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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

April 6, 2025



“LET THE ONE
AMONG YOU WHO IS
WITHOUT SIN BE THE
FIRST TO THROW A
STONE AT HER.”

- JN 8:7

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Dear Friends,

Like last week, two items before the return to *33 Days*.

- A special plea to those who have supported the **Annual Appeal** in the past. Please continue that support. The work of the Gospel depends on it. The most significant date in this request is June 30, 2025. In order to be counted in the formula for the rebate, the **pledge** (not the payment) must be made before June 30, 2025. Please move this cause along in your planning.
- Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. What has become the traditional Palm Sunday Procession will first gather at Vets' Field at 11:30 and after the blessing of Palm will process to the church for the 12:30 Mass. It is a great testimony and witness to our faith and all are invited to join. Although I will write more about Holy Week in my column next Sunday, I do want to mention that there is an expanded schedule for the celebration of Reconciliation—confessions, which begins next Saturday, April 12th. Confessions will still be heard from 1:00PM to 2:00PM but there will be 4 priests hearing. Confessions will resume on Tuesday, 4/15 with the parish Penance Service (with individual confessions) and conclude on Wednesday, 4/16, again with 4 priests hearing but for two hours, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. I wanted to give you a heads-up on those hours ahead of time.

To be human is to be hungry. Like every creature in the animal world, we need to eat, to be nourished, not only just to live, but to function. But there are other types of hunger; to be hungry for comfort, for success, for companionship, for security. So many hungers in our lives. But the greatest hunger is the yearning to be complete, to be fulfilled. **That hunger** can only be found in God, more specifically for us, in Jesus Who is the Bread of Life.

That hunger is best fed in the Eucharist. On the night before Jesus died, when he knew he would not see another sunset, when, obviously, these moments were precious to him, what did he do? He gathered with his friends and in a meal like no others promised that He would be with them as he says at the close of Matthew's Gospel, "until the end of the age." There are no metaphors here. There are no symbols here. "Take and eat, this is my body." The early Christians knew this—the early, early Christians. They prayed together, they worked together, they lived in community together, they ate together, they cared for each other in sickness, all of this, even when divisions popped up. But at the pinnacle of their common life together was the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist, when they knew Christ was in their midst.

This section of Kelly's book is entitled The Eucharist and History, and after challenging the reader to fully believe Jesus, in his own words, about his presence in the bread and wine, Kelly invites us to look at some important moments in this Eucharistic history; Eucharistic miracles, the miracle of Fatima, and closer to home, our own 1st Communion, the Eucharistic presence of Christ in churches all over the world, big and small, beautiful and maybe not-so-beautiful. Each of

these reflections, one day at a time, are meant to remind us of the presence of the living Christ in our world, both personal and global, a 2,000 year old reality hard to explain but for faith, faith in the God who's love stretches beyond time and place.

In the closing days of our pilgrimage (remember the 33 days are meant to be read one day at a time, as we would if we were actually on a 33 day pilgrimage), the reader is invited to look inward, to each one's life, to a life of virtue, lived beyond the restlessness and chaos that agonize the human heart, to a life of holiness, created and sustained by making every moment a holy moment, consciously injecting divine meaning and purpose into our choices.

The book ends with the Prayer of Eucharistic Consecration, which is the point of the whole pilgrimage, to consecrate ourselves anew to the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. But just before that Kelly quotes an old poem which is a beautiful reminder of something we may have long forgotten—or never learned. The poem is called: *The Touch of the Master's Hand*," by Myra B. Welch. I quote from Kelly's commentary on the poem.

"Amazing things become possible when we place ourselves in the Master's hands, and that is exactly what you are going to do today by consecrating yourself to Jesus in the Eucharist. You may feel battered and scarred. You may think your life is out of tune. You may have lost sight of your true worth. The thoughtless crowd may have given up on you. But when we allow the Master to direct our lives, everything changes."

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, Pg. 152

What we sometimes forget, or may never even have considered, is that when we receive Jesus, He receives us and takes hold of our lives, with the chance to become who He wants us to be. If you have nothing to do for the first 33 days after Easter, give this book a try, one day at a time. A post-Easter pilgrimage, right in your own home.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"I consider everything as loss...I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish." In the 2nd Reading, Paul reminds the reader of what's important and what's not. Christ—yes. All else—no. The Christian Steward tries to put Christ, and the Kingdom, first, offering gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to keep his/her focus on Christ, to grasp the prize—life on high in Jesus Christ. Where is your focus today?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,157. The Stewardship of Treasure for the 5 Sundays of March was \$133,667. It was received as follows:

OnLine Giving (WeShare/Venmo) \$54,077
In Pew/Mailed to the Rectory \$79,590

God bless your generous support of the work of the Gospel. Online giving stabilizes the parish's income and helps to better manage its resources.

NO CONFESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY EVENINGS—APRIL 7 & APRIL 14

This is due to scheduling conflicts in the Church and the Holy Week Schedule. Confessions will be heard Saturday, April 12, 1PM-2PM.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions Saturday, April 12, 1:00-2:00pm
Parish Penance Service Tuesday, April 15, 7:30PM
Confessions Wednesday, April 16, 7:00-9:00pm
NO CONFESSIONS AFTER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

PALM SUNDAY—April 13

Saturday Eve: 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am
12:30pm, 3:00 (Spanish), 6:30pm
**11:30am—Blessing of Palm & Procession from
Veterans Field to the Church for the 12:30pm Mass**

HOLY THURSDAY—April 17

Morning Prayer—8:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18

Morning Prayer—8:30am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY—April 19

Morning Prayer—8:30am
Blessing of Easter Baskets—12:00 Noon
Solemn Easter Vigil—8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY—April 20

8:00am
9:30am—Church 9:30am—Auditorium
11:00am—Church 11:00am—Auditorium
12:30pm—Church 12:30pm—Auditorium-Spanish

NO 6:30 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY



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Checks (payable: 2025 Annual Appeal) may also be placed
in the collection basket, in the boxes at the doors of the
church, or mailed/dropped off at the rectory.

Pledges **MADE** by June 30 and **FULFILLED** by
December 31 are calculated in the OLMC rebate.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Religious Education—Lent Confessions

The last session of Lent Confessions for all students in Grades 2-8 is shown below. If your child has not attended a previous session, please attend tomorrow afternoon or evening.

Monday, April 7, 4:00PM-5:30PM or 7:00PM-8:30PM



Hawthorne Movie Theater
(300 Lafayette Ave.)
Tuesday, April 15th
10:00AM
Private Showing!

A new movie about Jesus' life, **The King of Kings**, is coming out this month! It is the story of Jesus Christ told by Charles Dickens, and seen through the eyes of a child, rated PG. Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host a private showing on April 15 (during your Spring Break). Cost is \$17 per person and includes a drink and a popcorn. Please join us for this morning of fun and faith with your community!

To sign up and pay, please scan the QR code here.



For anyone reading the bulletin Friday...

Youth Ministry Food Drive/FROZEN Pan Drop Off
This Weekend, Saturday, April 5—9AM-12NN
Drive thru drop off in the school building driveway.
Ministry Contact: Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

ATTENTION CATHOLIC COLLEGE ALUMNI YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our Youth Ministry program is gearing up for its 7th Annual CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT. Last year, representatives from thirty-four Catholic Colleges from around the country participated allowing the teenagers of our parish, and community at large, to talk with representatives and obtain information. The event was a huge success for both our young people and the representatives from the schools.

We're hoping if you have a connection with your Alumni Association or may be a donor to your alma mater, that you would contact them and ask them to participate! Or, if you can forward the proper contact information to the youth office we can contact them directly. The event information is shown below. Thank you for your assistance!

EVENT: Catholic College Night

WHEN: Thursday, May 15th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

WHERE: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Parish Center

CONTACT PERSON: Glen Mc Call, Director of Youth Ministry

CONTACT: gmccall@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.9302

Here's who's coming so far:

Albertus Magnus College; Ave Maria University; Caldwell University; Catholic University of America; DeSales University; Dominican University; Georgian Court University; Holy Family University; Iona University; Manhattan University; Manor College; Mount Saint Mary College; Regis College; Rosemont College; Sacred Heart University; Saint Elizabeth University; Saint Francis University; University of Mount Saint Vincent; University of Scranton; University of St. Joseph

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

3/28/24	\$300	Rosemary McEnaney, #1042
3/29/24	\$50	AoOL K of C, #1083
3/30/24	\$50	Colleen Sullivan, #772
3/31/24	\$50	Orla Yeates, #592
4/1/24	\$50	Bobbie Roshop, #821
4/2/24	\$50	Kevin Donaghy, #1385
4/3/24	\$50	Jen Samoilis, #559



The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process to guide an inquirer towards a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the sacraments that are celebrated in the Catholic Church during Easter.

The non-baptized Elect continue with their spiritual journey this Sunday with the Third Scrutiny. The Third Scrutiny is about Jesus being the Resurrection and the Life. In the Gospel of John, read today at the 11:00AM Mass, Jesus raised Lazarus from death into life. It is our Lord's promise of eternal life to those who believe in Him and become His disciples. It is that eternal life that is celebrated in Easter and in Baptism. The Elect, *Peter Choe and Dariann Zorilla*, were invited to the sanctuary to listen and reflect on the Third Scrutiny prayers and receive the blessings.

The last minor OCIA rite before the Easter Vigil will be the Handing on of the Lord's Prayer to the Elect. Our parish will celebrate it on Friday, April 11, 2025, at the noon Mass. The Elect will learn by heart the perfect prayer, the Our Father, that Jesus gave to his apostles and disciples. It is a prayer to glorify and honor God who is our Father in heaven, to receive Him as our daily sustenance, to ask for forgiveness and in turn forgive others, and to be protected from sin.

The parish community is invited to pray for the Easter 2025 group of Elect and candidates as they journey to receive their sacraments.

Loyola Jesuit Center
A Men's Silent Weekend Retreat
May 16-18, 2025

Walking with St. Ignatius

Led by Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.

We'll encounter Christ through Ignatian Spirituality with prayer and scripture. We come to know ourselves as loved sinners, forgiven by God. We are created by and for love. We'll discuss how we bring these realities to action in our lives.

Join us for this silent weekend retreat. Please register online at Loyola.org, call 973.5390740, or scan this QR code.



Questions? Contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag or Bob Reilly
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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) is the continuous, 'round-the-clock' adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated Eucharist, the true presence of Jesus Christ, in a Church or Chapel. It involves Adorers taking turns, ensuring that someone is always present in prayer before the Eucharist.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a source of countless graces, both seen and unseen, as it keeps the presence of Christ at the heart of a community 24/7.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Wednesday: 2-3AM; Fridays: 4-5PM;

Saturdays: 5-6AM, 6-7AM, 5-6PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

There are 5 kinds of wealth... which ones are yours?

Financial Wealth—money, assets, investments, real estate and other resources that provide economic security and freedom.

Social Wealth—relationships, networks and community, including friendships, family, professional connections and social capital.

Time Wealth—having control over how you spend your time, including freedom from rigid schedules, the ability to pursue your passions and a good life/work balance.

Physical Wealth—physical, emotional and mental health.

Spiritual Wealth—a sense of meaning, fulfillment or connection to something greater than yourself, including personal growth, faith, values and a sense of contribution.

PEA promotes Spiritual wealth. Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel at any time - even during the overnight hours. Or, better yet, sign up for a regular one Holy Hour once a week that is good for you.

BERGEN COUNTY CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 10th—5:00PM-9:00PM

Bergen County Administration Building

One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack

Multi-Purpose Room—First Floor

Do you provide care for a loved one or neighbor? Learn about services, support, and other helpful information available to you. Multiple presentations and speakers available.

**To RSVP or get more information, call/email:
201.336.7400 or seniors@bergencountynj.gov**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Apr. 6	9:30AM Women's ISP Team (MR) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 1:30PM Bell Choir (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 5:00PM Jr. High Grade 8C (PCB) 7:30PM Jr. High Grade 8D (PCB) 7:30PM Cadaret Confirmation Group (REC1) 7:30PM McHugh Confirmation Group (YCA)
Mon. Apr. 7	1:00PM Staff Meeting (MR) 4:00PM WFG & Jr High Confessions (Church) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM WFG & Jr High Confessions (Church) 7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 7:30PM Contemporary Band (PCB)
Tues. Apr. 8	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8A (PCA/B) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM: Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM ChristLife: Following Christ (PC)
Wed. Apr. 9	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8B (PCA/B) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Opus Dei (Chapel/PCA)
Thur. Apr. 10	10:30PM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 11:45AM AoOL 8 th Grade (PC) 12:30PM AoOL Living Stations (Church) 3:30PM Jr. High Youth Group (Gym) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd (YCB) 7:00PM Difficult Conversations (PCA) 7:15PM WCST Team 24 (MR)
Fri. Apr. 11	9:00AM SALT (SMR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym)
Sat. Apr. 12	9:00AM Diaconate Meeting (PCB) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

All are Welcome!

**Join us for Morning Prayer Monday-Friday—6:00AM
Lower Level of the School Bldg**

**Stations of the Cross Prayed Fridays during Lent
Immediately Following the 12:00NN Mass.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Andrea Aluisi, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Mary Alice Cesard, 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, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Range, 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 43:16-21

In the oracles of Deutero-Isaiah (a second, unnamed prophet), a word of encouragement is uttered to a people spiritually depressed by their circumstances. Though they are wiser than their ancestors, acknowledging that the collapse of the nation came about because of their pride and infidelity, their powerlessness brings them to the edge of despair. Into this world of lost hope steps the unnamed prophet, reminding them of God's deliverance in the past, and encouraging them to believe God was preparing to enter their world anew. They, in their turn, must be ready to recognize and welcome these new actions of God.

2. Philippians 3:8-14

In the excerpt, Paul weighs his path to life in Christ against his former path to righteousness, Judaism and obedience to the Law. On those scales, Paul comes to acknowledge his former life, and its accomplishments as rubbish. Only his life in Christ counts for anything. To this end, Paul gives himself fully to Christ, desiring to know Him in His service and His suffering, in His dying and rising. Though he is possessed by Christ, Paul must push on with that last lunge forward and he encourages the Philippians to do the same.

3. John 8:1-11

In this famous story of "entrapment," we see Jesus at His best. The scribes and the Pharisees have no interest in the woman. Their sole intent is to trap this upstart rabbi. Jesus responds by blatantly ignoring them, doodling in the dust. Instead, Jesus uses the law against them, asking who is without sin. Only when they all disappear does He turn to the woman, showing compassion, but challenging her to choose a better way of life. She is offered a second chance, a chance to choose the right way.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Have you ever expended that energy of which St. Paul speaks ("straining forward") in your efforts to live more deeply the Christian life?
2. Have you ever shown, or even felt, gratitude to Christ for his forgiveness?
3. Considering the human tendency to judge, do you ever engage in a little "stone throwing?"

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 4/12	5:30PM	Fr. Jakov
Sun. 4/13	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Frank
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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

Monday, Apr. 7

- + **6:30AM Silvo Mattessich**
req Anthony & NickiAnn Bussanich
- + **8:30AM Ann Patricia Dennis**
req Bobbie & Larry Roshon
- + **12:00NN John Archer**
req Joanne Archer & Family

Tuesday, Apr. 8

- + **6:30AM Anton Morin**
req Anthony & Tracy
Tarabocchia & Family
- + **8:30AM Walter Matesic**
req Mary Bollhofer & Family
- + **12:00NN Pauline Juliano**
req Her Family

Wednesday, Apr. 9

- + **6:30AM Custodio Caceres**
req The McClure Family
- + **8:30AM Arturo Benemerito**
req Julieta Benemerito
- + **12:00NN Carmen & Mario Arcelo**
req The Veloso Family

Thursday, Apr. 10

- + **6:30AM John D. McLean, Jr.**
req Jimmy & Vickie Tarabokija
- + **8:30AM Vincent Chester**
req Rosemarie Chester
- + **12:00NN Jim Smith**
req Anne & George Skau

Friday, Apr. 11

- + **6:30AM Deceased Members
off the Garcia Family**
req The Engel Family
- + **8:30AM Laszlo Moharita**
req The McClure Family
- + **12:00NN Joseph Cerneka**
req Miso & Dina Vrkic

Saturday, Apr. 12

- + **8:30AM Ed & Anna McCabe**
req Ed & Monica McCabe
- + **5:30PM Joseph Anthony Sidote, Jr.**
req Susan Taite Malone

Sunday, Apr. 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- + **8:00AM Marilyn Jacoby**
req Pat & John Mazor
- + **9:30AM Bob Delaney**
req Colleen Kennedy
- + **11:00AM Joel Lustberg**
req Michelle Lustberg & Family
- + **12:30PM Arminda Sanabria**
req Terry Sanabria & Ron Reedy
- + **3:00PM Laszlo Moharita Pap**
req Yadira Moharitz
- + **6:30PM William Morrison**
req Lois & James Wylie



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