

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

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 6, 2026

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Dear Friends,

For those who may not be at a Mass this weekend to hear me introduce myself, I wanted to take a moment here to do so. I am happy to be with you here at OLMC as your new Pastor and look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know you!

First, I want to thank Msgr. Rozniak for his graciousness to me. From the first meeting we had together after the announcement, he has gone out of his way to make this a smooth transition in every way. In a special way, I thank him for agreeing to continue to shepherd the parish until my arrival on Sept. 1st! You were all so blessed to have this holy man with you for 29 years! I know that you join me in praying for him in his well-deserved retirement.

I am also grateful to my brother Priests, our Deacons and our lay staff who have made me feel very welcome. I look forward to working with this dedicated group of individuals who so clearly love our parish!

For those who are interested, my biography is on our parish website, so I won't bore you with much of my background here. I will simply say here that this is my fourth Pastorate and I have served as a Pastor for 25 years. Each parish has had some challenges and many graces. It is no secret that it had been my intention to retire from St. Aloysius Parish in Caldwell since I was renewed last year there for a second 6-year term but God (and Cardinal Tobin) had other plans! In my 39 years of Priesthood, I have never said "no" to anything my Archbishop has asked me to do and I was not going to start now! Please know that I come here with an open heart and trusting that it is God's Will for me and OLMC at this time.

Finally, I have been asked many times what I like to be called and I appreciate people asking. I love the title "Father" because it reminds me of my role as a spiritual father but since 2005 I have always introduced myself and gone by "Msgr. Emery" so that is what I am most used to. However, I never mind being called "Father".

Please be patient with me as I try to learn names and get to know all about this great parish. I count on your support and promise you my dedication to continuing the mission of our wonderful parish!

In Christ,
Msgr. Emery

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2026**



In observance of Labor Day, all parish offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7. The only Mass celebrated will be at 8:30AM. A priest is always available for emergencies.

STEWARDSHIP

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$11,402. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the four Sundays in August was \$114,351. It was received as follows:

Electronic Giving, WeShare/Venmo \$56,834
In Pew/Mailed to the Rectory \$57,517

May God continue to bless all who are generous in their support of the work of the Gospel. Electronic giving—WeShare/Venmo helps the parish to better manage its resources. Why not give it a try.



OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)

MOMs SEPTEMBER KICK-OFF MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

9:15AM—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

MOMs, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

New mom? Experienced mom? Come join us!

Start the year with **faith, friendship & support** as we gather to reconnect, meet new moms, and learn more about the Ministry of Motherhood.

NEW LOCATION

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The Church Welcomes...

The following 10 children who were baptized in Christ during the month of August.

Adeline Rae Livi, daughter of Christian & Carly

Emily Marie Ramirez, daughter of Jose & Astrid

Stella Rose Gattoni, daughter of William & Alyssa

Gideon James Luccarelli Panicucci,

son of Griffin & Natalie

Gaia Elisabeth Luccarelli Qvarfordt,

daughter of Bo Johan & Elise

Levi Matias Vasquez Giraldo, son of Cesar & Diana

Teo Vergel Drenth, son of Ronald & Ashley

Mars Romulus & Salene Reign Alba,

children of Joel & Yurirka

Cooper Curran Blank, son of Michael & Megan



**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, mobolduc1@gmail.com

**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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS (always subject to change)

Sat. 9/12	5:30PM	Msgr. Emery
Sun. 9/13	8:00AM	Msgr. Emery
	9:30AM	Fr. John Carlos
	11:00AM	Fr. Felix
	12:30PM	Fr. Jakov
	NO 3PM SPANISH MASS TODAY	
	6:30PM	Msgr. Emery

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

Visit Our Website—www.olmcridgewood.com



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.

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

Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17TH

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



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**9/11 Mass of Remembrance
This Friday, September 11th
7:00PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

THIS 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.

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Grades 3 and up

Rehearsals: September to June

Tuesdays 4:30PM-5:00PM
Song Leaders*

5:00PM-6:00PM—Full Choir

REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS TUESDAY!

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





**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**ANNUAL PERPETUAL ADORATION BBQ
YOU ARE INVITED!**

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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.**

**HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW IN FAITH
Volunteers Needed**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word
Starts Next Week—September 13th
9:30AM Sunday Mass**

"Let the little children come to me." ~ Matthew 19:14

We are looking for caring volunteers to help welcome and supervise children, ages 3-8, as they gather during Mass to hear the Sunday Gospel in a special, age-appropriate children's version.

You don't need to be a teacher or have special training. Just bring your time, your smile, and your love for our children!

Could you lend a helping hand? Your presence helps our youngest parishioners hear God's Word, grow in faith, and feel at home in our parish family.

**To volunteer or for more information, contact
Nancy Nardelli, 201.665.8849
nancy.a.nardelli@gmail.com**

Every child deserves the opportunity to know and love Jesus.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues. Sept. 8	8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 9	9:15AM MOMs Kick Off Meeting (K of C Hall)
	6:00PM Catholic High School Night (PC)
	7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Sept. 10	4:00PM WCST Prep Team (Library)
	7:15PM WCST Team 25 (MR)
	7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Fri. Sept. 11	7:00PM 9/11 Mass of Remembrance (Church)
Sat. Sept. 12	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

LOOKING TO CONTACT FR. RON?

You can reach the newly retired, man of leisure at his personal email—ron71r@gmail.com

**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.

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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9 | Romans 13:8-10 | Matthew 18:15-20

FOCUS: We are our “brother’s keeper.”

Our readings today remind us of an important truth, one which is found in the Book of Genesis, the very first book of the Bible: We are our “brother’s keeper” (Gen. 4:9). Behind this commandment to care about our brother or sister’s earthly and spiritual wellbeing is the God who desires his children to flourish in this life and to share his joy for all eternity.

In the second reading, Saint Paul’s words are simple and yet profound: *Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.* God is love, and he has commanded us to love our neighbor, to will their well-being, so to speak. This doesn’t sound that difficult—of course we wish our neighbor the best, why wouldn’t we? But what about when we see others living apart from God? How do we respond?

The first reading and the Gospel make it clear that we should not sit idly by. God tells Ezekiel that he will be responsible for the wicked one’s death if he does not try to *dissuade* him from his wicked way. And in the Gospel Jesus gives specific instruction about how to correct someone who has sinned against us in person. Notice his words: *Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.* In other words, don’t gossip or complain about the behavior to anyone else. Confront the person directly from a position of love.

Is this easy? No. Call it tough love, accountability, fraternal correction, or perhaps “speaking the truth in love,” as Saint Paul advises in Ephesians (4:15). Our Catholic tradition even lists this action among the spiritual works of mercy, calling it “admonishing the sinner.” Whatever we call our efforts to help inform our brother or sister that their actions are leading them away from God, they must be motivated by mercy—by love. All these efforts have one aim: to win our brother or sister over, to bring them back into communion with God and with the Church.

Jesus acknowledges that, at times, we will encounter situations where fraternal correction seems fruitless. People are not always ready to change. That’s where the Church can be a powerful intercessor. Jesus tells us that *if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.* In the end, only God can change hearts. But as the Church, we can join together in powerfully interceding for them, asking the Holy Spirit to move their hearts toward reconciliation.

As we come to this Eucharist, let us come with gratitude that our God longs for the salvation of every human person. Let us give thanks that he has called us to play a small part in helping our brothers and sisters on their journey to heaven, and let us ask him for the grace to lovingly call one another to greater holiness.

Monday, Sept. 7 *Labor Day*

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, Sept. 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

+ **6:30AM Theresa Capobianco**

req Paula Nicklous

+ **8:30AM Tom Cooney**

req Brian Keegan

+ **12:00NN Joan Redden**

req Joan Lalonde

Wednesday, Sept. 9 *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

+ **6:30AM Mary Springer**

req Her Family

+ **8:30AM Lucy Caceres**

req The McClure Family

+ **12:00NN Miguel Vera & Zoila Alacon**

req Their Family

Thursday, Sept. 10

+ **6:30AM Charlie Kirk**

req Mary Bollhofer & Family

+ **8:30AM Joe Caronna**

req The Bolduc Family

+ **12:00NN Catherine Novak**

req Doris Novak

Friday, Sept. 11

+ **6:30AM Danny McGinley**

req His Family

+ **8:30PM Tom Cooney**

req The O’Shea Family

+ **12:00NN Martin Hayes**

req The Harrison Family

+ **7:00PM 9/11 Mass of Remembrance**

Saturday, Sept. 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

+ **8:30AM Esmeralda Pineda & Jairo Aviles**

req Their Daughter & Son

+ **5:30PM Frances & Jacques Hakim**

req Their Children & Families

Sunday, Sept. 13 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ **8:00AM Linda Hallidy**

req The Fennell Family

+ **9:30AM Jairo Aviles & Esmeralda Pineda**

req Their Daughter & Son

+ **11:00AM Anthony DiGiorgio**

req The Lopez Family

12:30PM For the People of the Parish

There is no 3PM Spanish Mass today.

6:30PM Special Intention of Friends & Family

req Gloria Lanski

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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