

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY



**“Building the Kingdom...
one child at a time.”**

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Dear Friends,

Thank you:

-to all who were able to make it to the 9/11 Mass. It is an important human quality or characteristic to be able to remember and when we come together to “remember” those who lost their lives on that horrific day, we show to those who continue their lives with a hole in their heart that we, their friends and neighbors, have not forgotten and we hope this is a consolation for them.

-to Jeff Voigt and the entire crew that made the Block Party another great success. They put in a really long day to make this a special moment in the life of our parish. When Lou Dinella moved to Florida I worried about who would step up and continue this job of coordinating the many hands needed to make this work. Jeff did, and did a great job. Thanks to all who stopped by and especially to every child and young person who took such delight in dunking whoever was in the tank at the time, myself, Fr. Kevin and Deacon Jakov. This year, the tank seemed especially susceptible to dunking but it was great to see the smiles on the kid’s faces. Thanks again to all who made the day a great one. And to God for the really fine weather.

As you can see from the cover of the bulletin, this is **ACADEMY OF OUR LADY WEEKEND**. It is the weekend we remember that we **do have** a Catholic School in this parish, but it just so happens that we share it with our neighboring parish, St. Catharine’s, and it just so happens that it’s on their grounds (because they have more property than we do and a bigger building than we do).

The Academy is very much a part of our apostolates and we are very much a part of its life. Many families of our parish go there; a number of our parishioners teach there; our priests celebrate Mass there, hear confessions there and often teach there. Sometimes we lose sight of this fact because the school is not on site, but it is very much a part of our parish life.

The Academy advances the apostolate of the parish, as an instrument for formation and education in the Catholic faith. It fulfills the objective of the *Parish Mission Statement* that appears weekly on the front cover of this bulletin, believing in Jesus Christ and embracing his teaching to be the light of the world – into the future. The heart of the school is faith formation, a solid grounding in the beliefs of Catholicism, lived out in a community of love, respect and joy. God, Jesus Christ, religion and values are very much a part of the student, in instruction, in atmosphere and in the personal relationships between teachers and students and between students and students.

Having said this, I need to add that by all measurements, **The Academy of Our Lady** is an excellent school academically. **The Academy** is a **Blue Ribbon School**, nationally recognized by the US Department of Education. This year, the school will be establishing a chapter of the Junior National Honor Society. All the teachers are certified, many have or are working for advanced degrees and all have been through the state-mandated

background checks. Our new principal comes to **The Academy** with many years of administrative experience. The school consistently does well in academic competitions and standardized testing. I'm sure many know about Regis High School, an all-boys New York High School whose entire student body attends on academic scholarship. I'm told that over 1,000 students apply each year. For two consecutive years, 3 boys each year, have been accepted, a testament to the academic prowess of **The Academy. The Academy of Our Lady** is an excellent investment in your children's future.

This brings me to a final plea as we celebrate **Academy of Our Lady Weekend**. Beyond tuition additional resources are needed to keep the school flourishing. Some of these resources come from the fundraising of the Home and School Association and of the Fathers' Guild, but an important part is the *Annual Fund Appeal*. Each year, I ask each of our parish households (myself included) to pledge a hundred dollars, as a single gift, or a monthly payment for the next four months, to help us continue to make this important way of providing Catholic formation available for future generations. At \$25 a month, it is an investment in the future of the Catholic community that is certainly worth it. Catholic School education is a proven plus when it comes to practicing and active members of the Church in the future. I pledge, won't you join me in this crusade for our children? Envelopes are in the pews and may be placed in the baskets with your ordinary gift, or in the boxes at all the doors of the church. Thank you and ...

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

PS. Of course, if you would like to give more, all the better.

STEWARDSHIP

"If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me." In the 2nd Reading, Paul voices his inner conflict, to go to the Lord, or to continue to labor for the Lord while still here. So too for us. While we are still here on earth, how do we engage in "fruitful labor"? The Christian Steward "labors" for the Lord by using his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** for the work of the Gospel. How do you labor?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$20,653. This week's tithe for **Sharing Our Gifts** will be sent to *Reaching the Unreached*, a ministry of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, providing housing, food, schooling and water to the poorest of the poor in Southern India. God bless all whose generosity supports the "labor" of the parish for the Gospel.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - 11:00AM

A Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be held at OLMC in the Church. This is an opportunity for the entire parish community to come together in a special way to pray for our families, friends and loved ones who are in need of healing.

Although all are invited to the Mass to pray, only certain people are eligible to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament may only be celebrated with those who are baptized Catholics, who are of the age of reason and have begun to be in danger from illness or the infirmities of age. The danger need only to have begun to exist; the person does not need to be in danger of dying. Elderly people who are weak because of their age, though not dangerously ill, are eligible to receive the Sacrament.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is designed to bring comfort to those who are ill and help them unite their sufferings with the suffering of Christ on the Cross. Refreshments will be held in the Parish Center after the Mass. **Please call 201.444.2000 Ext. 200 to RSVP.**

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017—9AM OR 7PM

If you volunteer with children or vulnerable adults at Mt. Carmel, you are **REQUIRED** to attend a *Protecting God's Children* workshop. OLMC will next offer two workshops on Wednesday, October 11th at either 9AM or 7PM. **Register online at www.virtus.org.** Questions may be directed to Liz Tullo at etullo@olmcridgewood.com

SICK, ELDERLY & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY MEETING POSTPONED

The Meeting for the Sick, Elderly & Homebound Ministry Volunteers, originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th, **HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR A NEW DATE.

 **CAREER RESOURCES MINISTRY** *CREATE YOUR COMMUNICATION STRATEGY & RESUME TODAY* **SUNDAY, SEPT. 24th - 1:00PM PARISH CENTER**

The Career Resources Ministry will be presenting the first in a series of fall/winter Workshops **TODAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, at 1:00PM in the Parish Center.** Professionals, who are members of the Ministry, will be discussing the topic: "**Create your communications strategy and resume**".

For a detailed description of this workshop, along with future dates and topics go to www.olmcridgewood.com, click on the link on the homepage. Contact Carol Shea, carol.shea@att.net or Tom Lewis, tomlewis812@aol.com, with any questions or information on job openings.

At the Mass of Remembrance on September 11th, it was announced that the candles 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 Michael Carroll.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**WHEN FAMILIES GATHER – PARENT MEETING
PARISH CENTER**

**TODAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—10:30AM OR
TOMORROW—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25—7:00PM**

One parent per family is requested to attend one of the sessions.

School Model: We are still looking for catechists and substitutes for the school model Religious Education program. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Michael Cesario at 201.444.0211 x401.

There are still a few seats left for grades 1-6 religious ed. If you have not signed up yet or are new to the parish, please see Michael Cesario or Cathy Hunt about registering.

PRESCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

NOW BEING OFFERED FOR 3-1/2, 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS!

Join us for fun and educational Mommy and Me classes that will begin your child's journey of the Catholic faith. For details about dates and times contact Adriana DeCandia at thedomesticchurch@yahoo.com

**STICKBALL TOURNAMENT
TO BENEFIT LOCAL
PEOPLE IN NEED**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017
PASSAIC STREET
REGISTRATION: 9:30AM
START: 10:00AM—END: 2:00PM**



**TEAMS OF 4: \$100 OR \$25PP (CO-ED TEAMS WELCOME)
(\$120 AT THE DOOR) LUNCH INCLUDED**

**FREE T-SHIRT: GUARANTEED FOR TEAMS REGISTERED
BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH.**

Enjoy a fun fall event with friends and/or family and help struggling men and women in our community! OLMC'S Knights of Columbus, in partnership with the Run for Hope Foundation, is sponsoring a community stickball tournament to benefit recently homeless men and women who struggle with addiction through Mt. Carmel's Homeless Retreat Ministry.

Street stickball played on closed-off Passaic Street will be a wonderful community event. No experience necessary. Enjoy the round-robin tournament, and help a good local cause.

There will be a 15-minute intermission with short program describing the charity.

To register: www.bit.ly/OLMCstickball

CAN'T ATTEND BUT WANT TO HELP SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY?

Make check payable to: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Homeless Retreat Ministry
One Passaic Street
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**Or, make a secure donation by credit card at:
www.bit.ly/homelessretreats**

**CATECHESIS
FOR
ADULTS
&
YOUTH**



CONTINUES

**MONDAYS & THURSDAYS—8:00PM
IN THE PARISH CENTER
WWW.OLMCRIDGEWOOD.COM**

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017**

**ROSARY—9:30AM—CHAPEL
MASS—10:00AM—CHAPEL**

**BREAKFAST—IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING—PARISH CENTER
SPEAKER: SR. THERESA RICKARD**

The community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is invited to join the Rosary Altar Society at their annual Communion Breakfast where we will hear from Sr. Terry, a nationally recognized speaker and author. Please register for this event by October 10! Mail your check for \$20, payable to OLMC, to Louise Gervolino, 301 Kensington Drive, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUPS

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Ministry for Separated & Divorced will meet on Tuesdays, during October and November 7:30PM-9:00PM. Separated and divorced individuals experience bouts of stress, loneliness, conflict, guilt and many other emotions. As a Christian Community, we invite anyone in the community who needs support. Members share resources, information and prayer to help with the healing process. The ministry meets in the lower level of the school building located at 52 Passaic Street, Ridgewood. **For more information please call 201.632.5779 or email olmc.sd.ministry@gmail.com.**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - 12:00 NOON**



In honor of one of the world's most beloved saints - St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day Oct. 4th), Mt. Carmel will have the blessing of animals of all kinds.

Join us on the Passaic Street Plaza on **Saturday, September 30th—12:00NN**

Bring all your pets and have them receive a blessing!.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

Chapel is open 24/7
Children are welcome!

Let us embrace the whole world with prayer.

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by at any time at the chapel and say a quiet prayer. We may praise God, thank God, examine our conscience, say petitions for ourselves and for our loved ones, read the Bible, say the rosary, wait on the Lord to talk to us (the most profound), or simply enjoy His holy presence. PEA saves souls. Come join us.

Scheduled Adorers urgently needed:

Sunday: 12noon-1pm, 5-6pm; Monday: 9am-10am
Wednesday 6am-7am; Thursday: 9-10am;
Friday: 12noon-1pm; Saturday: 6pm-7pm

For information in English, call/text/email
Cynthia at 551.574.1063 or cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com
For information in Spanish, call/email
Patricia Engel at 201.410.5159 or Camuscat2@yahoo.com



Scheduled Adorers, Substitute Adorers and Visitors of the Blessed Sacrament share fellowship at the Annual PEA BBQ held September 9th.

As part of the Archbishop Gerety Lecture Series...

**“FROM IMMIGRANT PARISH TO INTERCULTURAL CHURCH:
The Ongoing Ecclesial Movement of U.S. Catholicism”**

PRESENTED BY: **REV. SIMON C. KIM, PH.D**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH—7:30PM

Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary
Registration is strongly encouraged. Please contact Debbie Kurus at deborah.kurus@shu.edu or 973.761.9016.

SILENT RETREATS

Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown once again invites all OLMC and St. Catharine parishioners to attend one of its four silent retreats offered this fall.

October 6-8 “Freedom & Awareness” - 34th Annual Our Lady of the Rosary, Women’s Retreat led by Rev. Kirk Reynolds, S.J.

November 10-12 “Ignation Spiritual Retreat” - Co-ed Retreat led by Rev. Tom Marciniak S.J.

December 8-10 “Freedom & Awareness” - Women’s Advent Retreat led by Rev. Kirk Reynolds, S.J.

If you can gift yourself with one of these special, spiritual experiences, please let us know as soon as possible so we can reserve your space on the weekend of your choice. For more information call Erma McCarthy 201.652.1460 or Mary Weinstein 201.773.6239.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. Sept. 24:** 10:30AM WFG Parent Meeting (PCA/B)
10:45AM Rel Ed SM & Parent Mtg (School)
11:00AM RCIA (SLL/A)
1:00PM Career Resources Meeting (PC/A)
4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC/A)
- Mon. Sept. 25:** 9:30AM Spiritual Yoga (MR)
7:00PM SMTM (Lib)
7:00PM WFG Parent Mtg.(MR)
7:00PM Finance Mtg (SMR)
7:30PM Jr High Gr 8 Orientation (Church)
8:00PM Catechesis (PCA/B)
- Tues. Sept. 26:** 4:00PM Choir Practice (Choir Rm)
4:00PM Rel Ed SM (REC, School)
7:00PM Rel Ed Home Grp (MR)
7:30PM WCST Team 18 (REC 2Fl)
7:30PM Jr High Gr 7 Coordinator (PCA/B)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)
- Wed. Sept. 27:** 9:00AM MOMs Coffee & Kids (PCA)
6:30PM Post Confirmation Mtg (MR)
8:00PM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)
- Thur. Sept 28:** 8:00PM Catechesis (PCA/B)
- Fri. Sept 29:** 9:30AM Neo-Catechumenal (NCW Rms)
8:00PM Pre-Cana (NCW-A)
- Sat. Sept. 30:** 11:00AM Mass of Anointing (Church)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH
Luke Abbadessa, Joey Arcilla, Kevin Bombace, Russ Burnside, Francis Cabrera, Josefa Calero, Peter Colgan, Maria De la Rosa, Maria Garate, Lauren Harpster Hines, James E. Hough, Carl King, Anna Lobascio, Tristan Morris, Joseph Pasculli, Kerri Prettitore, Adele Rivas, Christopher Roddy, Rose Marie Rutz, Francis Savage, Tom Schmidt, Luke Schwendeman, Tommy Shea, Kenny Sheehan, Joseph Sidote, Mark Steppe, Susan Sullivan, Tim Tileston, Patricia Uzzalino, Antonina Turdo Volpé, Christina Volpé.

Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick, so we can include them in our prayer list.

**THE MASS CLASS!
THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH – 7:00PM-9:00PM
PARISH CENTER**

Would you like to open yourself to a richer encounter with God as you participate at Mass? Are you longing to understand, more fully, the mystery and beauty of the Mass? Please join our Parish Family, to learn about, **“What Happens At Mass.”**

Peter Denio, our Pastoral Associate of Faith Formation will guide us in a deeper understanding of The Mass. This encore presentation will begin promptly at 7PM and end at 9PM. Join us for refreshments at 6:30PM in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Questions? 201.873.4239



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Monday, Sept. 25th

- + **6:30AM Harry McWilliams**
req Catherine Calardo
- + **8:30AM Protection of Babies in the Womb and Their Families**
req The Cooney Family
- + **12:00NN Sara Nieto**
req Betty Vera

Tuesday, Sept. 26th Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

- + **6:30AM Dr. Ronald A. Sarno, Esq.**
req The Sarno Family
- + **8:30AM Peter J. Fearon, Jr.**
req Kathleen E. Fearon
- + **12:00NN Edmund & Mary Schoenfeld**
req Their Family

Wednesday, Sept 27th Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

- + **6:30AM Daniel Mulholland**
req Kevin & Maureen Ward
- + **8:30AM Antonio Greco**
req Francesca Bartolotta & Family
- + **12:00NN Romulo Esguerra**
req The Lozada Family

Thursday, Sept. 28th Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;

- Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*
- + **6:30AM Anthony Longo**
req Kevin & Maureen Ward
- + **8:30AM John Amicucci**
req Patrick Dowling
- + **12:00NN Agustino Morin**
req Josephine Tarabocchia & Family

Friday, Sept. 29th Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- + **6:30AM Helen Egiziano**
req Kevin & Maureen Ward
- + **8:30AM Mary Welsh**
req Mary Anne Russo
- + **12:00NN Anna Griffith**
req The Griffith Family

Saturday, Sept. 30th Saint Jerome,

- Priest and Doctor of the Church*
- + **8:30AM John O'Brien**
req Marilyn Nagle
- 5:30PM For the People of the Parish**

Sunday, Oct. 1st Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- + **8:00AM Patrick C. Moore—20th Anniversary**
req Veen & Family
- + **9:30AM Agustino Morin**
req Josephine Tarabocchia
- + **11:00AM Angela & John Servello**
req The Macchiarola Family
- 12:30PM For the Unborn**
req The Respect Life Committee
- + **3:00PM Miguel Vera**
req The Vera Family
- + **6:30PM Mickey & Mary Mullady**
req The Mullady Family

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TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 55: 6-9

The first half of the Book of the prophet Isaiah is predominately a book of warnings about Israel's unfaithfulness and its consequences for the life of the nation. From chapter forty onward, the oracles of the prophet offer a message of comfort and hope. While many may have blamed God for their misfortune, the prophet leads them in another direction. Humble pleading for God's mercy will succeed. The loss of the Promised Land would not be irreversible. Having turned to God for mercy, the exiles would return home to begin anew their relationship with their God Who has unimaginable blessings in store for them.

2. Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

By his own admission, Paul wavers between the desire to live with Christ (death) and the desire to go on working for Christ in this world (living). In the end, Paul was peaceful with whatever path God chose for him, so long as he, and they, would live in a way worthy of the Gospel itself.

3. Matthew 20: 1-16

Of the many unsettling Gospel passages, today's text must be considered near the top of the list. It challenges the sense of fairness with which we all tend to approach the workplace. A day's wage for a day's work. The normal presumption would be that each group would receive an amount commensurate with the length of its workday. The reversal of the ordinary payment order leads to greater expectations which were eventually not met. The key to understanding is found in the last sentence. The righteousness of God is not bound by human standards. Whether a person comes to God early or late, their welcome will be equally warm.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. When have you experienced God's generous love for you?
2. Have you ever been in a situation when someone else "got" what you thought you deserved, or "got" more than you thought they deserved?
3. Do you ever feel angry with God because others have more than you or that you're never rewarded for your labors?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 9/30	5:30PM	Fr. Kevin
Sun. 10/1	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Kevin
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Robert
	3:00PM	Fr. Kevin
	6:30PM	Fr. Robert

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