

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

May 19, 2024



PENTECOST SUNDAY

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth.” - Jn 16:12



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Dear Friends,

Recently, Pope Francis sent a letter to all the “parish priests” of the world; not to teaching priests (Jesuits, Salesians) and not to contemplatives (Trappists), but to parish priests, those who serve where the Church truly lives and breathes, in her parishes. On this Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who animates the Church, I offer a few of the Holy Father’s thoughts.

He begins, as you might expect, with a word of gratitude. “It is so obvious as to sound almost banal, but that does not make it less true: the Church could not go on without your dedication and your pastoral service. So, before all else, I would like to express my gratitude for your pastoral service. So before all else, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the generous work that you do each day, sowing seeds of the Gospel in every kind of soil.”

After recognizing the various conditions in parishes throughout the world and introducing the subject of synodality, the Holy Father goes on. “We will never become a synodal and missionary Church unless parish communities are distinguished by the sharing of all the baptized in the one mission of proclaiming the Gospel.” In some future column I will reflect on this notion of synodality, but, for now, I am more focused on this idea of the proclamation of the Gospel, the Good News. “Parishes, beginning with their structures and the organization of parish life, are called to think of themselves primarily as being of service to the mission that the faithful carry out in society, in family life and the workplace, without concentrating exclusively on their own activities and their organizational needs. Parish communities increasingly need to become places from which the baptized set out as missionary disciples and to which they return, full of joy, in order to share the wonders worked by the Lord through their witness.”

I have often said as we begin, and then, come to the close of the yearly *RCIA* journey that the Church is never more the Church than when she announces the Gospel in such a way as to attract others to its message. That’s what the **Great Mission** (that recently concluded) was all about; standing on a street corner (Prospect and Hudson, or in Van Neste Square Park), announcing the Good News of God’s love in Jesus Christ to all who pass by. But it need not be that dramatic; words spoken to a family member, or to a neighbor or a co-worker. But what it needs, besides faith that believes it (that this is Good News) is a mindset that this is important, that it is not just another work but is part and parcel of what the Church is (her very nature) and what she does (her mission). **Pentecost is not just the “Birthday of the Church,”** it is the moment the Apostles are missioned and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be announcers of this Good News. And so we must be as well.

The Pope goes on. “As pastors, we are called to accompany in this process the communities that we serve, and at the

same time to commit ourselves with prayer, discernment and apostolic zeal in ensuring that our ministry is suited to the needs of a synodal and missionary Church. I ask you to live out your specific ministerial charism in ever greater service to the varied gifts that the Spirit sows in the People of God. It is urgent to discover with faith, the many and varied charismatic gifts of the laity, be they of a humble or more exalted form which are indispensable for evangelizing any number of human situations and contexts. I am convinced that in this way you will bring to light many hidden treasures and feel less alone in the demanding task of evangelization.”

Evangelization and mission. Evangelization and mission. This is the vision set for the Church. This has always been the vision set for the Church. **Pentecost—Happy Birthday, evangelizing and missioning Church.**

At the conclusion of all the masses this weekend, someone will speak briefly on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. We usually do this the week before the Feast of *Corpus Christi*, but because that weekend is the Memorial Day weekend, we will be doing it this weekend.

Once again, on a more mundane topic—the countdown is on to help both the Archdiocese and the parish in the common mission to announce the Good News through support of the **Annual Appeal**. **Only 43 days left. Please help.**

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” By giving each of us different gifts, God made sure that the Church would have the right combination of **Time, Talent and Treasure** that was needed to do his work. However, if one of us does not utilize our gifts, God’s plan goes unfulfilled and some important work is left undone. That’s not you, is it?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$15,804. God bless all who remember the parish and the work of the Gospel. Your generosity and constancy is greatly appreciated. Electronic giving, **WeShare**, is a big help in achieving that constancy.



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Fulfillment of your pledge may be made through 12/31/24.

For anyone reading the online bulletin Friday...

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

THIS SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY—9AM-12NN

These Food Drives, planned and staffed by Mt. Carmel's Youth Ministry, support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals (fresh produce/food items). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver, bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Questions? Contact Glen, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

FR. ENGLISH FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF

THIS SATURDAY AT THE FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN

FROZEN casseroles can be dropped off during our monthly Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624

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JUNE 1 & 2, 2024

The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus will don their yellow vests and “SHAKE THE CAN” the weekend of June 1-2. Each year Ridgewood Council 1736 members collect donations in the downtown and after the OLMC weekend Masses in support of those with cognitive disabilities. The proceeds support local charities, a list of which can be found on the Events tab of our website: www.ridgewoodkofc.org. The Knights welcome both cash and electronic donations. If you would like to donate via Venmo or Paypal you can use the QR codes pictured below. **Thank you for your generous support!**



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Summer Work Experience Program

The Bergen County Job Center's youth program offers work experience to youth entering the workforce. The goal of this program is to assist candidates ages 16-24 with hands-on training and developing soft skills with the hopes of helping participants understand proper workplace behavior and what is necessary in order to attain and retain employment.

Program highlights:

- * Candidates can begin the program on or after July 1 and must end no later than September 1.
- * Candidates will be paid \$15/hour. They must work a minimum of 4 weeks and 3 hours per day/15 hours per week. The work is not to exceed 26 weeks and 40 hours per week.
- * BCJC staff will provide some technical help and monitoring.

For more information, contact Sharon Sermon
shaphi@bergen.org, 201.329.9600 x5556

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We are excited to announce that we will be honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024.

June 2, 2024 12:00 Noon 50 Years
Deadline to Register this Tuesday—May 21st

To register contact **Patti Roche**
proche@olmcridgewood.com, 201.444.2000 x200

Note: If your Gold Anniversary celebration was delayed due to COVID (or for any other reason) you may still join us this year. Your certificate will still say "Gold," not your actual current number of married years.



SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY—NEWARK FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-17

Camp is run weekly, July 8 through August 2, 8:30am-4pm. Early drop off/late pick up free of charge.

Cost: \$185/week (discount rates for multiple weeks)
Contact Joe Loughran for more information
loughran@rutgers.edu or 973.353.1483



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

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
SIGN UP WEEKEND MAY 18 & 19**

Everyone is invited to sign up as Scheduled Adorer or a Substitute Adorer this weekend.

This weekend, an Adorer will briefly speak at the end of each Mass about Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA). You will hear what PEA is all about and how it has touched the Adorer's life. We pray that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts and minds of all Parishioners.

There will be Adorers at the doors of the church to take your name and contact information if you are interested.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Scheduled Adorers take turns every hour to be with Jesus in prayer. Substitutes come in when Scheduled Adorers can't make it. This devotion to the Holy Eucharist brings about abundant blessings to the faithful, their loved ones, and the community.

We are the only church in Bergen county with PEA. We are the only one open 24/7. We praise God and thank Our Lady of Guadalupe for making this happen. We thank Fr. Ron, all coordinators but most of all, the Scheduled and Substitute Adorers for making this possible at OLMC. We welcome all visitors of the Blessed Sacrament at all times.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 2-3PM; Saturdays: 3-4PM, 5-6PM, 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

All are Invited

Sunday, June 2, 2024—Feast of Corpus Christi

Everyone is invited to join the procession of the Holy Eucharist following the 12:30pm Sunday Mass on June 2nd, concluding with Benediction on the front Plaza. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Center to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at OLMC.

CALLING ALL MOUNT CARMEL CHILDREN

This is an invitation to all the children and their parents to join the Procession of the Holy Eucharist Sunday, June 2nd, immediately following the 12:30 Mass. All First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion outfits. It is suggested that children of all ages wear a white shirt or white pants or white dresses.

The choir will lead us with singing. All children, with their parents, are asked to sit in the front pews of the church so they can join the procession behind the choir.

A reception will follow in the Parish Center, complete with a cake celebrating the 22nd Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The children will join Fr. Ron to cut the cake.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. May 19	9:30AM MOMs Baptism Welcome Mass 10:30AM MOMs Baptism Welcome B'fst (PC) 1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library)
Mon. May 20	9:30AM R/E Summer Prog. Parent Mtg (PC) 7:30PM R/E Summer Prog. Parent Mtg (PC) 8:00PM Great Mission Catechist Mtg (NCW-A)
Tue. May 21	5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife: Following Christ (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. May 22	10:30AM Jr. High Grade 8 Registration (PC) 6:15PM R/E Summer Catechist Mtg. (MR) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM Jr. High Grade 8 Registration (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. May 23	9:15AM AoOL 2 nd Grade Mass (Church) 10:00AM AoOL Communion Breakfast (PC) 10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 6:00PM NCW 3 rd Community (NCW-A))
Sat. May 25	9:30AM Spanish Bible Study (NCW) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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May 29—June 1, 2024

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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



TODAY'S READINGS

(There are multiple choices of readings both for the Vigil Mass and for Pentecost Sunday. While these are the most common, the Presider may have chosen others.)

Monday, May 20 *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

- + **6:30AM Antonio Piccinich**
req Anthony & NickiAnn Bussanich
- + **8:30AM Maria Bauer**
req Rose Sullivan
- + **12:00NN Antoinette & Phillip Nucci**
req Joan Judge & Family

Tuesday, May 21 *Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

- + **6:30AM Ann Anderko**
req Marian Rutherford
- + **8:30AM Lillian Picinich**
req John & Donna Tarabokija
- + **12:00NN Lucia Manalo**
req Tess Coralde

Wednesday, May 22 *Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

- + **6:30AM Jeusepe & Anna Mattessich**
req Luciano & Dina Scrivanich
- + **8:30AM Philip & Margaret Audino**
req The Minicus Family
- + **12:00NN Cosmo Scrivanich**
req His Family

Thursday, May 23

- + **6:30AM Claire Fallon**
req Kay McCarthy
- + **8:30AM Maureen Malley**
req Peter O'Malley
- + **12:00NN Anthony Riggi**
req His Sister

Friday, May 24

- + **6:30AM Josephina Franchisco**
req Maria & Joseph
- + **8:30AM Mae D. Thomas**
req Elizabeth Roker & Family
- + **12:00NN Brandon Canizares**
req The Canizares Family

Saturday, May 25 *Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin*

- + **8:30AM Frank Barrella, Jr.**
req His Family
- + **5:30PM William J. Sullivan**
req Rose Sullivan

Sunday, May 26 *The Most Holy Trinity*

- + **8:00AM Brendan & Maureen Malley**
req Peter O'Malley
- + **9:30AM Nicolo Scrivanich**
req Jaon & Al Scrivanich & Family
- + **11:00AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **12:30PM Deceased Members of the Hakim & Nativo Families**
req Their Family
- + **3:00PM Pablo Ordenez**
req His Family
- + **6:30PM JoAnn Loiselle**
req Paul & Becky Simpson

1. Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Luke's account of the beginning of the Church's mission is filled with symbols and connections. Wind and fire are mysterious forces, coming and going only by God's design. The wind, especially, recalls the powerful wind of Genesis, sweeping over the waters of creation. The fifty days of Pentecost (Greek for fifty) recalls the fifty days of the Hebrews' experience from the Exodus until the giving of the Law on Sinai. For this new people, created by God's work, the presence of the Spirit enlightens and enlivens it to serve and to witness to all that God did, in and through Jesus, the Christ, breaking down all boundaries and resistance.

2. 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Attend the Spirit so as to do and be and speak and serve and pray in accord with the Spirit's wise bidding. The Spirit comes as a gift of the Father and the Son and enables the believer to confess faith and put it into action, for the Spirit is the giver of all gifts that build up the Body of Christ, and the source of the unity that brings all these gifts together for the good of that Body.

3. John 20:19-23.

Appearing to a troubled, doubtful and fearful group of followers, Jesus breathes on them a Spirit of peace that prompts a ministry of forgiveness and healing. A death that should have been avenged (in the normal way of thinking) is now to be celebrated by the power of the Spirit Who would give them the strength and courage to do so. Just as Jesus has been sent, so now He sends them, and not just them, but all believers. There is no longer a reason to be frightened or doubtful. The risen Jesus and His Spirit will go with them.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. When have you most deeply felt the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. What are the particular gifts, forms of service, abilities you have received and do you offer them to the Church?
3. In what ways are you sent? How do you witness to your faith? Have you been a source of faith-filled hope these last years, with all the difficulties we see in the world?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 5/25	5:30PM	Fr. Ron
Sun. 5/26	8:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Frank
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	3:00PM	Fr. Betancourt
	6:30PM	Fr. Ron

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