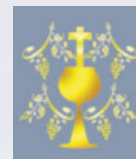




Our Children
Celebrating The Sacrament of First Eucharist
April/May 2025



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Dear Friends,

Once again, I need to plug a number of unrelated items, concerns, invitations, for your attention and action.

-The Annual Appeal helps the Church of Newark fulfill its mission to announce the Good News, form disciples and pass on the faith, all the same ministries every parish is also called to be engaged in. Once again, a special appeal to all those who have supported **The Appeal** in the past. Please do so again this year. And once again, please commit, at least by a pledge, before June 30th so the parish benefits from the rebate program. With one gift, you help both the Archdiocese and the parish. If you've never supported the **Appeal** in the past, please join the other 414 parish households who have already done so this year. You can make a gift by using the link that appears on the homepage of the parish website.

-The Disciple Maker Index is a tool which gives you, the parishioners, the chance to tell us what you think of life in this parish community. It's the first time in my twenty-eight years of pastoring that you are able to do this and I am excited (I really am) to hear from you. Between masses this weekend, a video will talk more about the **Index** with the QR code to use with your phone. In addition, that same information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. If you've already taken it, invite your fellow parishioners to do so, and don't forget those whom you see but we don't. Everyone 16 years of age and older is invited to participate.

-On a more spiritual note, the front cover of the bulletin lists the names of the 153 young people (providentially, that's the same number of large fish the apostles caught at the Risen Christ's direction in last Sunday's Gospel) who came to the altar for the first time to receive their First Holy Communion. How blessed we are as a parish to have so many families who believe their children need God in their lives and that this God comes to them in person in the Real Presence of the Risen Lord, Jesus, the Christ. Give thanks to God for their witness and for the hope they give us that even in these times, when the world seems to be drifting further and further away from faith, it can still be found here. Even if that's not reason to be self-satisfied, it is reason to find hope.

-Finally, today is **Mother's Day**, a time to celebrate the joy of being a mother and of having a mother, even if she's passed, and of knowing and having known a mother's love. **Mother's Day** has many meanings and it can be a time when joy and sorrow go hand in hand. As I have done sometimes in the past, here are some special reflections on Mothers and Motherhood.

-You never appreciate all the things your mother did for you until you find yourself doing the same things for your kids. ~ Linda Poindexter

-The greatest thing she's learned over the years is that there's no way to be a perfect mother, but a million ways to be a good one. ~ Anonymous

-My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. ~ George Washington

-The most beautiful necklace a mother can wear is not gold or gem, but her child's arms around her neck. ~ Man of Honor

-A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never cared for pie anyway. ~ Tanneva Jordan

-All mothers are working mothers. ~ Anonymous

-To a child's ear, "mother" is magic in any language. ~ Arlene Benedict

-A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest. ~ Irish Proverb

-A man's work is from sun to sun, but a mother's work is never done. ~ Anonymous

-God could not be everywhere, so He created mothers. ~ Jewish Proverb.

To all our mothers, untold blessings and thankfulness. To all our mothers who have passed, grace, light and peace. As a token of our appreciation, please take a carnation home with you today.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"All who were destined for eternal life came to believe and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region." The reading from *Acts* reminds us that God's Word must be announced, through the mouths and lives of believers. The Christian Steward accepts the call to be that instrument, through gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. In what ways are you an instrument of this announcement?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$14,716. God bless you, as instruments of the Good News, for your continued support of the Gospel and the parish. A good "instrument" to use in answering that call is electronic giving, **WeShare/Venmo**.



A recurring online gift To Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the best way to sustain the mission of this parish all year long.



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OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL'S
7TH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT



THURSDAY, MAY 15 | 6PM-8PM | PARISH CENTER
(PLEASE USE THE PASSAIC STREET ENTRANCE.)

An open invitation to all high school students and their parents to attend our 7th Annual Catholic College Night!

Currently, twenty two Catholic colleges and universities from across the country have confirmed their attendance. For a full listing of the schools attending, please visit the parish website—checking back for updates.

If your alma mater is missing from the list, please call or email them and find out why they have not confirmed to be here!

Please complete the **Disciple Maker Index survey** no later than Sunday, May 25. Use the QR code or URL address shown here; or, pick up a paper copy in the Rectory office. Every parishioner, 16+ years old, is asked to complete the survey.

URL for the DMI Survey

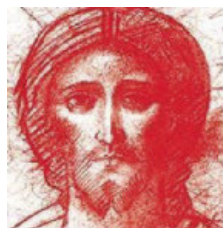
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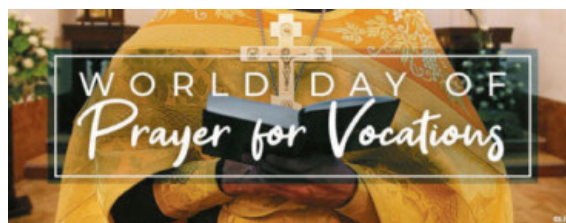
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MAY 4TH—JUNE 1ST

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ANNUAL APPEAL—2025

Donate online: See the link on the parish website.

Make sure to select **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—Ridgewood** from the drop-down menu

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Scholarship Opportunity
Open to all
OLMC families!

**\$1,000 Scholarship toward the
2025-2026 tuition at Academy of Our Lady**

Funded by four OLMC couples

One scholarship will be awarded to a family in the parish, with at least one student currently enrolled at AoOL, or with hopes to enroll in the fall. To apply, parents write a statement, no longer than one page, on the topic:

“Why I want a Catholic education for my child(ren).”

Submit to: AcademyFamilyScholarship@gmail.com

Deadline—Monday, June 9, 2025

Each applicant family will have their name placed in a hat. Winner will be randomly selected and announced on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

THIS WEEK'S AoOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!

5/9/25	\$100	James Cronen, #406
5/10/25	\$50	Anna Walsh, #344
5/11/25	\$50	Mary Maguire, #112
5/12/25	\$50	Nicholas Papson, #508
5/13/25	\$50	Kevin Leonard, #541
5/14/25	\$50	Calogero Candela, #871
5/15/25	\$50	Tracey Andolini, #1224

A Week of Action Food Drive

Sunday, May 18th—Sunday, May 25th

Help fight food insecurity and hunger!

The Run for Hope Foundation will be partnering with OLMC's Men's Cornerstone, the Ridgewood YMCA, and Temple Israel to conduct a major food drive. People are asked to step up in an effort to fill the local food pantries with non-perishable food, as well as toiletries. All donations can be dropped off at the following locations.

OLMC Front Lobby

24 hours/day (Use the far left front door any time.)

Ridgewood YMCA & Village Hall

During normal business hours

Temple Israel—475 Grove Street

Outside entrance in the back of the building.

Place donations in the marked receptacles only please!

St. Ann's & St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Outing

New York Yankees vs Minnesota Twins

Wednesday, August 13th—7:05PM Game Time

Cost: \$120/person—includes game ticket, bus, hero (ham & yellow American cheese or turkey & provolone), chips, bottle of water. Bus will depart 5:00PM sharp (check in 4:30PM). Bus departure location to be determined.

For all information & to acquire tickets, contact Joe Torregrossa, kofc2853joe.t@gmail.com, 201.377.8108
Seats reserved when payment is received.



**YOUTH MINISTRY
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
NEXT SATURDAY—MAY 17TH
9AM-12NN**

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgcrest Senior Living and Healing Meals (fresh produce/food items). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Questions? Contact Glen, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

**FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN PAN MINISTRY
PANS/RECIPES AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF—SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

(AT OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN)

Please help us provide frozen casseroles to the Fr. English Food Pantry this month. Easy recipe options are provided with pans and lids. Casseroles must be **FROZEN**. Your generous response will make it possible for a family to sit around the dinner table and enjoy a prepared meal.

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624

**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 973.539.0740, or scan this QR code.



**Questions? Contact Dcn. Bob Liwanag or Bob Reilly
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**Contact Jim now.
jmarcinkiewicz@4LPi.com or 973.525.7674**

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



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

This Mother's Day, give the gift of prayer.

As we celebrate Mother's day, consider giving a gift that honors your mother with eternal value—a Holy Hour with Jesus in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

In the stillness of the chapel, we are held by the loving gaze of Christ, who nourishes our souls as gently as a mother cares for her child. Offer a Holy Hour in thanksgiving for your mother, or in memory of her. As a mother, let us entrust all our children to the love, mercy and divine providence of Jesus. In the same way, let us offer a Holy Hour for our children.

"Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life" John 6:27

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Fridays: 2-3PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



The Church Welcomes...



The following 25 children who were baptized in Christ during the month of March.

Ryan James Fellner, son of Thomas & Nicole
Emily Nora Dean, daughter of Patrick & Katherine
Jack Edward Tannenbaum, son of Justin & Christen
Christian Cole Radman, son of Matthew & Clara
Mia Katherine Mullin, daughter of Patrick & Megan
William Alexander Stevenson, son of John & Elizabeth
Gia Maria Valentino, daughter of Joseph & Kortney
Winifred Rose Wyatt, daughter of James & Grace
Vaughan Catherine O'Hea, daughter of Kevin & Anne
Madison Grace Krausman, daughter of Andrew & Jacqueline
Henry Morrow & Julia Margaret Casey,
 children of Timothy & Kara
Felix Gabriel & Skyler Victoria Naciri,
 children of Ayoub & Leony
Charlotte Elisabeth, Jonathan Thomas & Natalie Ann Schroll,
 children of Kenneth & Gina
Hailey Marie & Payton Kay Stoll,
 children of Scott & Kimberly
Elizabeth Mae Sheridan, daughter of Cavan & Jennifer
Giulianna Elisabeth Daibes,
 daughter of Joseph & Giulianna
Camila Aysel, Joseph Ariel & Steven Yair Jarama Perdomo,
 children of Jose & Maria

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. May 11	9:30AM May Crowning Mass (Church) 1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 4:00PM Spanish Community (PCA)
Mon. May 12	5:00PM: Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:45PM Small Christian Community (Library) 7:00PM WFG & Jr. High Closing Mass (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T)
Tues. May 13	3:45PM Children of the Eucharist (Chapel) 4:25PM Children of the Eucharist (Chapel) 5:00PM: Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM ChristLife Following Christ (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T)
Wed. May 14	9:30AM Protecting God's Children (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 6:30PM Keeping the Promise Alive (PC) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Opus Dei (Chapel/PCA) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T)
Thur. May 15	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 3:30PM Jr. High Youth Group (Gym) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:30PM NCW 3rd (YCB) 6:00PM Catholic College Night (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way 1st (NCW-T)
Fri. May 16	10:00AM WCST Bible Study (Library) 5:00PM Summer Heatt Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Jr. High Lock-In (PC/Chapel)
Sat. May 17	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM Pre-Cana (NCW) 9:00AM Youth Group Food Drive (Driveway) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)



The Knights of Columbus thank you for your generous support of their recent "Shake the Can" fundraiser held April 25th & 26th. Thanks to your generosity the Knights raised in excess of \$6,200 which will benefit our friends and neighbors with cognitive disabilities at a variety of New Jersey based institutions, including NJ Special Olympics.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, 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, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Jim Roth, 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Monday, May 12 *Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
Saint Pancras, Martyr*

- + 6:30AM **Tony Morin**
req Anthony & NickiAnn Bussanich
- + 8:30AM **Cora Goduco Calder**
req Jeanne & Michael Bessel
- +12:00NN **Dominga Emigdio
& Rev. Jose Lapeña**
req The Veloso Family

Tuesday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

- + 6:30AM **Madeline Kelley**
req Nancy Nardelli
- + 8:30AM **Robert Norton**
req Jean & John Boyle
- +12:00NN **Betty Spring**
req Ed & Monica McCabe

Wednesday, May 14 *Saint Matthias, Apostle*

- 6:30AM **Special Intention
of the Uber Children & Future Children**
req Steven & Yvonne Uber
- + 8:30AM **Sid & Joseph Skrivaneck**
req Linda Bullaro
- +12:00NN **Antonia & Martino Busanic**
req The Busanic Family

Thursday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*

- + 6:30AM **Joseph A. Lozito**
req Ann & Bill Leahy
- + 8:30AM **Agustina Gonzalez**
req Her Family
- +12:00NN **Deceased Members
of the Mulqueen Family**
req Peggy Mulqueen

Friday, May 16

- + 6:30AM **Kathy Strom**
req Doreen & Jim Delaney
- + 8:30AM **William Frank**
req Sandra Macalino
- +12:00NN **Margaret & Frank Boyle**
req Jean & John Boyle

Saturday, May 17

- + 8:30AM **Vincent McCarthy**
req His wife, Kay
- + 5:30PM **Richard R. Pazer**
req Richard & Patricia Pazer

Sunday, May 18 *Fifth Sunday of Easter;*

- 8:00AM **For the People of the Parish**
- + 9:30AM **Michael Callanan**
req Georgette Mitchell
- +11:00AM **Rosemary Donoghue**
req The Bohlin Family
- +12:30PM **Herme Santos**
req Terry Sanabria & Ron Reedy
- + 3:00PM **Juana Vasquez**
req Maria Era Lopez
- + 6:30PM **Edra Mercer**
req Richard & Swati Engel

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Today's excerpt locates the two intrepid missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, in Antioch, in Asia Minor, the second stop on their first missionary journey. Their first preaching (mostly contained in the omitted verses) is successful and they are invited back the following week, when they encounter opposition because, in addition to the Jewish congregation, many gentiles also show up. Paul rebukes his Jewish hearers, insisting their ministry reflects God's plan, not theirs' and that nothing, and no one, will stand in it's way.

2. Revelation 7:9, 14-17

John's vision in this excerpt focuses on the Lamb, Jesus enthroned like the Father, thus identifying Him with and as God. He is identified as the glorious, Risen Jesus, in Whose Blood the sinner finds salvation. He is also identified as the Lamb Who is the Shepherd, leading the universal ("from every nation, race, people and tongue") community of the saved to the springs of life-giving water. Comforted by God, they will not be conquered by the persecutions (of the Emperor Domitian) of this time of great distress.

3. John 10:27-30

The scene is the courtyard of the great Temple, during the festival commemorating it's dedication (and rededication—*Hanukkah*). The Jews have asked Him, **are you, or are you not the Messiah**. This is Jesus' reply. In this short reply we find three truths. (1) One must be open to hear his voice. (2) One must follow that voice. (3) The hearing and the following create an intimacy, relationship ("I know them") which leads to eternal life. To hear, know and follow Jesus is to hear, know and follow the Father. The intimacy with God, once achieved through the Temple is now achieved through Jesus. Thus, Jesus answers the question, but many will not hear His voice.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Jesus says in this Gospel, "no one can take them (His followers) out of my hand." Do you really feel secure in Jesus' hands?
2. Jesus says in this Gospel, "My sheep hear My voice." Do you hear His voice? Do you even listen for it, believing that Jesus is trying to speak to you? When?
3. Paul was opposed by those who could not think of the message as directed to anyone outside of their group (race). Are you open to seeing God working in people you may disdain?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 5/17	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun. 5/18	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Jakov
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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