeth Hunt**
req The Hunt & Murphy Families

+**12:00NN The Esposito Family**
req Barbara & Tony Moreira

Saturday, Nov. 30 *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

+ **8:30AM Nicola Di Betta**
req Joe Palughi

+ **5:30PM William Hill Wright**
req Joseph & Mary Ellen O'Keefe

Sunday, Dec. 1 *First Sunday of Advent*

+ **8:00AM Al Yancius**
req Nancy's ChristLife Tablemates

+ **9:30AM Gladis Santana**
req Ruth Miller & Family

+**11:00AM Eileen & John O'Connell**
req Anne & George Skau

+**12:30PM Stephanie & John Kolodziejska**
req Maria Kolodziejska

+ **3:00PM Eliana Orosco & Jose Alfredo Guzman**
req Lia Guzman & Family

6:30PM For the People of the Parish

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, 2024 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
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