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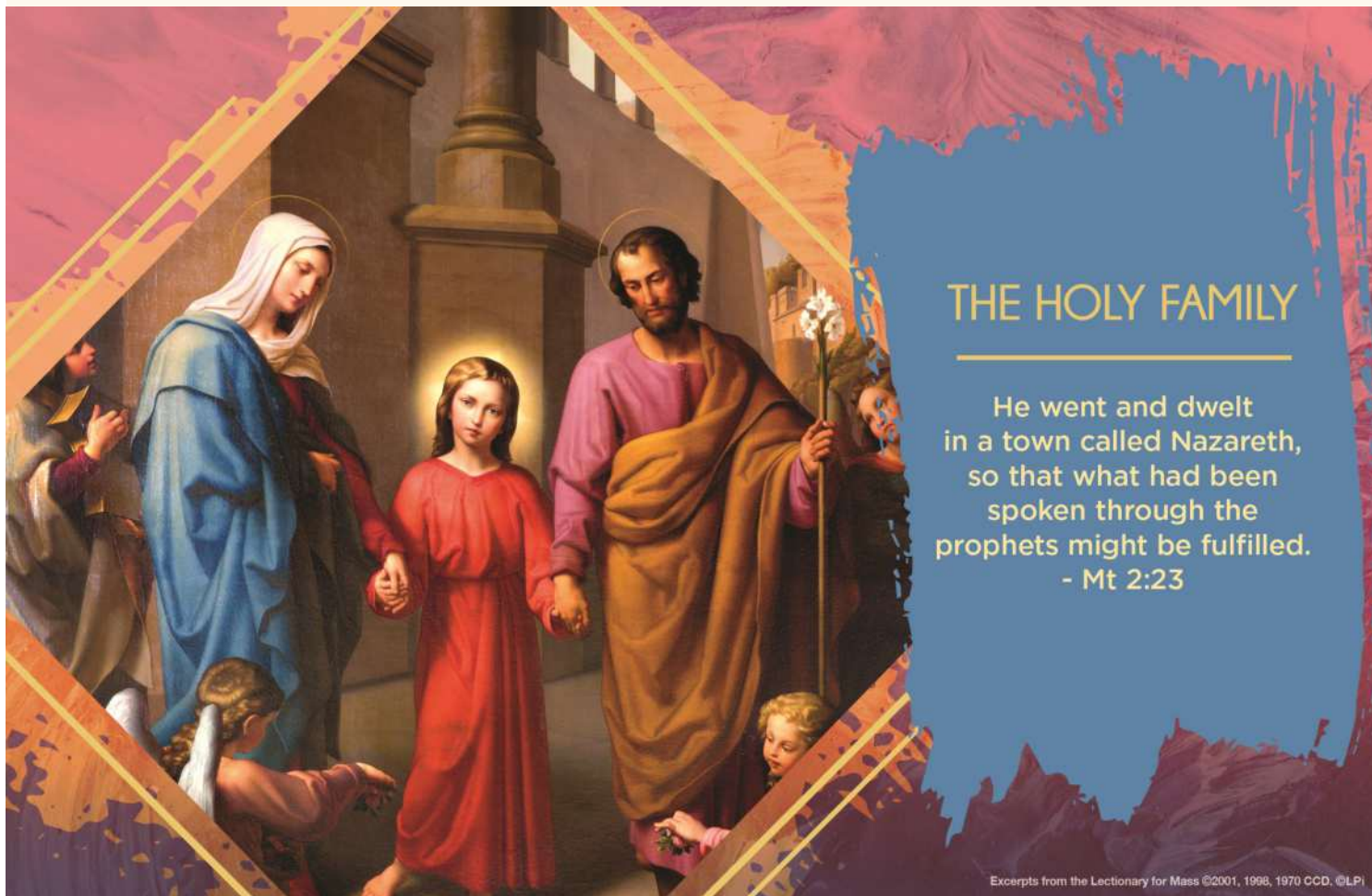
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**HOLY DAYS**

Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)

6:30am, 8:30am, and 12:00 noon

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 28, 2025*



**THE HOLY FAMILY**

He went and dwelt  
in a town called Nazareth,  
so that what had been  
spoken through the  
prophets might be fulfilled.  
- Mt 2:23

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Dear Friends,

I Apologize. With the bulletin deadline earlier than usual, 3 days before Christmas, I have simply run out of time. So I offer a reflection in the hope you won't remember it, or, at least, not mind reading it again.

Today is Holy Family Sunday, the day on which the Church celebrates family life and asks us to reflect on the family as the basic unit of society. It is the family in which we are nurtured and nourished and which, throughout our lives, offers the support that allows us to continue to grow and, at the same time, to be secure in the knowledge that there is a place where we are loved. It is in the family that we experience the ties that bind, bringing us together into the most intimate of all human relationships. Given all that we know and believe about family life, and the critical role it plays in our development, one of the saddest things to see in life are families where members are at odds with one another, whatever the cause. Even in "traditional" families, conflicts that disrupt those relationships can become so devastating to what should be "the ties that bind." In addition, we all know that families continue under a great deal of stress right now, not only because so many households now have to have two "breadwinners," but also because of the number of marriage relationships that have failed and the stress of "blended families," and the new reality of families within the context of same-sex relationships and whatever changes may be on the horizon, such as polygamous relationships. Today's Feast is a reminder that the Holy Family, to which we look for inspiration, was very much a flesh and blood family, experiencing all sorts of challenges of family life. And so we can turn to them in prayer to ask them to show us the way to more loving relationships.

I have looked through page after page on the Internet for prayers for the family but have not found anything I really liked. Most seem more suited for the inside of a greeting card. So I repeat, once again, as our reflection, this prayer, composed by the poet Robert Louis Stevenson, for all our families and for the **parish family** of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It captures so many of the deepest wishes we hope for our families and it is my hope, prayer and wish for all of you.

*Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank you for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we wait for tomorrow; for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth.*

*Let peace abound in our small community. Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and persevere. Give us the grace to accept and forgive offenses. Forgetful ourselves, help us to bear cheerfully the forgetfulness of others.*

## RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

*Give us courage and gaiety and a quiet mind. Spare us to our friends, soften us to our enemies. Bless us in all our endeavors. Give us the strength to encounter that which is to come that we may be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath and in all changes in fortune, and down to the gates of death, loyal and loving, one to another.*

*As the clay to the potter, as the windmill to the wind, as children to their father, we ask of  
You this help and mercy for Christ's sake. Amen.*

God bless all our families and this parish family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and a very large and warm thank you for all of **you** who make this parish a **real family**.

All peace and joy in the New Year,  
Fr. Ron

### STEWARDSHIP

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." These beautiful words of Paul, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, encourage the believer to acknowledge God's presence in his/her life, and to allow that presence to shine forth through oneself into the world. The Christian Steward is committed to living that kind of life through his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, offered to God and to the world in thanksgiving for blessings received. How do you **give thanks to God the Father**?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure for Sunday, 12/14 was \$10,714 (snowstorm) and for last week it was \$19,403. Traditionally, meaning before COVID, we used the tithe for two months to support organizations that provided food during the holiday season, *The Fr. English Center, Ridgewood Social Services, and the Center for Food Action*. Returning to this tradition we have sent \$3,363. to each of these organizations, representing the tithe for October and November. **God bless your generosity in support of the Gospel, the parish and those in need.**

**REFLECTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**  
**JANUARY 13, 2026 | 7:30PM | PARISH CENTER**

**Open to all Parish Families**  
(Content geared towards teens and older.)

Join us for an inspiring evening with author "Coach" Dave Powers, who will share insights from his booklet, *Reflections for Christian Athletes*. Designed for athletes and their families, this event will explore how faith, discipline, and purpose intersect on and off the field. Through 22 powerful reflections, Dave helps athletes and coaches connect daily with God, strengthen their character, and live out Christian principles in today's competitive sports world. Registration preferred but not required. Scan this QR code to register.



### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> & JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

A priest is always available for emergencies.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025—NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**VIGIL—5:30PM**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026—NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**8:30AM 10:00AM 12:00NN**



### MT. CARMEL'S THREE KINGS CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026 | 6:30PM | MAIN CHURCH**

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME WITH THEIR PARENTS**

**BRING A LETTER TO JESUS**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH CENTER**



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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Religious Education  
Grades 1-6



### JANUARY HAPPENINGS

#### First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>—9:30AM or 7:30PM  
Parish Center

One parent per family should attend either session.

#### When Families Gather Session Options

##### Virtual Baking Session with Sarah Shutrop

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 1:45PM-2:45 PM

Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM-8:00PM

##### Parents Only Session

Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30PM-8:30PM Parish Center



### Join us for Discovering Christ Beginning January 20, 2026

This isn't some *SNOOZY* church event where you sit in metal chairs, drink bad coffee and listen to somebody drone on and on about everything wrong with you. No. This is an experience! It's not about religion. It's about **the real you and the real Christ**.

This 6-week Tuesday-evening experience is for **anyone 18 or older (who has not participated already)**:

- Enjoy a **free dinner** and good company
- Listen to a **real and relevant reflection**
- Share thoughts in a **small-group setting**
- Head home — then come back the next week. You'll want to.

**ChristLife is for ANYONE—baptized, unbaptized, longtime church-goer, or just curious**

**Where:** Alternating locations between Mt. Carmel and St. Gabriel in Saddle River

**When:** Tuesday evenings, starting January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7:00PM-9:15PM

#### More Information

See the website or go to:

[lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/6RL8PxZ](http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/6RL8PxZ)

Scan the QR code above to register  
and consider bringing a friend!

**Come. See. Discover—what might be  
next in your faith life**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Anthony Bollhofer, Aedan Cannon, Nick Haddad,  
Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli,  
Michael Ortolani, Robert Smith, Thomas Tesoriero

### REGISTER NOW!

### ANNUAL MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT FRIDAY-SATURDAY—JANUARY 30-31, 2026

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 one week before Super Bowl LX. Consider it a gift to yourself.



#### Questions/More Information:

**Contact Rob Michel, [rpmtns@gmail.com](mailto:rpmtns@gmail.com)**

### Update Corner



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**Your Voice Matters!** We have conducted more than 420 Listening Sessions throughout the Archdiocese. And we are still gathering insights. We want to ensure your input is included to help shape our future!

Scan the QR code and click "**Model Feedback Form.**"  
Please share your comments by **Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**.



### OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood

#### MOMs MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

9:15AM—PARISH CENTER

**Guest Speaker: Kelly Mantoan**

#### Topic—Finding Peace & Joy in Our Vocations

Join us for upbeat and charismatic Catholic speaker, Kelly Mantoan. Kelly will share ways of finding true joy in our vocations despite the challenges we may face. Start off your new Year with a positive mindset about how God is calling you and how you can follow His will. For more information, go to [www.olmcmoms.com](http://www.olmcmoms.com) or email Alexis Kenny, [OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com](mailto:OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com).

**MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!  
No RSVP Required! COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!**

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

**THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 8:30AM MASS**

#### Daily Mass Chapel

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.



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
(PEA)  
CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas Season!  
“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.”

*Luke 2:11*

As we celebrate Christmas, we give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, born in humility and love for our salvation. May the light of His birth bring peace to our hearts, strengthen our faith, and inspire us to share His love through kindness and compassion.

Everyone is invited to come to the PEA chapel at any time to give praise and thanks to God and to pray for our loved ones and all of mankind. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, even overnight. Better yet, sign up for a weekly Holy Hour that is good for you. Help keep the door open to anyone seeking God—to anyone seeking peace.

**SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED**

Sundays: 2-3AM; Wednesdays: 2-3AM;  
Fridays: 4-5AM; Saturdays: 5-6PM

**For more information**

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, [cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com)

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—LISTEN UP!**

We are seeking volunteers from the high school Youth Group to hang with our Jr. High students at their weekly gatherings—Thursdays, 3:45PM-5:00PM.

Lead the opening icebreaker. Run an activity. Provide mentorship. This is an excellent opportunity to grow in faith and help others with their faith journey in the process.

Scan this QR code to sign up!



**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS... THERE'S MORE!**

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Jr. High program is seeking enthusiastic and responsible high school students to serve as teacher assistants for our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation classes. Volunteers will assist with classroom activities, lead small group discussions, and foster a welcoming faith-filled environment. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn service hours while growing in your own faith.

Scan this QR code to sign up!



**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD NEWS**

**Caretakers Support Group for Neurodegenerative Disease**

First Monday of every month—6PM-8PM—Ridgewood YMCA  
Call 201.444.5600 x302 to register.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

|               |                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun. Dec. 28  | 1:30PM OCIA (MR)<br>4:00PM Spanish Christmas Party (PC)                                                                                 |
| Mon Dec. 29   | 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>7:30PM Contemporary Choir (Church)                                                                       |
| Tues. Dec. 30 | 5:30PM CYO Basketball (GYM)<br>8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)                                                                         |
| Wed. Dec. 31  | RECTORY CLOSED                                                                                                                          |
| Thurs. Jan. 1 | RECTORY CLOSED                                                                                                                          |
| Fri. Jan 2    | 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>6:30PM Three Kings Party (Church, PCA)<br>7:00PM Inspire Young Adult Ministry (MR)                       |
| Sat. Jan. 3   | 9:00AM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)<br>9:00AM WCST Epiphany Retreat (PCB)<br>6:30 PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) |

**Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings  
Parish Center—10:30AM-11:45AM  
All are Welcome!**

For more than a year a group of parishioners have met weekly to read, study, and share the meaning of the texts so as to prepare for the upcoming Scripture at weekend liturgy. Many have commented that it has deepened their faith and made a difference in their life.

*“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” ...St. Jerome*

It is not necessary that you attend every Thursday but, if you plan to attend, please contact Linda English so that materials may be available for you.

Linda—[lenglish122@gmail.com](mailto:lenglish122@gmail.com) or text 201.207.5920

**SAVE THE DATE  
Our Next Jesus & Me Story Time  
Saturday, January 24, 2026—10:30AM  
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](mailto:thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com)  
\$10 suggested donation per family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

Dale Adamo, Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Julianna Grace Giles, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Ramge, Linda Reo, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Nancy Steen, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Carmen Vega-Torres, 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.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



### TODAY'S READINGS

#### 1. Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Joshua Ben Sira, a wise and experienced Jew of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century, BC, shares his wisdom in one of the largest of all biblical books, the Book of Sirach. Today's excerpt is part of a larger section on family relationships. True religion involves duties to others, most notably, family members, especially parents, even suggesting that it can serve as atonement for sins.

#### 2. Colossians 3:12-21

Basing his challenge to virtue on each person's baptismal call, Paul reminds his readers that those who have been chosen are made holy by Christ and are responsible to live in a manner worthy of that call. He then enumerates the basic virtues which give evidence of this life and exhorts all Christians that every word and action should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

#### 3. Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Throughout his infancy narrative, Matthew portrays the events which unfold around Jesus, Mary and Joseph as being under the direct control of God. And the primary form of divine intervention is the dream. Joseph, like his counterpart in the Old Testament, receives all his information from God in dreams. Jesus, like His counterpart in the Old Testament, Moses (saved from Pharaoh), is delivered from the hands of Herod. Jesus flees to Egypt for safety, as the Patriarch Jacob fled to Egypt for food, from the great famine. Jesus returns to Israel, in a new exodus, as Israel left Egypt in the first Exodus. For Matthew, Jesus is the new Moses, but greater still, for He is God's Son

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Think of the values enumerated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, compassion, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness. Do you wrap your actions in these virtues?
2. "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." How, when and where can you let this happen in your life?
3. Are all your human relationships rooted in God? What could this mean for your life?

### NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

|          |         |                 |
|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Sat. 1/3 | 5:30PM  | Fr. John Carlos |
| Sun. 1/4 | 8:00AM  | Fr. Ron         |
|          | 9:30AM  | Fr. Jakov       |
|          | 11:00AM | Fr. Jakov       |
|          | 12:30PM | Fr. Ron         |
|          | 3:00PM  | Fr. John Carlos |
|          | 6:30PM  | Fr. John Carlos |

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

**Monday, Dec. 29** *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

- + 6:30AM **Ermidio Busanic**  
req Lori Morin
- + 8:30AM **Hortensia Garrido**  
req The McClure Family
- +12:00NN **Victoria O'Neill**  
req Mary & James Judge

**Tuesday, Dec. 30**

- + 6:30AM **Jose Hernandez**  
req Pilar Shilad
- + 8:30AM **Thomas Fallon**  
req Rory & Mickie Phalen
- +12:00NN **Gloria Aloni**  
req Harriett Mullen

**Wednesday, Dec. 31** *Saint Sylvester I, Pope*

- + 6:30AM **Frank Prezio**  
req Jeanmarie & Patrick Mulholland
- + 8:30AM **Steve Haas**  
req Ed & Monica McCabe
- +12:00NN **Max & Alice Schoenfeld**  
req Their Grandchildren
- + 5:30PM **John & Eileen Wells**  
req Peggy Frazza

**Thursday, Jan. 1** *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

- NO 6:30AM MASS
- + 8:30AM **Aurora Talavera**  
req Bobby & Cherrie Martinez
- +10:00AM **John Dunworth**  
req His Family
- +12:00NN **Dan Negron**  
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag

**Friday, Jan. 2** *Saint Stephen, the First Martyr*

- NO 6:30AM MASS
- + 8:30AM **John & Eileen Wells**  
req Their Family
- +12:00NN **Judy McInerney**  
req Her Family

**Saturday, Jan. 3** *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

- + 8:30AM **Fr. Joseph Nativo**  
req His Family

**5:30PM For the People of the Parish**

**Sunday, Jan. 4** *The Epiphany of the Lord*

- + 8:00AM **Juan Cruz**  
req Pilar Shilad
- + 9:30AM **Julia Francesco**  
req Michael Francesco
- +11:00AM **Veronica Eckels**  
req Joe & Pat Coppola
- +12:30PM **Raymond John DeLeon**  
req Laurie Gallo
- 3:00PM In Thanksgiving**  
req Awilda Montalvo
- + 6:30PM **Kahleen Van Duffelen**  
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