

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 20, 2026

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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make our Block Party last Sunday a great success! I was so impressed with the number of people who volunteered their time to help with this annual event. A special thank you to our staff members Cathy Hunt and Glen McCall as well as Mark Mulvey and John Walicki and our Knights of Columbus who worked hard to plan this fun event. It is important that we have opportunities like this to come together as a parish family and these events are only possible when we are all willing to share our time and talents. I'm already looking forward to next year!

I also want to let you know that Deacon Nick DeLucca, who has served our parish for the last 25 years has decided to retire from active ministry. I regret that I did not have the opportunity to work with him prior to my arrival. He and his wife Arlene have given so much of themselves to our parish over the years and we are so very grateful to them! Please join me in wishing Deacon Nick well in his retirement and if you see him or Arlene around please express your thanks to them. I extend to them both my prayerful best wishes.

Finally, I continue to tell friends that in my 39 years of priesthood I have never felt so warmly welcomed as I have here at OLMC. I even sent a message to Cardinal Tobin sharing this with him. I am so very grateful to you all for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to getting to know you as time goes on. Please keep me in your prayers during this time of transition and know that you are in my daily prayers.

Peace,
Msgr. Emery



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



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

STEWARDSHIP

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,430. 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

Weekly Offering Envelopes

September/October Offertory Envelopes were not mailed to families because the company that supplies them experienced a production problem. The company hopes to have new envelopes mailed out soon.

You can place your offering in any envelope with your name and envelope number on it or, simply, write your envelope number on the memo line of your check.

Now might be a good time...

With the two recent production issues, now might be the time to switch to online support for the parish. Follow the **WeShare** link on the homepage of our website.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

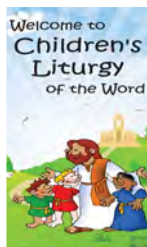
For ALL Ages (NEW!)

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 code for any questions or interest you may have.



Academy of Our Lady Seeking a New Principal

Our PreK–Grade 8 parish school, **Academy of Our Lady**, is seeking a **dynamic, faith-filled leader** to serve as Principal. Qualified candidates are asked to submit the following materials by **September 23** via email to:

Barbara Dolan at SchoolsOffice@rcanschools.org:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation from professional references
- A letter of reference from a pastor attesting to active involvement in a Catholic parish.

Start date may be flexible. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in the position but would not be available until the spring or summer, please still consider applying now.

Salary Range: \$70,000–\$85,000

Requirements and additional details available here:



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 Michael Carroll**

**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
Cathy Hunt—chunt@olmcridgewood.com
Pat McGarvie—pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

For anyone reading the bulletin Friday...

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH—9AM-12NN

Drive-Thru Drop Off—School Building Driveway

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those served.

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver, bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Ministry Contact: Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com



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/WCSRetrofit2026

or by scanning this QR Code.

Registration Deadline

Tuesday, November 17

(or earlier if spaced are filled).



Weekly Scripture Reflection Thursday Mornings

Religious Education Bldg.—10:30AM-11:45AM

(56 Passaic Street, Ridgewood)

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 9/26	5:30PM	Fr. Felix
Sun. 9/27	8:00AM	Fr. Felix
9:30AM	Fr. Jakov w/Dcn. Bob	Assisting
	11:00AM	Msgr. Emery
	12:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
	3:00PM	Msgr. Emery
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

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

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





**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

**CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!
Psalm 118:24

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

COME! MEET FELLOW ADORERS!

TODAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH—3PM-6PM

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Bring your specialty dishes, desserts, wine.

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Let us welcome our new pastor, Msgr. Emery, as one big PEA family, meet fellow Adorers, and share the blessings of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with grateful hearts. United by our love for Jesus in the Eucharist, we will break bread together and enjoy grilled food and the dishes everyone brings. Adorers will set and decorate the tables, grill, share food, and help clean up. Every helping hand is a labor of love and a reminder of God's presence among us.

No RSVP is needed. Everyone is welcome. We have prayed for this gathering. This is God's event and invitation, and we trust God to bring the people.

Come! Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Better yet, sign up for a holy hour once a week, every week, that is good for you. A regular and consistent holy hour is good for our souls and it helps keep the door open to anyone seeking God—to anyone seeking peace.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

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

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

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, Stella V. Ladera, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Sept. 20	9:30AM NCW #1 (NCW) 12:15PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM OCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA)
Mon. Sept. 21	7:00PM Small Christian Comm. (SMR) 7:30PM Confirmation Meeting (Church)
Tues. Sept. 22	4:00PM Choir Rehearsals (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife-Sharing Christ (St. Gabe's) 7:30PM Finance Council Meeting (REC1) 8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Sept. 23	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (REC1) 7:00PM Jr. High Orientation (Church) 7:00PM Rel Ed Catechist Meeting (REC1) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Sept. 24	10:00AM WCST Book Club (MR) 10:30AM Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study (SMR) 4:00PM WCST Prep Team (Library) 7:15PM WCST Team 25 (MR) 7:30PM Knights of Columbus Social (Hall)
Fri. Sept. 25	9:15AM MOMs SALT (MR)
Sat. Sept. 26	9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)



OLMC's Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)

MOMs MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

9:15AM—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

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Guest Speakers: Larry & Casey Dorame of Miraculum
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Beginning This Monday, September 21st

Morning: 10:00AM-11:30AM | Evening: 7:30PM-9:00PM

Loss of a Loved One Support Group—Wednesdays

Beginning This Wednesday, September 23rd—7:30PM-9:00PM

Registration is required. There is no fee. Call 201.327.1313



TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9 | Philippians 1:20c-24,27a | Matthew 20:1-16a

FOCUS: The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Perhaps we are familiar with the concept of *schadenfreude*, which Merriam Webster's dictionary describes as "enjoyment obtained from seeing or hearing about the troubles of others." If we're honest with ourselves, we all may fall into a bit of *schadenfreude* at times, particularly when we feel the person experiencing the troubles had it coming to them. Though certainly far from the love of neighbor our Lord calls us to, it's easy to be tempted to delight when someone whom we dislike, or whom we feel deserves it, experiences some hardship or other.

But there's also another less than charitable tendency we see in today's Gospel: We can have a particularly strong reaction when someone we feel hasn't earned it gets something good. There's no fancy word like *schadenfreude* to describe that feeling, but it's very real. In our Gospel we see the anger and confusion of the laborers who worked from dawn until dusk, grumbling against the landowner that the laborers who only worked an hour got the full daily wage. They are angry because the landowner's generosity defies their sense of justice, which wants each person to get exactly what they're due, and no more.

But God's justice doesn't work the way human justice works. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah. Other places in Scripture tell us that God makes the sun rise on the good and the bad, and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust (Mt. 5:45). Or, as our psalm tells us, The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works, good and bad, deserving and undeserving alike.

Why? Why is the Lord so indiscriminately generous, even when someone doesn't deserve it? Because of his infinite mercy. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving, Isaiah tells us. The radical generosity of God's mercy helps the sinner to have confidence that it's never too late to turn back, it's never too late to come home.

The message of today's Gospel is that no matter what, all is not lost. Though we may have squandered our lives in dissolute living – like the prodigal son – upon coming home to the Father, we know that a heavenly banquet awaits us.

When we move from seeing this Gospel through our small-minded lens of someone getting more than they deserve to understanding it from the vantage point of the infinite mercy of God, then perhaps we can move from our all-too-human reaction of grumbling at the unfairness to praise of God's goodness. May this Eucharist we share help us to offer thanks and praise to God for his unfathomable mercy, which gives each of us infinitely more than we could ever deserve.

Monday, Sept. 21 *Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

- + 6:30AM **Deceased Members of the Dikun Family**
req Joanne Dikun & Mark Mulvey
- + 8:30AM **Harry Henky**
req Paul Nick
- +12:00NN **Harry Henkey**
req Mindy Batista for H.I.L.T.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

- + 6:30AM **Adriana Radossi**
req Her Family
- + 8:30AM **Dick Spalckhaver**
req Priscilla Farnsworth
- +12:00NN **Sr. Lucy Sullivan**
req Anne Kennedy

Wednesday, Sept. 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

- + 6:30AM **Sandra Pizzuro & the Pizzuro & Almquist Families**
req The Kittaneh Family
- + 8:30AM **Joseph Haskins**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag
- +12:00NN **Herbert Unger Engel**
req The Engel Family

Thursday, Sept. 24

- + 6:30AM **Laurie McCormack**
req The Minicus Family
- 8:30AM **Special Intention of Jason-Scott & Melanie Santlofer**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
- +12:00NN **Pat Azzolini & Family**
req Pauline Azzolini

Friday, Sept. 25

- + 6:30AM **Anne Robinson**
req The Volpe Family
- + 8:30PM **Jim Roth**
req Lori O'Reilly
- +12:00NN **Andre Di Dio**
req Nancy Periu

Saturday, Sept. 26 *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

- + 8:30AM **Elizabeth Oliva**
req Her father, Vincent

5:30PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, Sept. 27 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + 8:00AM **Jim Roth**
req Paul & Becky Simpson
- + 9:30AM **Anna Scrivanich**
req Joan & Al Scrivanich
- +11:00AM **Teresa & George Kovacs**
req Jeannie & Kent Papsun
- +12:30PM **Agustina Gonzalez**
req The Badillo Family
- + 3:00PM **Anabella Moharita**
req Yadira Moharita
- + 6:30PM **Ethel, Benjamin, & Richard Kowal**
req Ethel Perin



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