

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
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.

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 13, 2026

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Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you in this wonderful Parish community for the warm welcome I received last weekend. I was deeply touched by the reception I received!

As I said at many of the Masses that I spoke at last weekend, it will take me a little time to adjust to this very large and active Parish. As of this writing, I am living in boxes and have not found time to unpack much at all so please be patient with me as I settle in.

I am usually very good at responding to emails the same day (except on my days off which will be Wednesdays and Thursdays), but these days I am falling a little behind. I promise to do better!

It is my custom to have various members of our pastoral staff take turns writing a bulletin message each week and I will do a Message from the Pastor whenever there was something I wish to speak about or share with you. In my experience, parishioners enjoy hearing from different members of our pastoral staff as they share their own spiritual messages with you throughout the year. Hopefully, this will begin in the next week or two.

Once again, I ask for your prayers as I begin my ministry here as your Pastor and I will of course be praying daily for you and our Parish family.

Peace,
Msgr. Emery

JOIN US TODAY!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
1:30PM-5:00PM
BEHIND THE CONVENT—RAIN OR SHINE
FUN! ~ FOOD! ~ FRIENDS! ~ TREATS! ~ GAMES!

STEWARDSHIP

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,936. 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.



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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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Returns This Sunday at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass...

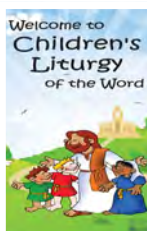
For ALL Ages (NEW!)

Volunteers needed

9:30AM Sunday Mass

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

Children of all ages are invited to join our weekly children's liturgy resuming this Sunday, September 13, at the 9:30AM Mass. We look forward to the return of the young children who have been attending and we welcome older children as helpers with readings and activities.



We need volunteers to keep this going. High school students are welcome to help with planning and activities. Leaders take turns so you don't need to be there every week. It's easy, rewarding and fun!



After the opening prayers, children are called to the front of the church and we lead them to the chapel for a children's version of readings and prayers. Parents are always welcome to come along. We return for the offertory.

Join us one Sunday to see how it works. Please use the QR for any questions or interest you may have.



The candles present at our Mass of Remembrance on September 11th will burn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our deceased brothers and sister.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week commemorates the memory of Richard Blood

WARNING

The Scammers are a Busy Bunch!!

DO NOT REPLY TO TEXT MSGS. OR EMAILS FROM MSGR. EMERY REQUESTING A FAVOR.

Msgr. Emery would **NEVER** communicate such a need in that manner.

Join Mt. Carmel's Adult Choir Rehearsals Begin This Tuesday September 15th—7:30PM!



The OLMC Adult Choir is seeking new members. All voice parts are welcome. Whether you are a former choral singer or love to sing in your car or in the shower, there is a place for you here. Come this Tuesday and join in!

The Adult Choir practices on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM and performs at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass and at special liturgies at Christmas and Holy Week.

Contact Peter Sicko for more information:
mtcarmelmusic58@aol.com

COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE TIRED AND BURDENED
AND I WILL RESTORE YOU ~ Mt 11:28



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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
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YOUTH MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE

**THIS COMING SATURDAY
SEPT 19TH —9AM-12NN**

DRIVE THRU—SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY

PLEASE NO EXPIRED ITEMS. NONE OF THE AGENCIES ARE PERMITTED TO GIVE OUT EXPIRED FOOD.

FR. ENGLISH: Anything high in protein!! Black Beans, Chick Peas, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Nuts, Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna, Spam, Ham), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Complete Pancake Mix, Syrup, Juice (Apple, Tomato, V8), Jiffy or Similar Muffin Mix, Coffee, Tea, Ritz/Saltine Crackers, Raisins, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Shelf Stable Milk, Oatmeal Packets, Hamburger Helper, Canned Veggies, Jiffy (or any) Muffin Mix, Lemonade/Ice Tea Mix, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar Bath Soap, Tissues, Laundry Detergent, Bottled Water

SOCIAL SERVICES: Cereal, Oatmeal Packets, Pasta/Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta Snacks for Kids (individual servings are best), Peanut Butter & Jelly; 100% Fruit Juice; Hearty Canned Soups; Black Beans, Chick Peas, Canned Veggies, Rice; Hot Chocolate Mix; Canned Tuna/Chicken/Ham; Shelf Stable Milk, Laundry Detergent; Cleaning Products, Personal Toiletries

RIDGECREST

Small sizes preferred as most residents live alone.

Depend Brand Adult Briefs for Women any size; Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Shelf Stable Milk, Olive Oil, Tissues, Mayonnaise, Low/No Sugar Oatmeal Packets, Cheerios (yellow box), Rice Krispies, Raisin Bran, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Chick Peas, Black Beans, Bottled Water (gallon), Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Green Tea Bags, Instant Coffee (regular/decaf), Rice.

FRESH PRODUCE: Apples, Oranges, Clementines, Cucumbers, Potatoes, Pears, Eggplant, Sweet Potatoes, Peppers (all colors & varieties) Cherry Tomatoes, Zucchini, Cantaloupe, Brussels Sprouts, Honeydew, Blueberries, Strawberries, Bananas, Grapefruit, Plums, Asparagus, Radishes, Cauliflower.

HEALING MEALS

Green Peppers, Carrots, Celery, Onions, Barilla Lasagna Noodles (no oven ready), Canned Chick Peas, Olive Oil, Canned Crushed Tomatoes, Ground Ginger, Kosher Salt, Lentils (dried/bagged), Organic Vegetable Broth, Flax Seed, Bottled Lime Juice, Minced Garlic (jars), Marinara Sauce, Dark Brown Sugar.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED AT 10AM & 12NN
Contact Glen McCall, gmcalls@olmcridgewood.com

Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings BEGINNING THIS THURSDAY—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



***Women's Cornerstone Retreat
Saturday, November 21, 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 spaced are filled).



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
gmcalls@ridgewood.com, 201.444.9302

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 URGENTLY NEEDED

Tuesdays: 1PM-2PM; Fridays: 10AM-11AM;

Saturdays: 2AM-3AM

Contact Cynthia Torres, 551.574.1063

cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com.

**THIRD THURSDAY
MEN'S BREAKFAST
THIS WEEK—SEPTEMBER 17TH**



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:

Mike McKeon

201.726.2482 or mfmckeon1@yahoo.com

HEALING MASS

Saturday, October 3, 2026—11:00AM

Church of the Annunciation

50 W. Midland Avenue, Paramus

(followed by a light lunch)

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

Celebration of the Eucharist; Laying of Hands;

Anointing; Handicapped Access

Please register by Thursday, September 24:

d.monticello@hotmail.com or 201.261.6322

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 13	9:00AM Women's ISP Team (MR)
	12:15PM Bell Choir (PCB)
	1:30PM Parish Block Party (Convent)
	4:00PM OCIA (MR)
Mon. Sept. 14	7:30PM Men's Cornerstone (MR)
Tues. Sept. 15	4:00PM Choir Rehearsals (Church)
	8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 16	7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Sept. 17	10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR)
	4:00PM WCST Prep Team (Library)
	6:30PM SCC Mendez (REC1)
	7:00PM Regis High Open House (Gym)
	7:15PM WCST Team 25 (MR)
	7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Fri. Sept. 18	9:15AM MOMs SALT (MR)
Sat. Sept. 19	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR)
	9:00AM Youth Ministry Food Drive (Driveway)
	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

COPING WITH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This eight week program is offered by The Church of the Presentation's 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: 10:00AM-11:30AM | Evening: 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—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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30-28:7 | Romans 14:7-9 | Matthew 18:21-35

FOCUS: As God has forgiven us, so must we also forgive one another.

Today's readings on forgiveness may be challenging and unsettling. Not only are we exhorted to avoid anger and wrath, we hear from Jesus a warning about what may happen to us if we fail to forgive others. Reflecting on the parable of the unmerciful servant helps us understand how the greatness of God's mercy challenges and enables us to forgive those who have sinned against us. As God has forgiven us, so must we also forgive one another; as God has loved us, so can we also love one another.

In our fallen world where sin strains and breaks our relationships with God and one another, we will all suffer hurt and harm from others' choices – some more gravely than others. When people sin against us, we will feel real emotional pain. On the topic of forgiveness, the Catechism says: "It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense, but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843).

When we find ourselves fixating on memories of the hurt that has been inflicted upon us, we are invited to bring that to the Lord. He, in turn, can give us the grace to look upon the person who has harmed us with compassion. As we come to recognize the brokenness likely present in their life that led to their harmful action, the Spirit moves us to pray for them. This already is a powerful movement toward forgiveness.

In this light, the exhortation from our Lord to forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times (Mt 21:22) points us toward what is possible for us with God's help. We are capable, through God's grace, not only of forgiving once, or a handful of times, but an unfathomable number of times. If we reflect on the patience and compassion God has shown to us, we will be equipped to show the same mercy to others.

How is this kind of tireless forgiveness possible? Only through God's love. Our merciful king does not sit back on his throne, far apart from us, and expect us to forgive others on our own strength. God, our merciful king, is close to those who have suffered harm and who have been sinned against. God knows human pain in the suffering of his Son, Jesus. Moved with compassion, the Lord has reconciled us with him in baptism and patiently forgives our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. By partaking in the Eucharist and sharing in our Lord's Body and Blood, we are reconciled with one another and strengthened as we strive to continue to forgive. Close especially to the brokenhearted, our merciful king reveals his love to us in our daily lives, especially when we bring our troubles to him in prayer.

As we gather around the table of the Lord at this Eucharist, may we become the Communion we receive, abiding together in harmony through the Father's mercy and our acts of forgiveness.

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

+ 6:30AM **Phil & Pat Dennis**

req Bobbie & Larry Roshon

8:30AM **Special Intention of Melanie Santlofer**

req Mithe & Judy Santlofer

+12NN **Martino & Antonia Busanic**

req Nick & Maria Busanic

Tuesday, Sept. 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

+ 6:30AM **Alice Carew**

req Anna Walsh

+ 8:30AM **Catherine Maltezos**

req Tom & Louise Lewis

+12:00NN **Peggy & Joe Gleeson**

req Anne & George Skau

Wednesday, Sept. 16 *Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

+ 6:30AM **Raul Anthony Morales**

req Ed & Eileen Halsch

+ 8:30AM **Johnnie St. Clair**

req His Daughter, Stephanie & Family

+12:00NN **Carlos Ardila**

req Ligia Vera

Thursday, Sept. 17 *Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the church*

+ 6:30AM **Robert Minicus**

req The Minicus Family

8:30AM **Special Intention of**

Veronica Garrido & Gaeron McClure

req Lucia McClure

+12:00NN **Jorge Alvares**

req His Family

Friday, Sept. 18

+ 6:30AM **Barbara Ann Moreira**

req Diane Falcone

+ 8:30PM **Maria Meza**

req The McClure Family

+12:00NN **Sixta & Gonzalo Ardila**

req Their Family

Saturday, Sept. 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

+ 8:30AM **Kathleen McGovern**

req The Mulholland Family

+ 5:30PM **Johnnie St. Clair**

req His Daughter, Stephanie & Family

Sunday, Sept. 20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

+ 8:00AM **Harry Henky**

req The Amoroso Family

+ 9:30AM **Jaime Cardona**

req Maria Cardona

+11:00AM **Helen Berlin & Adeline Hassell**

req The Grathwohl Family

+12:30PM **Ruth & Riad Azar**

req The Azar Family

+ 3:00PM **Angel L. Montalvo**

req Awilda Montalvo & Family

6:30PM **For the People of the Parish**



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