

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.



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 7, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to September. It's hard to believe the (vacation) summer is over. It seems to have gone so fast. That feeling is verified by the fact that it was a week shorter than usual because Labor Day fell on the first of the month, cutting out those late Aug./early Sept. combo days. On the other hand, the weather was spectacular, day after day of warm, sunny days and cool evenings. I hope you made the most of these days of blessing, spent with loving families, warm friends and relaxing, renewing and refreshing activities, to help you come into September—with everything September brings, including all the parish happenings which I wrote about two weeks ago.

But speaking of “renewing” activities, I want to bring you up to date on one of them—**We Are His Witnesses**, the Archdiocesan initiative launched by Cardinal Tobin. You'll remember it began with the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)**, a survey to help identify the current state of the parish, where we are, how we see ourselves and what we think we're all about. A small group of staff and parishioners have been working all summer on the results of that survey, trying to make sense of a lot of data/responses and put it into a format/report that the parish as a whole could understand. The insert in this weekend's bulletin is the result of that effort.

A couple of things that strike me: (1) that we believe in the parish enough to recommend it to a friend, (2) that, as a community, we believe in Scripture as the Word of God, and (3) that the Sunday experience touches a large segment of the church-going congregation. The staff will continue to reflect on some of the specific responses in these areas to be sure we never lose touch with the need to maintain and **grow** in these experiences.

What strikes me more are the challenges identified in the themes that emerged from the responses to the survey. Every parish is unique but every parish has the same call—to be the living presence of Jesus Christ in a particular time and place in our world. And to live His mission. I would put it a little differently. We are not a Church **On Mission**, because to be “on mission” implies a beginning and an end. I would rather say we are a Church (parish) of **mission**, because it is of our very nature to announce Christ to the world, always and everywhere. But we can only do that when we ourselves are growing in faith, growing in Christ.

I ask everyone, not only to take a copy of the **DMI** home with you, but to reflect on it, to think about what it's telling us. Jot down whatever thoughts you come up with and think about where we go from here because the next step in the process is to offer **Listening Sessions**, precisely to hear from you, what you think. These will follow in the fall, details to follow. **A very big THANK YOU to all whose participation gave us the groundwork to begin this journey.**

I hope to see you all sometime on Sunday at the Block

Party. And a heads' up so that they'll be no surprises—because I injured my back last week, there will be no dunk tank this year and considering my age, maybe never again. Instead, a chance to show off how strong **YOU** are on the HIGH STRIKER.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

PS. Although I took off a few days here and there during the summer, I begin my real, late summer vacation on the high seas tomorrow. See you on the 20th.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Close to 1,500
Parishioners participated!

A summary of the results can be found in this week's bulletin, on the website or by using this QR code.



STEWARDSHIP

“For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.” These words, from the Book of Wisdom (1st Reading), taken with Jesus’ warning in the Gospel) remind us how easy it is to forget God and become lost in everyday concerns. The Christian Steward stays focused through his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, offered for the building of God’s kingdom.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$11,575. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the 5 weeks of August was \$120,352. It was received as follows:

Online Giving (WeShare/Venmo) \$60,491
In Pew/Received at the Rectory \$59,861

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MOMs KICK OFF MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH | 9:15AM | PARISH CENTER

All mothers are invited to the Mt. Camel MOMs Kick-Off meeting! Our theme this year is **“Living in the Joy of the Holy Spirit.”** Come learn about our ministry and meet other moms. For more information, go to:

www.olmcmoms.com or email Alexis Kenny at OLMCmomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com

MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
No RSVP Required! COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Assistants Needed
Sundays, 9:30AM Mass

Participating children, ages 4-8, will be seated with their families for the Introductory Rites of the Mass. The group will be dismissed to their gathering space in the Chapel to share age-appropriate reflection of the Sunday readings. Everyone will rejoin their families prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will celebrate at the 9:30am mass every week resuming September 14th. We hope your children will join us!



Many hands make light work, please consider helping our children feel important and that our church is their church. Any adults who would like to assist as a Co-Leader or Assistant—please text

[Nancy Nardelli 201.665.8849](tel:201.665.8849).

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
Thursday, September 18, 2025
6:00PM-8:00PM—OLMC Parish Center
(Enter through the Passaic Street door.)

Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

Geared towards the families of 7th & 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 school 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.

This Thursday, September 11, 2025—7:00PM

All are welcome to join us this
Thursday, September 11, at 7:00PM
in the Church for our 9/11 Mass of Remembrance.
Rev. Anthony Palombo—Celebrant

**Religious Education
When Families Gather**



PARENT MEETING

Please attend one of the following parent meetings.

Sunday, September 14th—10:30AM
Monday, September 15th—7:00PM

Both meetings will be in the Parish Center

Student books & materials will be handed out and we will update you on the new program requirements.

Children in Grades 1-6, as of this September, are eligible for our Religious Education program and should be registered at this time. Contact the Religious Education office now if your child(ren) are not yet registered.

Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie, pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com
Religious Ed office at 201.444.0211

Regis High School Open House at OLMC
Wednesday, September 17, 2025—7PM-9PM
OLMC Parish Center

(Enter through the Passaic Street door.)

Ready to explore the next step in your child's education? Come experience what Regis High School has to offer. Strong academics, faith-filled community, sports, arts, and leadership opportunities. A place where every student belongs. Meet teachers, students and staff. Ask questions. Discover a welcoming community that's ready to open its doors to YOU!

All families welcome! Don't miss it!



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025**

Sign up link on the homepage of the parish website.
\$50/person*

We will provide a mini bagel with cream cheese or butter and a bottle of water or orange juice. You need to bring a bag lunch (no refrigeration available), snacks, extra Water, and money to purchase dinner.

Pay via Venmo or drop off a check at the Rectory, payable to OLMC, with Basilica Pilgrimage on the memo line.

***Anyone under the age of 18
MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

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, Thomas Tesoriero

**RUN FOR HOPE
9/11 REMEMBRANCE RUN**



Frank DeVecchio will be completing his 15th Annual 26-mile run from Ridgewood, NJ, to the World Trade Center to remember those fallen on that tragic day. The run benefits those in need and organizations that support them, including First Responders, Armed Forces members, families, youth programs, pantries, and shelters to fight hunger and homelessness.

Go to www.runforhopefoundation.org for more information or to make a donation. Support the 9/11 Remembrance Run! Run for Hope Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY
LOOKING FOR SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS!**

Do you have a heart for helping others grow in their faith?

We are looking for **small group facilitators** to be a source of light in our **Junior High Faith Formation classes** this year. Facilitators will:

- Guide discussions and foster community
- Encourage others on their faith journey
- Receive training and support

No teaching experience required—just a love for Christ and a willingness to serve.

Class options are as follows:

Tuesday 3:45-5:00 PM; Wednesday 3:45-5:00 PM
Sunday 5:00-6:15 PM; Sunday 7:30-8:45 PM

To learn more or to sign up please contact Nicholas Fallivene at nfallivene@olmcridgewood.com



**Academy of Our Lady—Father's Guild
2nd Annual Msgr. Ron Rozniak
Invitational Golf Outing**

**Friday, October 10, 2025
8AM Registration & Breakfast; 10AM Shotgun**
Bowling Green Golf Club, Oak Ridge, NJ

Scan this QR code to register and for sponsorship opportunities.

Questions? Contact Tom Robins,
trobins299@gmail.com



**WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**



Is God calling you to know Him better?

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. Scan the QR code here or register online at:

www.tinyurl.com/WCS2025Retreat

Questions? Contact Kristin Halvey
kahalvey@gmail.com





PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel any time or, better yet, sign up for one Holy Hour that is good for you. Not sure of your schedule? Sign up as a Substitute Adorer.

SCHEDULED ADORERS NEEDED

Sundays: 1-2PM; Tuesdays: 2-3PM; Thursdays: 9-10AM

For more information

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



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Text Cynthia for more information: 551.574.1063

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5:30PM—7:00PM (Light Supper 5:30PM-6:00PM)

Free to Attend. ~ All are Welcome!

**RSVP: dementiasupport@abundantlifewyckoff.org
201.444.8038**

**SEPTEMBER TOPIC: MAKING SENSE OF DEMENTIA:
TYPES, SYMPTOMS, AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR DAILY LIFE**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 7	9:00AM Women's ISP Team (MR)
Mon. Sept. 8	4:00PM WCST Circle of Prayer Team (Lib)
	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
Tues. Sept. 9	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
	8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 10	9:15AM MOM's Kick Off Meeting (PC)
	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
	7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
	8:15PM Opus Dei (PCA)
Thurs. Sept. 11	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR)
	5:00PM Summer Heatt
	7:15PM WCST Team 24 (MR)
	7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Fri. Sept. 12	9:00AM MOMs SALT (SMR)
	5:00PM Summer Heatt (GYM)
Sat. Sept. 13	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

There's Been a Change

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) will no longer be celebrated on Monday evenings throughout the year. Rather, confessions will be heard on Monday evenings during the great preparation seasons of Advent and Lent.

Church of the Nativity—Midland Park Note Time Correction to **7:00PM**

Nativity's Rosary Society welcomes women seeking to strengthen their spiritual bonds with Mary and Jesus, and other Catholic women. It is an opportunity to meet, pray, share and have something sweet. Consider joining us on the first Thursdays in Fall (Sept. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6) at **7:00pm**. Contact the church office for more information at 201.444.6362 or at office@nativitynj.org

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, 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, Mary Kathleen Rame, 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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

1. Wisdom 9:13-18

The 1st Century, B.C. author of the Book of Wisdom constantly affirms and reaffirms the otherness and omnipotence of God, Who is known by human beings only because God chooses to be known. Placed on the lips of Solomon, Wisdom cautions the reader that despite the great gifts of discovery and insight posed by humans, they cannot match the wisdom of God. Our cleverest plans are easily undone by circumstances beyond our control.

2. Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Through Paul, the run-away slave *Onesimus* (which means, "useful") accepts Jesus and becomes Paul's helper. Eventually, Paul intends to keep the law of the Empire and send him back to his owner, Philemon (hence the name of the letter), playing on his (Paul's) age as a tool for sympathy to convince Philemon to free the slave. The teaching in the letter reminds the reader (and us) that we are brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing a new life together that finds its fullest expression in mutual love, selfless service and forgiveness.

3. Luke 14:25-33

From parents to possessions, the Lucan Jesus warns any wood-be disciples of the cost of their commitment. It is easier to say "no" to temptations when the "yes" we say to Jesus comes from a love which enflames our hearts. "Hate," as used here is not so much about detestation as it is about priority. A considerable investment is required of the true disciple and Jesus wants His followers to be grounded in the realism of what may be expected of them.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. By what means do you seek to "know God's counsel" and listen to his "Holy Spirit from on high"?
2. Is there an area of your life to which Jesus is speaking when he warns about excessive relationships or attachments?
3. What might you do, what steps might you take, to be more focused on Jesus' presence in your life?

NEXT WEEK'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 9/13	5:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
Sun. 9/14	8:00AM	Fr. Felix
	9:30AM	Fr. Jakov
	11:00AM	Fr. Felix
	12:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
	3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
	6:30PM	Fr. John Carlos

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

Monday, Sept. 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- + 6:30AM **Dr. Marie DeVita**
req The Mulvey Family
- + 8:30AM **Gerard "Buddy" Gordon**
req Joan & Robert Gordon
- +12:00NN **Margaret Conniff**
req Michael & Annette Testa & Family

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

- + 6:30AM **Mary Springer**
req Her Family
- + 8:30AM **Joan D'Gerolamo**
req The Doyle Family
- +12:00NN **Joan Redden**
req Joan Lalonde

Wednesday, Sept. 10

- + 6:30AM **Joe Caronna**
req The Bolduc Family
- + 8:30AM **William Callanan**
req His Family
- +12:00NN **Catherine Novak**
req Doris Novak

Thursday, Sept. 11

- + 6:30AM **Mrs. Maria Fernandez**
req The Paes Family
- + 8:30AM **Phil Dennis**
req Bobbie & Larry Roshon
- +12:00NN **For All Souls Lost on 9/11**
- + 7:00PM **9/11 Mass of Remembrance**

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

- + 6:30AM **Stephen Haas**
req The Hofstetter Family
- + 8:30AM **Deceased Members
of the Hakim & Nativo Families**
req Their Family
- +12:00NN **Joanne Shastay**
req Mary & Al Tarabocchia

Saturday, Sept. 13 *Saint John Chrysostom*

- + 8:30AM **Linda Hallidy**
req Her Family
- 5:30PM **Special Intention of Friends & Family**
req Gloria Lanski

Sunday, Sept. 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

- + 8:00AM **Michael & Steven Pawlowski**
req Tim & Trina Bradley
- + 9:30AM **Robert N. Delaney**
req Gianna Matesic & Family
- +11:00AM **Nick & Mary Morin**
req Their Family
- +12:30PM **Sondra Varoli**
req Peggy & Chris Sullivan
- + 3:00PM **Arlene Jordan**
req Pat & Phil Dolce
- 6:30PM **For the People of the Parish**



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