

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held every month on the first Sunday at 1:30pm and on the third Saturday at 11:00am (with some exceptions). Register a month or two in advance for the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday 1:00pm-2:00pm & Monday 7:00pm-7:30pm (Sept-May) Other times by pre-arranged appt. with a priest. Communal Penance celebrations (with individual confessions) are celebrated in Advent and Lent and will be announced.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who wish to enter the Catholic faith and Catholics who wish to complete the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation are most welcome to begin the journey at any time. Call the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners regularly practicing the Faith at our Parish are welcomed to contact the Rectory one year in advance of a proposed wedding date. Specific dates are only discussed after meeting with a Priest. Couples must attend a pre-Cana program and provide required Sacramental and other documentation.

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973.313.6190, Newarkpriest.com

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick* will be administered at anytime in an emergency and also at parish celebrations during the year. Consult the bulletin for dates. *Communion* is brought to the sick, the elderly and the homebound by priests of the parish and by Eucharistic ministers. The priests also visit the local hospital regularly. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.



The Parish Family of

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Our Mission

We the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish believe in Jesus Christ and embrace his teachings. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we accept His call to be the Light of the World through Word, Worship, Community Building and Service to all.

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WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm (Spanish) and 6:30pm

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 11, 2024

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WORLD'S GREATEST LOVE STORY

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
world."*

Jn 6:51

In late July and throughout August, the Church takes us through John 6, referred to as the Bread of Life Discourse, where Jesus lays out an essential yet difficult teaching in our faith: out of infinite love, Jesus gives Himself to us during Holy Communion in the Eucharist. The whole of Him is truly, not symbolically, present—body, blood, soul and divinity—and by consuming Him during Holy Communion we become united to Him through His humanity; when we receive Him, we receive eternal life, a foretaste of heaven that is destined for all of us. Eucharist comes from the Greek word, eucharisto, meaning thanksgiving, after all.

This may be something you have heard quite often, especially in this period of Eucharistic Revival in the United States. Or it is something you have not heard before, and it leaves you unsure, doubtful, maybe even offended. Rightfully so, this statement left Jesus' followers confused, skeptical, and caused many of them "to return to their former way of life and no longer accompany him" (Jn 6:66). Jewish Law prohibited eating "unclean" meat like pork, and was absolutely forbidden to drink the blood of any animal or creature (Lev 11, Deut 14). So, how could a rabbi like Jesus be proclaiming something seemingly contradictory to Jewish law—and how could He say that by eating Him we would gain eternal life?

Perhaps you feel this way in your own life: alone, confused, or doubtful of what Jesus has said. You may be asking yourself: What does it matter for us, really, that we consume Jesus at Mass every Sunday? What does Jesus being present at mass have to do with me, with all the problems and stresses in my life that God seems to not have answered? What does a 2,000 year old story about a Jewish man have to do with me, in 2024 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood?

It precisely has everything to do with you—individually, you. The story of Jesus—the whole story of the Bible—is the story of you, the love story between God and you. God created you good and with a purpose, and despite your imperfections God still loves you with the love of a Father, and sends His Son for you. Just as God so loved and remained with the Jewish people throughout salvation history through their triumphs and failures, God's love and faithfulness endures in our lives, even if it is difficult to see. God shows us this clearly through the Eucharist.

The Eucharist shows us that God has and always will be faithful to us. Through the Eucharist, Jesus promises us to be with us "always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). God has not left us, but rather guaranteed that He would remain with us even when He no longer was physically present. Every time we receive the Eucharist at mass, it is a reminder that He has not left us nor will ever leave us—that Jesus is still present to us! The Eucharist acts as food for the journey of life, as Jesus walks alongside us throughout the highs and lows of life. If you have ever felt abandoned by God, remember that by receiving the

Eucharist at mass every Sunday he affirms that He has never left your side.

As you return to Mass next Sunday (or throughout the week), look at the readings each Sunday as the story of God's love and faithfulness to you, personally and intimately. When you receive the Eucharist, let it be a reminder to you that Jesus is walking beside you, giving you strength and grace for whatever life throws at you.

Giana Castelli
Director, Jr. High Youth Ministry



BLOCK PARTY
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STEWARDSHIP

"So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us." In today's 2nd Reading, Paul entreats us to do as God does. As God has blessed and gifted us, so too must we use those gifts and blessings for the sake of the "Good News," so as to bless others with the message of salvation and hope. The Christian Steward understands this call and uses his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** to do just that. What about you?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was 9,512. The Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission Collection was \$12,198. Fr. Costa expresses his deep thanks to all for your generosity. God bless your generosity in supporting the "Good News." Please consider electronic giving, **WeShare**, as the best way to do that. Thank you.



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

This Wednesday, August 14th
7:30PM (anticipated)

This Thursday, August 15th
6:30AM | 8:30AM | 12:00 Noon

Parish offices will be closed Thursday, August 15th
A priest is always available for emergencies.

For anyone reading the bulletin online Friday...

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY—9AM-12NN

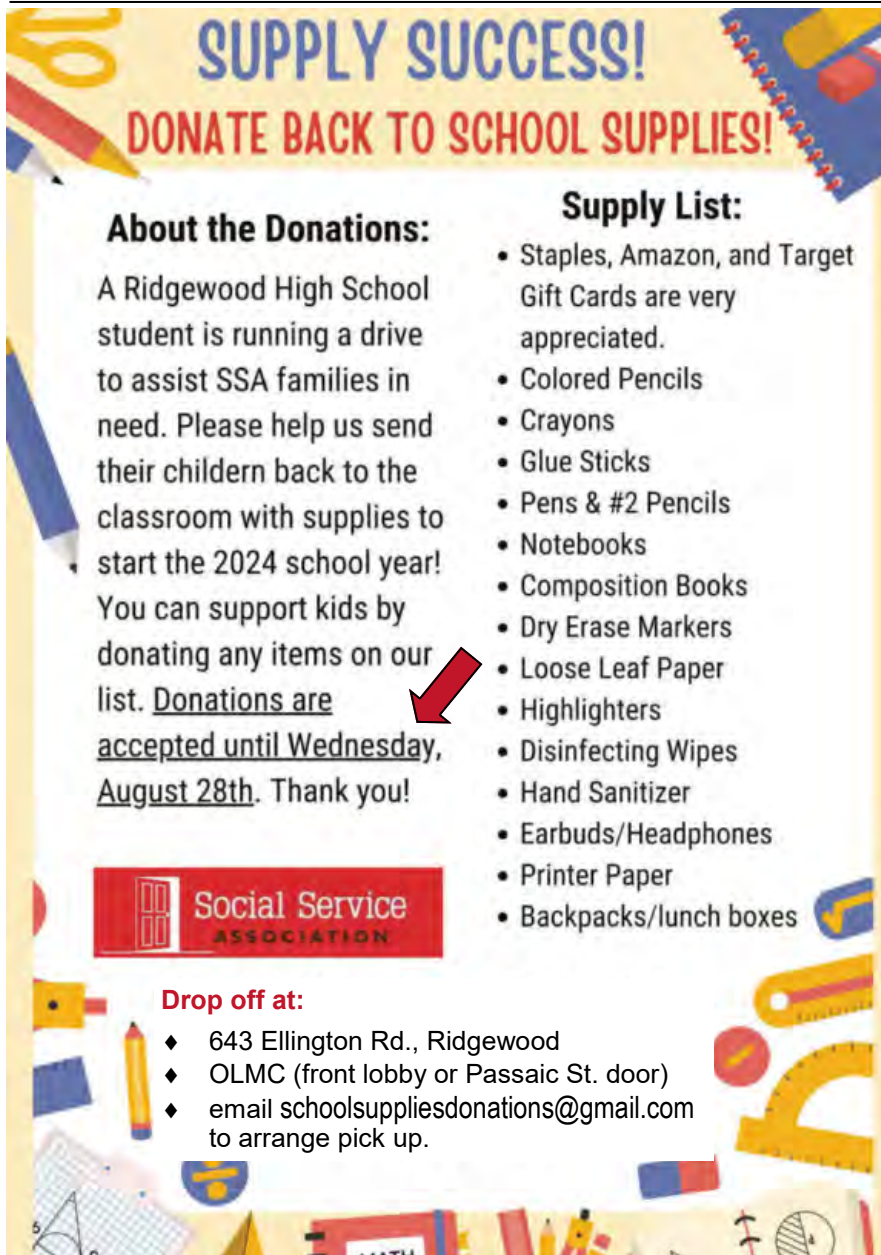
These Food Drives, planned and staffed by Mt. Carmel's Youth Ministry, support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals (fresh produce/food items). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

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

Questions? Contact Glen, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
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James Nardelli, Robert Smith



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DONATE BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

About the Donations:
A Ridgewood High School student is running a drive to assist SSA families in need. Please help us send their children back to the classroom with supplies to start the 2024 school year! You can support kids by donating any items on our list. Donations are accepted until Wednesday, August 28th. Thank you!

Supply List:

- Staples, Amazon, and Target Gift Cards are very appreciated.
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Pens & #2 Pencils
- Notebooks
- Composition Books
- Dry Erase Markers
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Highlighters
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Printer Paper
- Backpacks/lunch boxes

Social Service ASSOCIATION

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- ◆ 643 Ellington Rd., Ridgewood
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Please see the parish website under Faith Formation/Religious Education for program details and the online registration link.

For more details, contact the Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211

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**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
2024-2025
REGISTER NOW**



Confirmation registration information was sent to all rising high school freshmen who were in Mt. Carmel's Religious Education Program or attended Academy of Our Lady. If you did not receive the email, please contact the Youth Office so we can send you the registration information.

Any rising 9th grade student interested in registering for the Confirmation program may contact us as well.

Additionally, if you are a student in the class of 2025, 2026 or 2027 and you are missing any Sacraments of Initiation; i.e., Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, you may contact the Youth Office now.

Director of Youth Ministry—Glen McCall
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Division Leaders:

Midnight-6AM	Cynthia Torres	551.574.1063
6AM-12NN	Connie Hambros	201.788.9153
12NN-6PM	Mary Cutro	201.394.6396
6PM-Midnight	Michael Reinhard	201.887.3556

Head Coordinator: Cynthia Torres 551.574.1063

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 1-2AM; Wednesdays: 11-12 Midnight;
Thursdays: 12 Midnight-1AM; Fridays: 4-5PM;
Saturdays: 1-2AM, 3-4PM, 6-7PM, 9-10PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

JOIN US FOR A
BAR-B-Q

Saturday, September 14, 2024
Beginning 3:30PM

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration BBQ

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 11	4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC)
Mon. Aug. 12	7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR)
Tues. Aug. 13	7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Aug. 14	7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Sat. Aug. 17	9:00AM Youth Group Food Drive (Driveway)
	6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

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

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



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THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS WEEK—AUGUST 15, 2024



Join us for breakfast this coming Thursday, immediately following the 6:30AM daily Mass. Time permitting, one of our priests will join us. For more information or to be added to our monthly reminder email, contact:

Rich Scalione, 201.444.2585 or nwbma@yahoo.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsa, Frederick Bruno, Mike Bucci, Geraldine Cruzen, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Frank Gillen, Augustina Gonzalez, Susan Hart-White, Rebecca Heffernan, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letizia, Anna Lobascio, Susan Lois, Cambell McArthur, Margaret Peak, Mary Kathleen Ramge, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, 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

Monday, Aug. 12 *Saint Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious*

- + **6:30AM Deceased Members of the Garcia-Posada Family**
req Richard & Patricia Engel
- + **8:30AM Cynthia Minervini**
req Joel & Michelle Lustberg
- + **12:00NN Michael Pawlowski**
req Maureen Stickel

Tuesday, Aug. 13 *Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

- 6:30AM Special Intention of Jennifer Uber**
req Steven & Yvonne Uber
- + **8:30AM Richard Coralde**
req Maria Coralde
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members of the Daly & Skau Families**
req Anne & George Skau

Wednesday, Aug. 14 *Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*

- + **6:30AM Dominic (Don) Crowe**
req Chip & Susan Murphy
- + **8:30AM Douglas C. Russo**
req Mom & Dad
- + **12:00NN Antonietta Di Scola**
req Sal & Tina Volpe & Family
- + **7:30PM Barbara & Eileen Wells**
req The Wells Family

Thursday, Aug. 15 *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- + **6:30AM Mary Piccinich**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + **8:30AM Jim Grasso**
req The Pfeiffer Family
- + **12:00NN Eileen Burke**
req Candy & Carl Funke

Friday, Aug. 16 *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

- + **6:30AM Camilo Garcia**
req The Engel Family
- + **8:30AM Tony Zaccardi**
req His Daughter & Granddaughters
- + **12:00NN Dennis Tomala**
req Monica & Ed McCabe

Saturday, Aug. 17

- + **8:30AM Jose & Filepa Ilano**
req The DeCastro Family
- + **5:30PM Frank Gallo Family**
req Grace & Pat Gallo

Sunday, Aug. 18 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + **8:00AM Larry Mushinske**
req Hilda & Ray Wittke
- + **9:30AM Caterina Tarabocchia**
req Nick & Josephine Tarabocchia
- 11:00AM For the People**
- + **12:30PM Margaret M. Dunworth**
req The Family
- 3:00PM Maruja Cedeño de Delgado**
req Cecilia Delgado & Family
- + **6:30PM Nikola Morin, Jr.**
req John & Donna Tarabokija

1. 1 Kings 19:4-8

As Elijah's story is picked up in this excerpted reading, the prophet's journey into the desert has begun as an escape from Queen Jezebel who seeks to put him to death, a death he prays for, but not at her hands. However, Elijah is to find out, once again, that when human resources seem useless and human hopes fail, God's power can provide unexpected strength so that the divine plan will proceed. Being fed by God, Elijah was assured that God saw and protected him on every step of his way.

2. Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Seals served to identify their owner. The gift of one's seal to another also signified the conferral of authority, and it served to conclude legal documents. The sealing with the Holy Spirit served to identify the believer as one who belongs to God and is bound to God, and it confers graces that endow each believer with a share in the very power of Christ, thus making them responsible for living lives that are responsive to and reflective of that gift. Sealed by the Spirit, all we are and do, all we say and think becomes a gift to God, united, as it were, with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

3. John 6:41-51

Once again, Jesus references the manna in the desert to make his point with the crowd. Their ancestors ate manna in the desert; it was their food for the journey. The bread Jesus gives, Himself, is also food for the journey. But the bread that Jesus gives, Himself, is not only for this journey, it is also food for the journey to eternal life, a food which the manna could never be. With this bread of His very Flesh, Jesus invites the hearer to feed on Him, to share His life, that he/she may find eternal life. Gifted with this bread, it will be up to the hearer to murmur (as the crowd has already been doing) or to believe.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Like Elijah, we all have moments of despair, a faith crisis whether God is really with us or not. In such moments, how did you find God? How did God find you?
2. Paul tells us to remove all bitterness, fury, anger, revilement, shouting and malice. What situations spur these feelings in you? What steps can you take to remember Jesus in these moments?
3. If the bread of life is Jesus' flesh, food for the journey to eternal life, why do you think so many Catholics today believe "praying at home" is just as good? Will live-streaming Mass ever satisfy that hunger or truly sustain us on our journey? What do you believe?

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