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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time— October 15, 2023



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Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the 20th annual **Academy of Our Lady Weekend**. And this marks the 100th Anniversary of our parochial school. Since the Academy of Our Lady is the successor school of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and St. Catharine's School, and since Mount Carmel School opened in 1923, this is the 100th **Anniversary**. As we list the principal among parish staff in the bulletin, I have always reminded the parish that we do have a parochial school, even if it's not on our property. Over the years, many of our parish families have recognized the value of our **Parochial** school. As I have noted in the past, it is accredited by **Middle States** and is a United States Department of Education recognized **Blue Ribbon School**, recognizing the academic excellence achieved by its students. I recently saw on Patch the announcement of that Blue Ribbon School designation for a number of schools in Bergen County – public schools. So **Blue Ribbon School** is a sought-after recognition, not just by Catholic Schools but by public schools as well. As I said, it is a recognition of academic excellence. **The Academy** re-opened for full time, in-person class the September after the lockdown and has remained open ever since, with the exception of the planned closings immediately after the extended vacations. But the real reason for the existence of the **Academy** is and remains what Catholic education is all about – an instrument for the formation and education of our children in the Catholic faith. It fulfills the objective of the Parish Mission Statement that appears weekly on the front cover of the bulletin, believing in Jesus Christ, embracing his teaching to be the light of the world – into the future. The heart of the school, and we make no bones about it or apologies for it, is faith formation – a solid grounding in the beliefs of Catholicism, lived out in a community of love, respect and joy. God, Jesus Christ, religion and values are very much a part of the daily life of the students, in instruction, in atmosphere and in the personal relationships between teachers and students and students and students. Catholic schools began because the public schools of the time were so closely influenced by a Protestant ethic and culture that the faith of Catholic students was threatened by that closeness. Today, it is not so much another religious identity that threatens the faith of Catholic children but rather the secular environment and culture that threatens our children and the fact that parental rights stop at the schoolhouse door.

This year, our celebration has taken on a new look. All the masses (with the exception of the 8:00 AM and the 3:00 PM) will have students from the school in one or another of the liturgical ministries and in hospitality and welcome. In addition, "coffee and" will be served in the Parish Center

After the 9:30 and the 11:00, where more information will be available and where families who might be interested in the school can meet and talk with the school families who will be present, an opportunity to hear, first hand, what the Academy offers. A video will be shown both in church, between masses, and down in the Parish Center. All are invited downstairs after these two masses, not just families with children.

This brings me to a familiar part of the weekend, the **Annual Fund**. Beyond tuition and the subsidy support that comes directly from the Archdiocese, additional resources are needed to keep the school flourishing. Some of these resources come from the fund-raising of the Home and School Association and from the Fathers' Guild. But an important part is this **Annual Fund**. Each year I ask each and every one of our parish households (including myself) to pledge one hundred dollars, either as a single gift or a monthly payment for the next four months, to help us continue to make this important way of providing Catholic formation available for future generations. At \$25. a month, it is an investment in the future of the Catholic community that is certainly worth it. Please join me in this crusade for the Church of the future. Envelopes are available in the pews throughout the church. Please fill one out, put it in the boxes at all the doors, mail them to the rectory or directly to the school.

As I had mentioned in my column last week, I leave this Wednesday to celebrate confirmation for the parish in the Turks and Caicos Islands and then I will be back for only a day before I leave for the last part of my vacation. So, unless I get inspired somewhere in the Caribbean, this probably will be my last column for almost a month, even though I will be gone for only nineteen days. This last week has been a tough week for the parish and I think I could use it.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron



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The Sanctuary candles that were on the altar at the Mass on September 11, will burn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for our deceased brothers and sister, as they have in past years.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is commemorating the memory of David Meyer



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"It was kind of you to share in my distress." In the 2nd Reading, Paul thanks the Philippians for their generosity in his need, but promises it has not gone unnoticed. "My God will fully supply whatever you need." Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity. This is the promise of **Stewardship**. The Christian Steward knows that. He/she knows that the gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**, offered in grateful thanks, will be multiplied "in accord with his (God's) glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Do you believe this, and practice it?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last weekend was \$14,835. God bless your generosity supporting the work of the Gospel. Online giving is a help to the parish. Please consider it as a way to support the work of the Gospel.

Fall Scripture Reflection

Reflect on the Upcoming Sunday Mass readings

Thursday Mornings—10:30AM-11:45AM

Parish Center Meeting Room

St. Jerome famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". This fall you are invited to join others from Mt. Carmel to let the Word of God speak to your heart. This past summer we offered a two month version. Each week as we came together, we were surprised that we had new insights through praying, reading and sharing our thoughts with others.

How blest we are when participants can proclaim how different the experience of liturgy became on Sunday by preparing with others during the previous week.

A weekly in person session will be provided to help you deepen your relationship with God in scripture. Join any Thursday morning through December 14. **Weekly RSVP requested for material preparation.**

RSVP—lenglish122@gmail.com, 201.207.5920

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Religious Education
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When Families Gather

**Sacrament Parent Meeting
Wednesday, October 18th—9:30AM OR 7:30PM**

Please attend this meeting if you have a child receiving First Reconciliation or First Communion this year.

November Sessions

Sunday, November 5

Attend 9:30AM or 11:00AM Mass

Saints Carnival to follow each Mass

**Monday, November 6 | 7PM | Parish Center
Parents Only Session**

Questions? Contact Religious Education—201.444.0211
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**Jesus & Me Story Time
Preschoolers 2-1/2—5 Year Old**

All Hallow's Eve & All Saints Day Themed

**Next Saturday, October 21—10:30AM
Parish Center Meeting Room**

Bring your child, grandchild or godchild to this fun, faith-filled story time!

**Please Register with Adriana DeCandia
thedomesticchurch61@gmail.com**

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**TODAY, OCTOBER 15TH—OLMC PARISH CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 9:30AM & 11:00AM MASSES**

We invite the entire parish and school community to celebrate! Join educators and Academy families for hot bagels, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and coffee and a chance to learn about the Academy of Our Lady experience!

**SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION SESSION AT AOOL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 7PM | COMMUNITY HALL**

We are hosting a guest speaker, Paul Sanfrancesco. He will speak about social media use, its dangers, and how to navigate a medium that is constantly changing. He will present to grades 5-8 during the day and then host a parent talk in the evening at 7:00PM in Community Hall. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

For those reading this Friday or early Saturday...



**Saturday, October 14 | 9AM-12NN
School Bldg. Driveway**

These Food Drives support: Fr. English Food Pantry, Social Services Association, Ridgecrest Senior Living and Healing Meals (fresh produce/food items). 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.

**For more information or to offer your assistance:
Contact Glen McCall gmccall@olmcridgewood.com**

**THIRD THURSDAY
MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 19, 2023**



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:

Rich Scalione, 201.444.2585 or nwbma@yahoo.com

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Questions? mbcaffrey@aol.com

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
(PEA)**

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Blessed Carlo Acutis and his love of the Eucharist
Child of the New Millenium

Carlo Acutis was an English born Italian Catholic youth and website designer who is best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles and the approved Marian apparitions around the world and cataloging them onto a website which he created before his death from leukemia at age 15.

He used his passion for the internet to spread his love of the Holy Eucharist. For him, the Holy Eucharist is a highway to heaven. His life plan was to be close to Jesus. To be with Jesus, for Jesus and in Jesus. He believed that our goal is the infinite, not what is finite. Our infinity is our home land. We are expected in heaven since time immemorial. The only thing we have to ask God in prayer is to be holy.

Blessed Carlo Acutis offered his suffering for the church and for the pope. Carlos' death showed that one's faith can change the world. He is a great example for the youth of today.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 5-6AM, 9-10AM,
Mondays: 2-3AM
Saturdays: 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

**THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL ~ 7:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Join us as we resume gathering each Thursday evening in Our Lady's Chapel to pray the rosary in response to our Blessed Mother's request at Fatima for a devotion to the Rosary for the conversion of Russia and to stop war.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Gilbert Badillo, Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kenneth Gershbert, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letiza, Anna Lobascio, Joel Lustberg, Cambell McArthur, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli, Robert Smith

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Oct. 15	9:00AM Neocatechumenal Retreat (NCW) 10:30PM Academy of Our Lady Reception (PC) 1:00PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (MR)
Mon. Oct. 16	8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Tue Oct. 17	4:00PM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM ChristLife (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Oct. 18	9:00AM MOMs Core Team Meeting (SMR) 9:30AM First Penance Parent Meeting (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8 Makeup (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM First Penance Parent Meeting (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Quiroz Confirmation Group (REC1)
Thurs. Oct. 19	10:30AM Scripture Reflection (SMR) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Young Catholic Professionals (MR) 8:00PM Catechesis (PC)
Fri. Oct. 20	9:30AM MOMs SALT (SMR) 5:00PM Blue Star Dinner (PC) 5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym)
Sat. Oct. 21	7:30AM Men's Cornerstone (MR) 8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM Hispanic Bible Study Team (SMR) 10:30AM Jesus & Me Story Time (MR) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Oct. 16 *Saint Hedwig, Religious;
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*
 + **6:30AM Sheeraz Iqbal**
 req Adrian Jones
 + **8:30AM Neil Ekblom**
 req Joan Murray
 + **12:00NN Carmine Iozzia**
 req Elaine & James Cigolini

Tuesday, Oct. 17 *Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop & Martyr*
 + **6:30AM Gabriela Mejia**
 req Patricia Engel
 + **8:30AM Angelica DiRado**
 req Her Loving Family
 + **12:00NN Elaine Chester**
 req Jim & Doreen Delaney

Wednesday, Oct. 18 *Saint Luke, Evangelist*
 + **6:30AM Camilito Garcia**
 req Patricia & Richard Engel
8:30AM Special Intention of Luke Frazza
 req His Family
 + **12:00NN Marilyn O'Keefe**
 req The Watson Family

Thursday, Oct. 19 *Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs*
 + **6:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**
 req Patricia & David Hughes
 + **8:30AM Elizabeth Hunt**
 req Linda English
 + **12:00NN Jane Daly Deutscher**
 req Peggy Mulqueen

Friday, Oct. 20 *Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*
 + **6:30AM Rev. Christopher Cashman**
 req Jeanne & Michael Bessel
 + **8:30AM Melchior Morrione**
 req Brenda Felipe
 + **12:00NN Maureen T. Vanzini**
 req The Gazzini Family

Saturday, Oct. 21
 + **8:30AM Sarah O. Driscoll**
 req Maureen & Pat Clancy
 + **5:30PM Frank Novak**
 req Doris Novak

Sunday, Oct. 15 *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 + **8:00AM Mary Springer**
 req Her Family
 + **9:30AM William Gulya, Jr.**
 req OLMC MOMs
11:00AM For the People of the Parish
 + **12:30PM Mary K. Sayers**
 req Philomena Brawer
 + **3:00PM Santa Maria Medina**
 req Lituania Estevez
 + **6:30PM Angele Ekert**
 req The Bolduc Family

- 1. Isaiah 25:6-10**
 In earlier oracles, Isaiah envisioned the day when the mountain of God would tower as the highest, when all the mountains of human fabrication would be torn down. Returning now to this mountain of God, the prophet envisions it as a mountain of abundance, a recognized expression of the generous love of God for Israel. Especially emphasized in today's excerpt, besides the richest food, is the choicest of wines, in contrast to the wild grapes of last week's readings. Unparalleled in extravagance, the feast the prophet envisions will mark an end to suffering and a new beginning.
- 2. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**
 Through the ups and downs of life, Paul was Christ's and Christ was Paul's. All else meant nothing to him. Paul recognizes in the community at Philippi this growing spiritual reality and Paul loves and praises them for it. He also praises them for their apparent generosity in providing for his needs (ultimately their support for the work of the Gospel), their help being tantamount to a sacrifice to God which would not go unrewarded.
- 3. Matthew 22:1-14**
 Striking a similar note as the preceding parable (last week's parable of the vineyard), today's excerpt finds Jesus again warning about those who should have accepted, but did not, the invitation to the Kingdom. The first and second invitations represent the waves of prophets (including Jesus, Himself) who were rejected and even killed. The response of the king is harsh and includes the burning of their city (a reference to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D.). The final invitation will be to all and will be accepted by many, including some whose absence of faith (and daily living) will mark them as eventually unsuited for the banquet.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. How do I hear God's invitation? Does it come directly? Through others?
2. Do I have a vision of inclusivity similar to the one Isaiah envisions?
3. How do I understand Christ's "wedding garment" of love? Am I crafting one like it?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	10/21	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun.	10/22	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
		9:30AM	Fr. Jakov
		11:00AM	Fr. Felix
		12:30PM	Fr. Felix
		3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
		6:30PM	Fr. Frank

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