

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

One Passaic Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450 ~ www.olmcridgewood.com

second sunday of
ADVENT



Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 4, 2022

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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BOOKKEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE

The Bookkeeper is responsible for bookkeeping and financial reporting as assigned, accounts payable, payroll, and budgeting in collaboration with the Pastor and Parish Finance Council.

Duties/Responsibilities

The following responsibilities are representative of the duties required for the position of Bookkeeper. They may be unilaterally but reasonably changed based on the needs of the position.

- Bookkeeper reports to the Pastor
- Attends Parish and Archdiocesan meetings as required
- Processes Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable
- Maintains A/P vendor and other files as necessary
- Monitors cash flow
- Processes and records payroll and maintains all necessary records
- Reconciles all Parish bank and investment savings accounts
- Coordinates with Parish ministry leads in recordkeeping for fundraising and other activities
- Coordinates and ensures compliance with document retention policies

Requirements

- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Outlook)
- Proficient in QuickBooks
- Familiarity with ADP Run Platform
- 3-5 years experience in general bookkeeping or accounting functions with various duties
- Attention to detail, accuracy, and follow through
- Cooperative and willing to assist others
- Positive attitude and willingness to learn
- Knowledge of general accounting and bookkeeping practices
- Strong communication skills, including tact and diplomacy

If interested, contact Fr Ron—ronr@olmcridgewood.com



Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
9:15AM | PARISH CENTER

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

Guest Speaker: Katherine Clark

Topic: Advent in the Home: Preparing our Family for Christ

It's the most wonderful time of the year! But wait... there's Advent! Did you know the weeks before Christmas can be beautiful, fun and memorable all on their own? There are many traditions unique to Advent—both old and new—that help families truly experience the joy of Christ's birth. Join us as we explore ways to help our family live Advent and grow closer to Jesus this Christmas.

**For more information, go to
www.olmcmoms.com or email Deirdre Costello at
OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com**

STEWARDSHIP

“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” The words of John the Baptist in today’s Gospel challenge us as well. The proof (of faith) is in the pudding (of action), as the old saying goes. The Christian Steward produces fruit by his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. What fruit do your produce in your life to escape the “coming wrath?”

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection for Sunday, 11/20, was \$14,276 and for Sunday, 11/27, it was \$14,739. God bless the good fruit you offer to the Lord for the work of the Gospel.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 Sundays of November was \$103,079. It was received as follows:

We Share Online Giving:	\$47,666
In-pew/Mailed to the Rectory:	\$55,413

As a point of comparison, church support for the 4 Sundays of November, 2021 was \$87,559. For the 5 Sundays of November, 2020 it was \$92,109 and for the 4 Sundays of November, 2019 (pre pandemic) it was \$95,259. The best way to provide consistent support for the work of the parish and the Gospel is through electronic giving—**WeShare**. Why not try it in this new season of Advent.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

There will be a collection next weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Donations may be placed in the regular collection or in the boxes at the doors of the church. Checks payable to OLMC with RFR on the memo line.

RECTORY CLOSED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Parish offices will be closed this Thursday in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MASS SCHEDULE

(Vigil) Wednesday, December 7, 7:30PM
Thursday, December 8, 6:30AM, 8:30AM & 12:00 noon.



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At the Mass on Sunday, September 11, it was announced that the candles which burned on the altar will burn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our deceased brothers and sister.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is commemorating the memory of Christopher Wodenshek

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL'S
MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS
AN EVENING OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC
AND TREE LIGHTING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH—7:30PM

MAIN CHURCH

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ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARD THE SHARING TREE

Checks may be made payable to OLMC (with "Concert" on the memo line)

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH CENTER

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Academy of Our Lady is in need of substitute teachers. Background check and attendance at Protecting God's Children workshop are required. If interested, contact Katie Branagh, 201.445.0622

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER—ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us for Morning Prayer, Monday-Friday, 6AM,
Lower Level of the School Bldg. - Enter Through Rear Door

Sharing Tree 2022

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, Target, Shop Rite, Acme, Walmart and Amazon are needed.

Some organizations have requested gift cards be in \$25 increments. This provides greater flexibility in distributing to those in need. 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 12th. The mail slot may be used after hours.

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

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

Second Sunday of Advent

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHEN FAMILIES GATHER DECEMBER SESSIONS



Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:30AM Mass in the Church
Sunday, Dec. 4, 6:30PM Mass in the Church
Monday, Dec. 5, 7:00PM-8:15PM Zoom Session
Sunday, Dec. 11, 1:45PM-3:00PM Zoom session
Monday Dec. 12 7:00PM-8:00PM
Parents Only, In Person Session, Parish Center

Please sign up for one of our monthly activities!

- Be a greeter at one of the church doors for a Christmas Eve/Day Mass as a family
- Participate in the front yard Nativity contest and decorate your front yard with a Nativity scene. Parishioners will drive by your home on December 16, 17 & 18 and vote for their favorite scene. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded with gift card amounts of \$250, \$150 & \$75 respectively. We ask that you support a local restaurant or business in Ridgewood.
- Send your family picture/Christmas card which will be placed on the screens in the Church for the Christmas Masses.

Please go to the parish website for more information about these events and to upload your photo.

JESUS AND ME STORY TIME SATURDAY, DEC. 17TH | 10:30AM-11:30AM PARISH CENTER MEETING ROOM

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles!

Bring your little one(s)—age 2-1/2 to 5 years old—and join us for an engaging preschool class filled with Bible stories, music and crafts.

Contact Adriana DeCandia for more information:
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com

The Spanish Apostolate presents...

The Nativity Play

In English and Spanish

Friday, December 16th | 7PM | Main Church



Everyone is Welcome!

Refreshments immediately following in the Parish Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1736

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 18TH

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! If you have any questions, contact Mike Megnin, 201.689.0562 or Mark Stappenbeck, 201.444.3346.

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THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR SCHEDULED ADORERS DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES

Sundays: 2-3PM, 5-6PM
 Saturdays: 5-6 PM; 10-11PM

Contact Cynthia Torres:
551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

GREETERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Masses present one of the best ways we can reach out in hospitality and love our neighbor. Many relatives and visitors, and those not regularly with us, will pour into our pews on Christmas. This is our chance to pull out all the stops and to create a welcoming atmosphere—to show who OLMC is: a community of warmth, love, excitement, and acceptance!

In order to do that, we are looking for people: individuals, or whole families, who will greet people at every entrance of our Church, before and immediately after, the Christmas Mass of your choosing. Anyone can do this! You do not need to be involved in any ministry. This is a one-time ministry opportunity.

Can you smile? Can you say “Merry Christmas and welcome to Mount Carmel?” Can you open a door? Can you pass out a song sheet and bulletin to people as they come inside? Can you greet people as they depart and wish them an energetic farewell: “Have a blessed Christmas and we can’t wait to see you again?”

If your answer is “yes!” then you can be a greeter! Scan the QR Code here and sign up at the Christmas Mass you plan to attend. Someone will be in touch with simple instructions.



Greeters will have reserved seating close to the altar.



Men’s Cornerstone Retreat
SAVE THE DATE!
January 27 & 28, 2023

This is a 26 hour retreat beginning Friday evening at 7PM and ending Saturday evening at 9PM. The retreat will be held in Mt. Carmel’s Parish Center.

This is not your typical retreat. You will hear witnesses relate their story of how faith has changed their lives. The camaraderie developed here is invaluable.

This year’s theme is “Reflect ~ Renew ~ Rebirth.” Reflect on the blessings in life; Renew your faith in God; Rebirth—with Christ, all things are new.

For more information, contact Jim Roth
jamesjroth@msn.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Dec. 4	9:30AM WFG (Church) 12:00NN CYO Basketball (Gym) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (Zoom) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate 5:00PM Jr. High 7C (PC) 6:30PM WFG (Church) 7:30PM Jr. High 7D 7:30PM Adam/Kraemer Conf. Group (YCB) 7:30PM Handy/McClure Conf. Group (REC1) 7:30PM Gazzini/Hogan Conf. Group (YCA)
Mon. Dec. 5	1:00PM WCST Bible Study (REC2) 1:00PM Staff Meeting (MR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM WFG Virtual 7:30PM Men’s Cornerstone (MR)
Tues. Dec.. 6	3:45PM Jr. High 7 th Gr. Make Up (PC) 4:00PM Religious Ed. Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Children’s Choir (Church) 6:00PM CYO Basketball 7:00PM Adult Choir (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Dec. 7	9:15AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC) 12:45PM WCST Knitting Group (Library) 6:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM First Penance Prep (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Dec. 8	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary (Chapel)
Fri. Dec. 9	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Advent/Christmas Concert (Church)
Sat. Dec.. 10	9:00AM CYO, AoOL Girls, Men’s Bball (Gym) 9:00AM C. Hunt Confirmation Prep (REC1) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Michael Bucci, Reynaldo Caling, Art Carpenter, Ellin Carroll, Peter Colgan, Maria de la Rosa, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D’Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kitty Gill, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Anna Lobascio, Dennis Maloney, Juan Martinez, Cambell McArthur, Gemma Miller, Mark Mongon, Pat Mullen, Bea O’Rourke, Joseph Pasculli, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Gerard Rolling, Michael Runz, Donald Schwenker, Barbara Sidote, Don Strittmatter, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado, James Nardelli, Robert Smith

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Dec. 5

- + 6:30AM **Anne Tierney**
req The Bolduc Family
- + 8:30AM **Sabas Badillo**
req Evelyn Badillo
- +12:00NN **Terrence Farrelly**
req Dennis & Jackie Farrelly

Tuesday, Dec. 6 *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

- + 6:30AM **Daniel Jose**
req His Family
- + 8:30AM **Peter Joseph Maliani**
req Linda Maliani
- +12:00NN **Kolec Cefa**
req Arben & Silva Rjolli

Wednesday, Dec. 7 *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- + 6:30AM **Isidoro Segundo Garrido**
req The McClure Family
- + 8:30AM **Catherine & Nicholas Maltezos**
req The Lewis Family
- +12:00NN **Olga Lord**
req Her daughters, Rosemary & Patti
- + 7:30PM **Danny McGinley**
req His Family

Thursday, Dec. 8 *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- + 6:30AM **John F. Donoghue, Sr.**
req The Bohlin Family
- 8:30AM **Special Intention of Women's Cornerstone**
req Women's Cornerstone
- +12:00NN **Sanna Brizzi**
req Dolores Morrison

Friday, Dec. 9 *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

- + 6:30AM **Stephen Sawula**
req Paul, Cheryl & Paul Sawula
- + 8:30AM **Peter Joseph Maliani**
req Linda Maliani
- +12:00NN **Maria Tarabocchia**
req Marija Picinic-Lizzi & Family

Saturday, Dec. 10

- + 8:30AM **Bette Roemke**
req The Bohlin Family
- 5:30PM **Ana Picinic**
req Her Granddaughter, Marija & Family

Sunday, Dec. 11 *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00AM **For the People of the Parish**
- + 9:30AM **Louis DeSario**
req Marilyn DeSario
- +11:00AM **Joseph Anthony Sidote, Jr.**
req Barbara & Joanne Sidote
- +12:30PM **John & Eileen Wells**
req Their Family
- + 3:00PM **Nelly Nino & Oscar Bedoya**
req The Bedoya Family
- + 6:30PM **Mary Ellen Higgins**
req The Mehos Family

1. Isaiah 11:1-10

In the previous passage, God has cut down the lofty trees of Israel, representing the royal house. As this excerpt begins, God will raise a shoot from that stump. This new king will be close to the heart of God and because of this, is gifted by God with spiritual gifts which have later come to be seen as the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The reign of this new king will be marked by a profound respect for God's word, rather than self-interest, human projects or political alliances. The promised well-being will transform the whole of creation, returning it to the innocence of life in the Garden of Eden.

2. Romans 15:4-9

In the opening lines of this excerpt, Paul underscores the value of Scripture, for instruction, encouragement and hope. While delivered to one generation of believers, it continues to speak to every generation. In the case at hand, this word of hope is directed to a community where division between Jew and Gentile was threatening their unity in Christ, Who, Himself, set the example as to how each member of the community should treat another.

3. Matthew 3:1-12

Regarded as a significant figure who stood out among his contemporaries, John was widely regarded as the prophet of his day, proclaiming the urgency of repentance before the coming judgment of the Lord. Such repentance would reap rewards while failure would reap its own punishment. John ritualizes this repentance in a baptismal cleansing, to which even the Pharisees and Sadducees were drawn. The quality of their repentance is aggressively challenged by John who warns them of yet another to come whose work will be the final judgment of God.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Are you a source of wisdom and understanding, and counsel and strength and knowledge for those around you?
2. Is there someone who has been a John the Baptist in your life? And how did you respond to that message?
3. How do you make ready a path for the Lord—in yourself, and in others?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS (always subject to change)

Sat.	12/10	5:30PM	Fr. Anthony
Sun.	12/11	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
		9:30AM	Fr. Ron
		11:00AM	Fr. Frank
		12:30PM	Msgr. Sheeran
		3:00PM	Fr. Anthony
		6:30PM	Fr. Anthony

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