

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

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

One Passaic Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
www.olmcridgewood.com

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 8, 2024



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Dear Friends,

In almost every conversation I've had in the last couple of days, invariably there is a lament, in question form, "where has the summer gone to"? Of course, it has gone no slower or faster than any other twenty four hours a day, seven days a week period during any other time of the year. But the perception is clear that this time of relaxation (if not rest) move faster than the days of constant planning, hectic activity and round-the-clock movement.

And that's what we face as we return from "wherever" to a full slate of September activities. But I'm going to resist the temptation to call your attention to all those activities associated with the parish and invite you to look in a different direction. Just before I went on vacation I received a "promo" copy of a book by Matthew Kelly, the popular and widely-read spiritual writer. The book is entitled **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**. In this year of Eucharistic Revival, and the National Eucharistic Congress, it intrigued me enough to bring it with me to Pa. The blurb on the back cover also intrigued me. A couple of lines especially caught my attention. "Life is a pilgrimage. It is a sacred journey toward our eternal home with God. *Learn what it means to be a pilgrim in a world that is constantly trying to reduce you to a tourist and consumer.*" Having just read the staff member's account of his pilgrimage on the **Camino de Santiago**, I was curious what Kelly was trying to share with me.

And I had another reason. The inside cover invites the reader to "dedicate yourself to God and make yourself 100 percent available to carry out His will on this earth... to surrender to Jesus in the Eucharist... and to promise to faithfully respond to God's grace in your life." While I might not normally have started so early, these are the months when I try to discern God's plan for me, at my age, after so many years as pastor of this wonderful community of believers. Should I continue? Should I retire? What comes next?

So, I am doing the "33 Days of Eucharistic Glory" and asking the Lord to reveal Himself and His will for me in these days. I have shared with you in the past the place the Eucharist has in my life. First, and foremost, as the food for the journey. As we heard in the Gospel only a few weeks ago, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. (John 6:54-55). I take Jesus at his word and, for me, the Eucharist is the source of my life, whatever gifts I have, whatever strength I have, whatever words I speak or actions I do come from the Grace Jesus gives me in his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and prayer time in the Chapel are the natural outflow of my Eucharistic faith. And so, at the end of the 33 days, I will make my Eucharistic Consecration and follow whatever path the Lord leads me to.

I am on day 8 of the 33 and Kelly asks a simple but profound question. In life, are you a tourist or a pilgrim? A tourist rushes, crams, shoves, buys (as in souvenirs), gets upset at delays, demands attention. Pilgrims listen to hear God's voice. Pilgrims live in the present because, as our staff pilgrim wrote, "It's in the present where we experience Christ." Pilgrims live in the present to hear Christ's voice, giving him their full attention. But pilgrims live in the present with their eyes always on the destination—eternal life, because that's what it means to be a pilgrim—to be on a journey.

So I don't begin this year inviting you to be part of a host of things, events. I begin this year inviting you to join me on a pilgrimage, on a journey, encountering the Lord every day and growing in awareness of his presence in our lives.

By the way, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, by Matthew Kelly, is available on Kindle, if you have it.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" St. James, in today's 2nd Reading challenges the reader to examine his/her attitude toward wealth. What is more important—being rich in possessions or rich in faith? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$10,853. The parish Stewardship of Treasure for the 4 weeks of August was \$98,284. It was received as follows:

We Share/Venmo/Online Giving	\$52,747
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9/11 Mass of Remembrance
This Wednesday
September 11th—7:00PM

Please join us for a special Mass of Remembrance for our brothers and sister whom we lost on 9/11.
All are welcome!

Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)

KICK-OFF MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:15AM—PARISH CENTER



All mothers are invited to the Mt. Camel MOMs Kick-Off meeting! Our theme this year is "Growing in Gratitude." Come learn about our ministry and meet other moms.

For more information, go to www.olmcmoms.com or email Katherine Clark at OLMCMomsridgewoodnj@gmail.com

MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!

BABYSITTERS NEEDED

Select Wednesdays |9:15AM-11:15AM | Parish Center
Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

MOMs is looking for babysitting help during our upcoming monthly meetings. Compensation offered! Please contact Alexis if you or someone you know are willing.

amcnamee91@gmail.com

CALLING ALL FAMILIES! - PLAYGROUND MEET UP!

Parish Playground Meet Up—Sunday, September 15th
10:30AM (following the 9:30AM family Mass)
OLMC Youth Center Playground
(behind the school building on Passaic Street)
Snacks will be provided! All are welcome!

Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings Beginning THIS THURSDAY—September 12th Parish Center—10:30AM-11:45AM

For more than a year 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 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 interested please contact so that materials may be available for you.—lenglish122@gmail.com, text 201.207.5920.

Catholic High School Night for Grades 6, 7 & 8 This Thursday, September 12th 6PM-8PM | OLMC Parish Center (Use Passaic Street Entrance)

This is an open invitation to all middle school students and their parents to attend our Catholic High School Night! This is a great way for you and your parents to meet school representatives and learn about the benefits of a robust Catholic High School education!

Pray the Rosary in Spanish

Join fellow parishioners to pray the rosary in Spanish each Sunday at 2PM in the Daily Mass Chapel.



Regis High School Information Night
Wednesday, September 18, 2024—7:00PM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center

Discover Regis High School's transformative Jesuit education, fostering excellence, curiosity, leadership, and service. Learn more about a Jesuit education by participating in our upcoming Regis Information Night. This event offers a firsthand look into the Regis Experience for local students, emphasizing shared educational values and details. Attendees will include the Director of Admissions, current students, parents, and alumni parents, creating an ideal introduction to life at Regis. Light refreshments will be provided.

Register at regis.com/admissions

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
FAITH SHARING EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST—PARISH CENTER
CHECK IN: 12NN | PRESENTATIONS: 12:30PM-3:00PM

The National Eucharistic Congress was held July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN. This historic pilgrimage was centered on the Eucharist and its Revival. You are invited to listen and reflect on the life changing spiritual stories experienced by several local pilgrims. Invitation is open to everyone.

Prior registration preferred by Monday, September 16. requested as light refreshments will be provided.

Registration/Questions—Contact Deacon Bob Liwanag at bob.liwanag@olmcridgewood.com or 201.670.0587.

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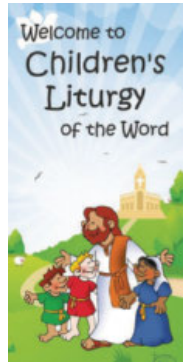
Saturday
September 28, 2024
8:30 a.m. - Noon

**REGISTER NOW
WITH THIS QR CODE:**



Children's Liturgy of the Word
Resumes Next Sunday, Sept. 15th

Parents/grandparents—please bring your little ones (Pre-K—Grade 3) to this Mass. After Opening Prayer, the children are invited up to the altar and led to Our Lady's Chapel where they hear the Sunday scripture readings in a simpler language. The children return to the church before the Offertory. The kids (and parents) are so grateful. We do Children's Liturgy every Sunday.



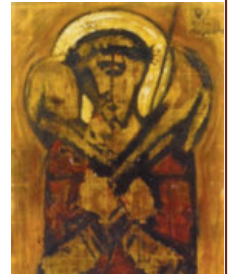
Please consider volunteering to lead or assist. the more volunteers we have, the less time people need to commit! We provide a training session and materials for each leader. If you work during the week, this ministry is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved. Our goal is to have the children of our parish enjoy coming to Mass and learn about the weekly readings at their younger level of understanding.

For more information and to volunteer, contact:
Angela Krempel at a_krempel@hotmail.com

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(PEA)**

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

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



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All Visitors of the Blessed Sacrament... & Family!*

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Text Cynthia for more information: 551.574.1063



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open to all, regardless of affiliation,
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This fall, due to the present lower unemployment rate, we
are going to offer personal, unemployment counseling—in
person or by phone—depending upon our counselors'
availability. Please feel free to contact anyone below for
more information.

Carol Shea: carolcareers@gmail.com

Ed McCabe: efxmccabe@hotmail.com or 551.265.0175

Rich Kritzer: rich.kritzer@gmail.com

As always, we look forward to working with you.

**THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY—7:30PM
DAILY MASS CHAPEL
ALL ARE WELCOME**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Timothy Bombace, Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado,
Nick Haddad, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano,
James Nardelli, Robert Smith

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sep 8	1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee (PC)
Tues. Sep 10	7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sep 11	9:15AM MOMs Monthly Meeting (PC-All) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 Meeting (MR)
Thur. Sep 12	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Study (SMR) 5:30PM NCW 3 rd Community (YCB) 6:00PM Catholic High School Night (PC)
Sat. Sep. 14	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

*Registration is Open!
Annual
Women's Cornerstone Retreat
Saturday, October 19, 2024*



Registration has begun for our Annual Women's
Cornerstone Retreat held in our Parish Center. Give
yourself the gift of Women's Cornerstone. It is a
beautiful, spiritual and social experience that is sure to
enrich your life. There is absolutely no pressure on the
retreat. All you need is an open heart.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/WCS2024Retreat
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Questions may be directed to
Kristin Halvey: kahalvey@gmail.com



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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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, Sep 9 *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

- + 6:30AM **Mary Springer**
req Her Family
- + 8:30AM **Antonio Piccinich**
req Luciano & Dina Scrivanich
- +12:00NN **Alma Raffaella Hart**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag

Tuesday, Sep 10

- + 6:30AM **Joe Caronna**
req The Bolduc Family
- + 8:30AM **Dominic "Don" Crowe**
req OLMC Staff
- +12:00NN **Cesar Cruz**
req Sylvia Pama & Family

Wednesday, Sep 11

- + 6:30AM **Arthur Sonnick**
req Steve & Leah Sonnick
- + 8:30AM **Phillip Dennis**
req Bobbie & Larry Roshon
- +12:00NN **Julie Nowill**
req A Friend
- + 7:00PM **9/11 Mass of Remembrance**

Thursday, Sep 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

- + 6:30AM **Leida M. Vazquez**
req The Vazquez Family
- + 8:30AM **Leida M. Vazquez**
req The Vazquez Family
- +12:00NN **Zoila Alarcon**
req Her Family

Friday, Sep 6 *Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- 6:30AM **Special Intention of the Uber Children**
req Steven & Yvonne Uber
- + 8:30AM **Daniel Cummings**
req His Friends & Family
- +12:00NN **Deceased Family & Friends**
req Gloria Lanski

Saturday, Sep 7 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

- 8:30AM **Art & Rosemary Rippas**
61st **Wedding Anniversary**
req Their Family
- + 5:30PM **Deceased Members of the
Hakim & Natio Families**
req The Family

Sunday, Sep. 8 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00AM **For the People of the Parish**
- + 9:30AM **Catherine Maltezos**
req The Lewis Family
- +11:00AM **Vladimir Tome Zanki**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag
- +12:30PM **John J. Cavagnaro**
req His Son, Al
- 3:00PM **Special Intention of Mercedes & Jose
Martinez—Wedding Anniversary**
req The Martinez Family
- + 6:30PM **Clifford Bailous**
req Donna & Ralph Perricelli

TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 35:4-7

Having warned Israel against the threat of conquest by Assyria (which went unheeded), Isaiah dedicates most of his efforts in warning Judah that a similar fate awaits them unless they trust God. Inserted into the dire warnings of earlier chapters, today's excerpts offer a word of hope. The way out of their fears is faith in God, who can give them true and lasting security. Their eyes and ears will be opened to the love God has for them and they will sing his praises and their transformation will be matched by the transformation of the world around them.

2. James 2:1-5

In a world that makes idols of the rich and famous, the words of James in today's excerpted passage can cut to the heart. Christians are not to value people for their riches, their fame or their power. In fact, the Christian is called to recognize that the poor are often more open to God in their lives and are more often "rich in faith," and thus, closer to the Kingdom of God.

3. Mark 7:31-37

This miracle story is unique to Mark. Following last week's account of Jesus' criticism of Pharisaical legalism, scholars suggest that it's placement in gentile territory is Jesus' way of setting aside the barriers between gentiles and Jews among his followers. Isolated from every human experience by his affliction, the man comes to Jesus to be restored. The particular attention Mark pays to the details of the cure highlight Jesus' fulfillment of the prophecy recorded in today's passage from Isaiah. Jesus brings eschatological salvation to all who come to him, acting in the place of God, renewing fallen creation, and making salvation a present reality.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Am I willing to admit I have blind spots about people, about opinions, about God? What can I do to be healed?
2. Who am I deaf to? To whom do I show partiality?
3. Do I resist the intimacy offered by the incarnate God?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

Sat. 9/14	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 9/15	8:00AM	Fr. Felix
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Rolando
	12:30PM	Fr. Felix
	3:00PM	Visitor
	6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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