

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—November 26, 2023



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Dear Friends,

The bulletin company needed my column for this Sunday way back on Friday, Nov. 17th, only 4 days after they needed it for last Sunday's bulletin. At my age, it's tough to get the mind to think so many thoughts so close together, especially when you're trying to think of and do, other things as well, like celebrate two funerals, 3 wakes and a wedding. So I present a column I wrote, or part of it, back in 2017 because I think the reflection still applies in our day.

Today the Church celebrates the *Feast of Christ the King*, and the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year.

As feasts go, *Christ the King* is really the 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 be pushed out by ourselves as well, if not personally, than by the cultural mores of the times. Many have come to believe that humankind today worships itself, rather than God. Our age has been called the *age of entitlement*, that you and I think we are entitled to whatever we think will make us happy. In today's Gospel, Jesus presents us with the familiar scene of the Last Judgment, with the goats and the sheep, those who were attentive to the needs of others and those who were not. But in last week's Gospel, Jesus offers the parable of the talents. We too often think of talents as special skills or abilities that we have. But in the original parable, a talent was a huge sum of money, and five talents or two talents would be that much greater. They truly would be a treasure. So, in the parable, the master gives his servants a great treasure. What is that treasure? It is all that has gone before in this Gospel of Matthew, all Jesus' teachings, and Himself, as well. The Word who brings life and light. And the parable challenges the disciple to ask himself/herself what is being done with it. Earlier in Matthew, Jesus has told us, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." (Matt. 6:21). If His life and example and teachings are the real treasure, then those who live by them will live in the light and be light for the world. He is the *Word Incarnate*. And the Word Incarnate has come to reveal God to us and in revealing God to us has called us to follow a **way to be happy** that isn't always focused on ourselves. So, this Feast of Christ the King invites us to look into ourselves again and to ask, who, or what stands in the center of your heart, your life, your search for fulfillment and meaning? Who or what claims

you, your energies, your vision, your dreams?

What might you name today? Your family or someone in it? Your career? Your possessions? Would you name God? But if you say yes, I ask you to prove it to yourself? By your fidelity to worship? By your impassioned defense of belief (the same way you might defend the *Giants—hard to do this year*)?? By your support of the work of the Church? By your living out Jesus' example (compassion, forgiveness, gentleness, welcoming)? You see, if you say Christ is King, a treasure beyond all measure, and stands at the center of your heart (rather than yourself), you really have to explain how.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father...whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me." Our salvation depends not only on our relationship with Jesus, but also on how that relationship is lived with others. The Christian Steward is generous with his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, not only for God but for brothers and sisters as well. Are you?

Because the bulletin had to be sent in early, the parish Stewardship of Treasure for Sunday, Nov. 26th will appear in next week's bulletin. God bless those who are generous in support of the Gospel and are "blessed by my Father."



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9:15AM—PARISH CENTER

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Guest Speaker: Miranda Anderson
Topic: The Power of Positive Psychology

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Sharing Tree 2023



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 11th. The mail slot may be used after hours.

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Questions? Contact Anne Denyeau
annerafterydenyeau@gmail.com or 201.970.1798

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023
ON FACEBOOK—MONDAY-FRIDAY

Only the 6:30AM Mass will be live streamed.

PARISH WEBSITE/PARISH YOUTUBE PAGE

**The 6:30AM, 8:30AM & 12:00NN Masses will
continue to be live streamed Monday-Friday.**

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SUNDAY—DECEMBER 17TH

1:30PM-4:00PM

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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! If you have any questions, contact:

Mike Megnin, 201.689.0562
Mark Stappenbeck, 201.444.3346

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Religious Education When Families Gather

Monday, December 4 | 7PM-8PM | Chapel
Parent Only Session

Sunday, December 10

Families Attend 9:30AM or 6:30PM Mass
Mass will Include a Presentation on the Nativity
Questions? Contact Religious Education—201.444.0211
chunt@olmcridgewood.com
pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

Jesus & Me Story Time

Bring your child, grandchild or godchild to a fun, faith-filled story time for young children ages 2-1/2 to 5.

This Coming Saturday December 2—10:30AM
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For more information contact Adriana DeCandia
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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January 11—March 14

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This course is open to all couples—both those who are already married and those who are preparing for marriage.

For more information or to register,
contact Fr. Jakov
jvidov@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.2000 x202



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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH CENTER

ADVENT HAPPENINGS MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PHOTO SHOOT

Sunday, December 10
Following the
9:30AM & 6:30PM Masses



You're welcome to have a family photo taken in the Parish Center following either of these two Masses. We'll have two professional photographers and a Christmas themed background.

No Appointments Necessary! ~ No Pets Permitted!

Photos will be available within two weeks on the parish website.

PARISH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



FRIDAY, DECEMBER
15TH
7:00PM
PARISH CENTER

All families are invited to a special viewing of the Christmas Movie: THE STAR. Wear your Christmas jammies (or any jammies)! Bring your favorite pillow, blanket, beanbag chair, etc.

Bring a water bottle! ~ Popcorn will be provided!

THIS ADVENT FOLLOW THE TRAVELS OF MARY & JOSEPH!

Beginning Friday, December 1st!

Each day during Advent we will place a photo of Mary and Joseph along with their donkey, Boaz ("Bo" to his friends) as they journey to different places on their way to the Nativity on Christmas Day. You might be amazed at some of the places they will visit!

For the children in your family (or those with a child-like heart) there will be a map on our website that you can print out and chronicle their destination each day. As they travel, they may also give you some activities to do as we prepare for Christmas Day!

NEVER MISS A WEEKLY BULLETIN

Go to www.parishesonline.com, search Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood, NJ to subscribe. You'll receive a PDF of this bulletin in your inbox Friday morning leading into the weekend. Stay connected—even when traveling!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli, Robert Smith

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) is quiet adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where Jesus is exposed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is made possible by Scheduled Adorers every hour—even midnight hours. With notice, Substitutes cover an hour if Scheduled Adorers can't make it due to emergency or vacation. It is very important. We cannot leave Jesus alone in the chapel. This continual prayer provides abundant blessings to the faithful, their loved ones and to the community.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 9-10AM, 10-11AM
Mondays: 2-3AM, 11AM-12NN, 5-6PM
Fridays: 4-5PM, 6-7PM
Saturdays: 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

**ANNUAL MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT
FRIDAY-SATURDAY—JANUARY 26-27, 2024
SAVE THE DATE!**

If your spiritual batteries are in need of a recharge, then a Cornerstone retreat may be God's answer. Registration will open soon for our Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat held in the Parish Center.

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 LVIII. Consider it a gift to yourself.

**Questions/More Information
Contact Manny Santos, msm@mikavi.com**

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 Gershbert, 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 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 Christopher Wodenshek**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Nov. 26	1:00PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 2:15PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee Hours (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library)
Mon. Nov. 27	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Finance Council (MR)
Tue Nov. 28	3:45PM Jr. High 7A (PC) 4:00PM Religious Education (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed Nov. 29	3:45PM Jr. High 7B (PC) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thu Nov. 30	10:30AM Scripture Reflection (SMR) 4:00PM First Penance Prep (Church, Chapel) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:30PM ISP Ministry (NCW) 7:00PM Young Catholic Professionals (MR) 7:00PM First Penance Prep (PC)
Fri. Dec.. 1	9:30AM MOMs SALT (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Inspire Young Adult (PC)
Sat Dec. 2	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM First Penance Prep (Church, Chapel) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (SMR) 10:30AM Jesus & Me Story Time (MR) 12:00NN CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

**First Saturday Devotion
Saturday, December 2nd
Daily Mass Chapel**

Please join us as we pray the rosary, meditate on the mysteries and consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—immediately following the 8:30AM daily Mass.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Nov. 27

- 6:30AM Special Intention of Maria Del Cielo**
req Her Family
- + 8:30AM Honore Fontes**
req Anne & George Skau
- +12:00NN John & Eileen Wells**
req Their Family

Tuesday, Nov. 28

- + 6:30AM Michelle Paparella**
req Domenick & Crissy Morin
- + 8:30AM Galen Nantes**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag
- +12:00NN Terry Carroll**
req His Wife, Ellin

Wednesday, Nov. 29

- + 6:30AM Deanne Dunne**
req OLMC MOMs Tennis Group
- + 8:30AM Betty Hunt**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag
- +12:00NN Agnes Anselmo Yasse**
req Matt Reilly

Thursday, Nov. 30 *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

- + 6:30AM Michelle Paparella**
req John & Donna Tarabokija & Family
- + 8:30AM Annie Ivers**
req Peggy & Chris Sullivan
- +12:00NN Deceased Members
of Manhattan College Alumni**
req Anne & George Skau

Friday, Dec. 1

- + 6:30AM Thomas Langbein**
req Bryan & Mary Lynch
- + 8:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes
- +12:00NN Moya McCabe**
req Maureen & Larry Grenner

Saturday, Dec. 2 *Saint Catherine of Alexandria*

- + 8:30AM Sway Lan Yee Goon**
req Barbara Kiernan
- + 5:30PM The Ventura Family**
req The Guinchard Family

Here Ends the Year of Grace ~ 2023

Sunday, Dec. 3 *First Sunday of Advent*

- + 8:00AM Brendan & Maureen Mally**
req Peter O'Malley
- + 9:30AM Betty Steen**
req Mindy Batista
- 11:00AM For the People of the Parish**
- +12:30PM Margaret Mary Grana**
req Erica & Rich Dunckley
- + 3:00PM Marleny Cardona Pulgarin**
req The Campos Family
- + 6:30PM Peter Frey**
req Elaine St. Denis

1. Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Writing from his place in exile in Babylon, Ezekiel had warned that Jerusalem would fall, but no one would believe him. Now he speaks this oracle in which God promises that He Himself will shepherd His people, since the kings whom He had appointed had failed to do so. Three times He makes this promise, He will look after them, lead them and give them rest.

2. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

1 Corinthians 15 continues to be the Church's major source for resurrection theology. On this Feast of Christ the King the church continues to assure believers through Paul that death does not have the last word. By dying and rising, Christ became King of all creation, overcoming all hostile powers, including death and will hand over His kingdom to the Father.

3. Matthew 25:31-46

Matthew presents the most powerful judgment scene in all of the Gospels. The glorious Son of Man separates His professed followers on the basis of how they translated their experience of the Risen Christ into concrete acts of compassion for God's least ones. This is no theory or abstract idea. The criteria is very concrete and down-to-earth. For those who are condemned, their failure to recognize Jesus in the most distressed will lead to the forfeiture of their eternal future.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Who are the hungry, thirsty, naked, lonely, sick and imprisoned in our congregation? Beyond our community? How can I aid them? Do I even see them?
2. When was the last time I reached out to someone who needed my help?
3. How can I engage more effectively in sharing God's love?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

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

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00NN on the Saturday of that weekend.



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