

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
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

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

One Passaic Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
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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.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 23, 2026

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SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Cardinal Tobin has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark to prayerfully and generously support those affected by the three recent devastating earthquakes. Funds collected will support Catholic Relief Services' response and provide critical assistance to families and communities in need. Checks, payable to OLMC with "Earthquake Relief" on the memo line, may be placed in the collection basket or in the boxes at the doors of the church. For more information, go to www.crs.org. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Catholic High School Night
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
6:00PM-8:00PM—Parish Center

□ **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors** □

Geared towards the families of 7th and 8th grade students, who are interested in attending a Catholic high school. You are invited to learn more about the rich tradition of Catholic education, where academic excellence, faith, and service come together to shape future leaders.

Meet teachers, administrators, and students who will share what makes Catholic high schools a place of growth, opportunity, and belonging. Whether you're exploring next steps for your child's education or simply curious, all are warmly welcome.

Come and see how Catholic high schools open hearts, inspire minds, and welcome all through their doors.



FUN FOOD FRIENDS **BLOCK PARTY** **EATS TREATS GAMES**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH | 1:30PM-5:00PM
BEHIND THE CONVENT—RAIN OR SHINE
FUN! ~ FOOD! ~ FRIENDS! ~ TREATS! ~ GAMES!



**Nurses Needed for
Blood Pressure Screenings
at the OLMC Block Party
Sunday, Sept. 13th**

If you can volunteer, even for an hour or two, please contact Jean Boyle, boylejmb3@gmail.com, 201.652.8257 or Maureen Ivers Bolduc, mibolduc1@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” In today’s 2nd Reading, St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of **Stewardship**. We cannot give the Lord anything, because everything comes from God. All that we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Do we recognize that all is gift from God? Do we return anything to Him? Would it really qualify as an expression of true gratitude?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,312. God bless your generosity in supporting the announcement of the Gospel. A hassle-free way to do this is to use online giving, **WeShare/Venmo—shown just below.**



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



Look for the **WeShare** link on our website homepage, Scan this QR Code, or call 877.316.0260



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Find us under “Charities” @olmcridgewoodnj or scan the QR code here.

The Community Thrift Shop—Midland Park
TURN AROUND SALE DAYS

THIS TUESDAY, AUG. 25TH—50% OFF EVERYTHING

BAG SALE DAY—THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Buy a Bag for \$6.00 and fill it with anything you want in the store! Buy as many bags as you want!

Thrift Store reopens Saturday, August 29th with Fall/Winter Items!

Seasonal Donations Accepted
Mondays—8:30AM-10:30AM
(Closed Labor Day, Monday, September 7th)

Annual Mission Appeal—August 29 & 30

Each year, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel welcomes a missionary to speak with us on behalf of their mission. This year, we will welcome a missionary from Liberia Mission USA next weekend—August 29 & 30.

The St. Paul College Seminary in Liberia, West Africa was founded in 1974 for the formation of young men to the Holy Catholic priesthood. Many priests and bishops are products of St. Paul College Seminary.

The seminary suffered a great set back due to many years of civil war in Liberia. Its infrastructures were either destroyed, burned down, or vandalized. Thank God the war is over, and the seminary continues to be used as a place of formation where young people aspiring to be priests are trained. The seminary needs a lot of help in terms of support for the reconstruction and renovation of its infrastructure.

We will learn more about their needs in a couple of weeks.

Love to sing?
The Adult Choir is Welcoming
New Members!

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 15th. We practice Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the church. All skill levels are welcome. The choir sings at the 11:00AM Mass on Sundays as well as special liturgies throughout the year. Please speak to me after any Mass or email me with any questions at mtcarmelmusic58@aol.com ~ Peter Sicko.



Inspire: Catholic Young Adult Ministry
Meets the First Friday of Each Month

For more information, go to:
<https://linktr.ee/inspireyoungadultministry>
Email: olmcyoungadults123@gmail.com
Instagram: [inspire_youngadultministry](https://www.instagram.com/inspire_youngadultministry)

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY CYO CROSS COUNTRY

Registration now open for boys and girls grades 6-8

Practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6:30 pm at the Glen Rock Duck Pond (time will adjust to daylight hours in late fall)

Meets will be on Saturdays or Sundays during the fall, dates TBD

Registration is open to registered parishoners who are enrolled in religious education at either St. Catharine or OLMC.

Fee is \$65 per participant. Please see links to register and pay:
First, register on Doodlio (our team schedule and communication app):
<https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10292/2287>

Next, pay on FACTS: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/YcrENRHh>

For more information please email:
athletics@academyofourlady.org



Religious Education

Grades 1-6

**When Families Gather
Online Registration is Open**

Online registration for the 2026-2027 program year is now open. This Religious Education program will begin in September. Please register your child now. Materials are being ordered. See the parish website for details. You can also contact the Religious Education office directly.

Religious Education—201.444.0211
Cathy Hunt—chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie—pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

SACRAMENT CATCH UP!

Do you have a child in grades 1-6 that has not received the sacrament of Baptism or First Communion (grades 3-6)? Contact our Religious Education Office. We would be happy to help you get started.



Our **YOUTH CHOIR** will be returning this Fall!
Grades 3 and up
Rehearsals: September to June
Tuesdays 4:30PM–5:00PM
Song Leaders*
5:00PM–6:00PM—Full Choir

First Rehearsal: Tuesday, Sept 8, 2026

The Youth Choir sings at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass throughout the season (Sept- June).

*Song Leaders must have prior choir experience and be in 6th grade & up (audition required).

Interested in joining? Register today!
Scan the QR code to sign up and receive more information.
Questions?

Email Erin emarieleal@gmail.com



Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings* Parish Center—10:30AM-11:45AM All are Welcome!

For several years now, a group of parishioners have met weekly to read, study, and share the meaning of the texts so as to prepare for the upcoming Scripture at the weekend liturgy. Many have commented that it has deepened their faith and made a difference in their life.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." ...St. Jerome

It is not necessary that you attend every Thursday but, if you plan to attend, please contact Linda English so that materials may be available for you.

Linda—lenglish122@gmail.com or text 201.207.5920

We're hoping to begin September 17 but need to await final approval on Parish Center repairs.

***Watch this bulletin for our start date!**

HEALING MASS

Church of the Annunciation

50 W. Midland Avenue, Paramus

Saturday, October 3rd—11:00AM

(followed by a light lunch)

Please arrive by 10:45AM for check-in/seating

Celebration of the Eucharist; Laying of Hands; Anointing;
Handicapped Access

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened
and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28*

Please register by Thursday, September 24
d.monticello@hotmail.com or 201.261.6322



Women's Cornerstone Retreat Saturday, October 17, 2026

Would you like to get to know other women of faith and become a part of this special community? If so, give yourself the gift of Women's Cornerstone. It is a beautiful spiritual and social experience that is sure to make a difference in your life. There is absolutely no pressure on the retreat. All you need is an open heart.

Register now at

www.tinyurl.com/WCSRetreat2026

or by scanning this QR Code.

Registration Deadline

Tuesday, October 13

(or earlier if spaces are filled).



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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Anthony Bollhofer, Aedan Cannon, Nick Haddad,
Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli,
Michael Ortolani, Robert Smith,
Patrick Springer, Thomas Tesoriero



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Everyone is invited to come to the PEA chapel at any time to give praise and thanks to God and to pray for our loved ones and all of mankind. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, even overnight. Better yet, sign up for a weekly Holy Hour that is good for you. Help keep the door open to anyone seeking God—to anyone seeking peace.

Our goal at PEA is to have 2 Scheduled Adorers every hour and to have an Hour Coordinator for each hour of the day. Many hands make light work. Give your time, talent, and treasure in building up the kingdom of God and it will come back to you a million fold. God cannot be outdone in generosity.

SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED

Sundays: 2PM-3PM, 3PM-4PM;

Mondays: 8AM-9AM; Tuesdays: 1PM-2PM;

Fridays: 6PM-7PM; Saturdays: 2PM-3PM, 3PM-4PM

**Contact Cynthia Torres, 551.574.1063
cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com.**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

2026-2027

REGISTER NOW



Any rising 9th grade student who has not yet registered for the 2026-2027 Confirmation program should contact the Youth Ministry Office now.

Additionally, if you are a student in the class of 2027, 2028, 2029, or 2030 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
gmccall@ridgewood.com, 201.444.9302**

**YOUTH MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE
FALL DATES ANNOUNCED**

SEPT 19 | OCT. 24 | NOV. 7 | DEC. 12

Reminder—The November Food Drive will include our annual FROZEN turkey collection!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues. Aug. 25	8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Aug. 26	7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Aug. 27	7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Sat. Aug. 29	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

NOTE: The Parish Center is closed until further notice.

**COPING WITH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
FALL SESSIONS ANNOUNCED**

It is in taking the time to grieve that we are healed.

This eight week program is offered by The Church of the Presentation's (Upper Saddle River) Bereavement Ministry and is open to anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Trained, compassionate facilitators lead this program in a safe, confidential environment.

**Loss of Spouse Support Group
Mondays—Beginning September 21, 2026**

Morning Group: 10:00AM-11:30AM

Evening Group: 7:30PM-9:00PM

**Loss of a Loved One Support Group
Wednesdays—Beginning September 23, 2026**

7:30PM-9:00PM

Registration is required. There is no fee.

For more information, to register, and for one-on-one support until the group begins, call 201.327.1313.

Note: To protect confidentiality and honor the sensitive nature of grief-related discussions, we are unable to accept new participants after the group has begun.

**Church of the Nativity—Midland Park
Rosary Society Meeting**

Thursday, September 3 | 7:00PM | McGrath Room

Nativity's Rosary Society welcomes new members to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary and, sharing, and growing spiritually with other Catholic women. Join us for our August meeting!

**Contact the church office with any questions
201.444.6362 or office@nativitynj.org**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Dale Adamo, Lupita Alarcon, Luis Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Frank Brennan, Mike Bucci, Charles Buckley, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Nick DiDonato, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Julianna Grace Giles, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Christine O'Brien, David Oswald, Margaret Peak, Linda Reo, Cathy Ricciuto, Art Rippas, Francis Tedaro Ristor, 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 22:19-23

The master of the palace would be akin to the presidential “chief of staff,” deciding who has access to the king, an office symbolized by an oversized key, worn on the shoulder. As bearer and keeper of the key, Shebna’s authority would be unequalled. Through Isaiah, God promises he will bring down Shebna and replace him with another (Eliakim), who will be faithful, advising the king to find security in His God and not in military hardware and foreign alliances.

2. Romans 11:33-36

Paul has been lamenting his people’s rejection of Jesus as Messiah. And yet he expresses his faith and trust in God’s plan, inscrutable as it may be, that God remains faithful to His promise to the Chosen People. Deeper yet is Paul’s trust in God’s relentless love. Accordingly, he expresses his praise for God Who is capable of making all things work together for good, according to His plan.

3. Matthew 16:13-20

When asked directly by Jesus who the disciples believe He is, Peter immediately responds with a profession of faith, Messiah and Son of God. Though it may have been a post-resurrection acknowledgement, Matthew inserts it into the Marcan account as a sign of Peter’s special role in establishing the church. Blessed by God with this revelation, Peter is to be the foundation of the community Jesus has come to establish, and the guarantor of its secure existence in perpetuity. With the giving of the keys, he will be the interpreter of God’s will in opening the doors to eternal life through the teaching of Jesus.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. “Who do you say I am?” Jesus asks His disciples. How would you answer His question?
2. How would you present your answer to someone who knew nothing about Jesus?
3. Do you accept that the Church, in today’s Gospel text, is the interpreter of the “mind of God”? Why? Why not?

NEXT WEEKEND’S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 8/29	5:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
Sun. 8/30	8:00AM	Fr. Felix
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Ron
	12:30PM	Fr. Felix
	3:00PM	Fr. John Carlos
	6:30PM	Fr. John Carlos

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

Monday, Aug. 24 *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

+ **6:30AM James L. Mooney, Jr.**

req The Meshaj Family

+ **8:30AM Rose Alfieri**

req Connie Hambos & Family

+ **12:00NN Mary Ellen Neton**

req Celeste O’Malley & Family

Tuesday, Aug. 25 *Saint Louis;*

Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

+ **6:30AM Bob Delaney**

req The Delaney Family

8:30AM Special Intention of Cindy O’Brien

req Connie & Steve Hambos

+ **12:00NN Fil Almeida**

req Ann & Todd Ewell

Wednesday, Aug. 26

6:30AM Special Intention

of Stacy Michelle Mazzola

req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

+ **8:30AM Joseph Ricciardi**

req His Family

+ **12:00NN Giulia Saviano Taylor**

req Melissa Tripicchio

Thursday, Aug. 27 *Saint Monica*

+ **6:30AM Andrea Schroen Bernstein**

req The Schroen Family

+ **8:30AM Pete Van Der Velde**

req The Hunt Family

+ **12:00NN William Cole, Sr.**

req Diana Stolfo

Friday, Aug. 28 *Saint Augustine,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

+ **6:30AM Ronald Joseph Coll**

req Ed & Eileen Halsch

+ **8:30PM Chris Silebi**

req The Silebi Family

+ **12:00NN Dcn. Robert V. Thomann**

req Lisa & Chris Sheldon

Saturday, Aug. 29 *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

+ **8:30AM Thomas S. Bollhofer**

req Mary Bollhofer & Family

+ **5:30PM Grace Caiafa**

req Grace & Pat Gallo

Sunday, Aug. 30 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM Stella Caridi**

req Michael & Nina Conn

9:30AM For the People of the Parish

+ **11:00AM Gene & Judy McInerney**

req Their Family

+ **12:30PM Robert Rodney**

req Drewann Rodney

+ **3:00PM Evaristo & Rosa Peralto**

req Maria Morales

+ **6:30PM Malcolm McClure**

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