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.



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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.

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Saturday: 5:30pm
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Saturdays: 8:30am

HOLY DAYS

Eve: 7:30pm (anticipated)
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A Message from the Staff

The role the family faith formation program plays in the vitality of the parish and the church:
The Church has changed its focus on the goal of faith formation, resulting in our Diocesan Office changing their name to the Life-Long Faith Formation Office. The role the parish community has taken on a new importance, emphasizing the importance of the support of the whole parish community and the important role that parents play in the faith life of their children. The goal of lifelong faith formation in the parish is to accompany families on their faith journey and to help us all to begin looking at ourselves as missionary disciples, followers of Christ. Since the church has discerned that the role of the parish and the role of the faith formation program is to accompany families on their faith journey, one of the first pivots the church is making is emphasizing the importance of involving parents in the faith formation program. It's essential to have families come together to the parish, to pray together, to learn together, and to serve together. This is giving the parents a great opportunity to have a major role in the faith life of their children, as the family is the Domestic Church. The definition of the Domestic Church is the Christian family which acts as a miniature foundational expression of The Universal Church. It is where our children first encounter Jesus Christ. It is the parents that are the primary catechists for their children.

The catechists, the Parish catechetical leaders, the priests and the entire parish community, all play an important role in accompanying our families on their faith journey. We're all here to accompany and support families. The families will also help us all to grow in our faith as well. It' such a beautiful shift in perspective. The Holy Spirit should lead the parish and the families in this new goal.

In our Parish, we have been blessed to have a family faith formation program for well over 25 years. I have been here for 19 years, and it was here well before me. I believe as a parish, we really have embraced families and have always understood that the entire community plays a vital role in accompanying families on their faith journey. Over the past few years, we have changed our family program, When Families Gather, from a monthly schedule to a menu style schedule so that families have more choices in what they would like to attend. Our hope is that the encounters with Christ and the catechetical sessions have a special meaning in their lives. We are walking beside them on their journey. The goal of our Parish Faith Formation sessions is to give families as many experiences as possible that will facilitate an encounter with Christ. With this new shift, we need to take families where they're at and help them to grow gently in their spiritual life, with the Eucharist being at the center of that. With that goal in mind, all families enrolled in our family program were invited to attend one of our Kick-off Masses last Sunday. On Sunday, November 1, we will invite the families to the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses where we will emphasize All Saints Day and invite the children to dress up as a saint for the Mass. We will have a Saints Carnival outside after both Masses and everyone who attends one of those masses is invited to join us for the Saints Carnival. There are many other Parish gatherings, Catechetical gatherings and Service projects that are on our menu. Families can choose any combination of events or service projects that work for their schedule and are age appropriate for their children.

It is my dream to have the children get really excited to come to Mass and to feel like an important part of our parish, to see the parish as an extension of their family and to develop a relationship with Jesus so that He becomes their best friend. As a Parish Community we are all in this together, accompanying each other on our faith journey with Christ as the center. (*Continued next page*)

It is a privilege to accompany our families on their faith journey. I am humbled by the faith of our people. I'm encouraged to grow in my own faith by their witness and their willingness to grow and I have so much hope that together we can be missionary disciples right here at our Lady of Mount Carmel church, with Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit as our Savior and our guide.

In Christ,

Cathy Hunt

STEWARDSHIP

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was $12,929. 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.

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OCTOBER
Saturday 17 5 p.m.
2026

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89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ

A reception will follow in the Archdiocesan Center Auditorium.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—OCTOBER 18TH

The Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the world will unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary efforts. Please support the Pope's missions and participate through prayer and support in your community. Checks, payable to OLMC with World Mission Sunday on the memo line, may be placed in the collection basket, in the boxes at the doors of the church, or dropped off at the Rectory.

ALL SOULS' NOVENA

Two weeks from today the All Souls' Novena begins, nine days of masses offered for the faithful departed, loved ones who have passed from this world. The masses are offered for those deceased whose names are written in the hearts of their loved ones and on the envelopes in the basket that is placed before the altar during those nine days. They are remembered whether there is an offering or not. The offering is free will and, like all mass offerings it is used for the support of the clergy.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion / Lector Workshops

Fr. John Carlos will be conducting workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and for Lectors. These sessions are for both current and new individuals who feel called to either of these ministries. All workshops will be held in the church.

The Extraordinary Ministers: October 28, 9:30am - 12:00 OR 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Lectors: November 4, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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 Charles Murphy

CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW (4 weeks only)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th
BOYS—Grades 5-12 | Girls—Grades 5-8

MUST BE PARISH MEMBER & ATTEND OLMC CCD (or have been confirmed for High School)

Register at:

5th—8th Grade: https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10306/2788
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ABSOLUTELY NO ADMITTANCE AFTER DEADLINE

Questions: mbcaffrey@aol.com

Religious Education

Grades 1-6

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 21st @ 9:30 AM or 7:30 PM, Parish Center. Please join us as we begin the journey to prepare your children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Religious Education—201.444.0211
Cathy Hunt—chunt@olmcridgewood.com
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Religious Education Events

10/19 - Children of the Eucharist (3:45 & 4:25 sessions)
10/28 - Parents Only Session with Sarah Shutrop (7:30-8:30PM)
11/1 - Saints Mass & Carnival (9:30 & 11:00 Masses)

YOUTH MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY

VISIT OUR WEBSITE UNDER MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATION, MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS

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.

Ministry Contact: Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF ALSO ACCEPTED, OCT 17TH

YOUTH MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE FALL DATES ANNOUNCED

OCT. 17 | NOV . 7 | DEC. 12

Reminder—The November Food Drive will include our annual FROZEN turkey collection!

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



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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, November 17
(or earlier if spaced are filled).

ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK *Office of Catholic Schools*

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2027! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be given on Friday, November 6, 2026.

Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. The deadline to register for the Cooperative Admissions HSPT is October 23, 2026. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to https://www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.

Position Opening

The Academy of Our Lady is seeking a fourth grade teacher dedicated to living out the mission of educating students in a faith-filled environment. The successful candidate will have experience working with this age group, knowledge of effective classroom management practices, and foster a positive learning environment that supports students' academic, social, emotional and spiritual growth. Working hours are 7:45 AM-3:00 PM. This position is available now. Please send your resume and cover letter to Jaclyn Pilat: jaclyn.pilat@rcan.org

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
(always subject to change)

Sat.	10/24	5:30PM	Fr. John Carlos
Sun.	10/25	8:00AM	Fr. John Carlos
		9:30AM	Msgr. Emery
		11:00AM	Fr. Felix
		12:30PM	Fr. Felix
		3:00PM	Msgr. Emery
		6:30PM	Fr. John Carlos

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



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA)
Chapel is Open 24/7
Everyone is Welcome!

Come , let us adore Him. He is here.

Spending time with Jesus regularly can make a big difference in our lives. We call this time a Holy Hour—a time to encounter Jesus deeply and speak with Him heart to heart with words or simply by gazing at Him.

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration . The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week , Stop by or better yet, sign up for a Holy Hour that is good for you to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, seeking God

Adorers needed:
Sundays : 4-5 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM
Saturdays : 11-12 midnight
Thursdays : 4-5 pm, 11-12 midnight

Contact Cynthia Torres, 551.574.1063
cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com.

St. Francis of Assisi – Blessing of the Animals

On October 4th the Church celebrates the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of saint of animals and the environment. Here at OLMC, we commemorated this wonderful saint who loved all God's creatures with a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3. Many parish families brought their 4-legged family members to the rectory plaza for this special blessing. Although the attending pets were limited to cats and dogs, we would have also welcomed the family hamsters, snakes, and birds. The event began with a brief history of St. Francis, followed by prayers and blessings. Each family left with a commemorative prayer card of the ceremony. Sharing the joy that these pets bring to their families is an uplifting experience.

Deacon Nick DeLucca led this annual event at OLMC for many years. The deacon recently retired from active diaconate ministry. The parish is grateful for his dedication and passion with this beautiful tradition. Deacon Bob Liwanag is now entrusted to continue this tradition at OLMC.

The Week Ahead

Sun. Oct. 18	12:15PM	Bell Choir (PCB)
	1:30PM	OCIA (MR)
	7:30PM	Costello/Pfell Conf. Grp. (YCB)
	7:30PM	McHugh Conf Grp (YCA)
Mon. Oct. 19	3:45PM	Children of the Eucharist (Chapel)
	4:25PM	Children of the Eucharist (Chapel)
	5:30PM	CYO Basketball (Gym)
	7:00PM	SCC REC 1
	8:00PM	Catechesis (PCA&B)
Tues. Oct. 20	400PM	Rel Ed Classes
	4:00PM	Choir Rehearsals (Church)
	5:30PM	CYO Basketball (Gym)
	7:00PM	ChristLife (St. Gabriels)
	8:00PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Oct. 21	9:00AM	Mom's Core Team (SMR, Nursery)
	9:30AM	Parent Mtg, First Reconciliation (PCAB)
	5:30PM	CYO Basketball (Gym)
	7:30PM	Parent Mtg, First Reconciliation (PCAB)
	7:30PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Oct. 22	9:00AM	SALT (YCA/B):
	10:30AM	Sunday Liturgy Scripture Study SMR)
	4:00PM	WCS Prep Team (Chapel)
	5:30PM	CYO Basketball (Gym)
	6:30PM	NCW Transfiguration
	8:00PM	Catechesis (PCAB)
Fri. Oct. 23	9:15AM	MOMs SALT (YCB)
	2:00PM	Blue Star Dinner Set up (PCAB
	5:30PM	CYO Basketball (Gym)
	6:00PM	Blue Star Dinner (PCAB
Sat. Oct.24	9:00AM	Men's Basketball (Gym)
	9:00AM	CYO Basketball (Gym)
	9:00AM	Youth Gp Trunk or Treat-Parking Lot
	6:30PM	Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Dale Adamo, Lupita Alarcon, Luis Badillo, Monica Brennan, 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, Robert Leake, Susan Lois, Campbell McArthur, Eric Mayer, 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.

BE PART OF OUR PARISH BLOCK PARTY COMMITTEE

Looking for a way to become more involved in our parish? We are looking for volunteers be part of our new committee for our annual Block Party. We are asking for parishioners to come forward to help lead this fun event. Our parish is blessed to have so many wonderful ministries and activities but these events can only happen with the help of our parishioners.

If you are interested in helping or want more information, please e-mail Msgr. Emery at: msgremery@aol.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct.19 *Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs*
+ **6:30AM Ed Ruggles**
req Whitney McInerney
+ **8:30AM David Tintle**
req Ed & Eileen Halsch
+12:00NN James A. Franchina
req The Family

Tuesday, Oct.20 *Saint Paul of the Cross*
+ **6:30AM Adele Benziger Markey**
req The Engel Family
+ **8:30AM Sal Bullaro**
req The Bullaro Family
+12:00NN Maria Aran
req Esther Mendez

Wednesday, Oct. 21
+ **6:30AM Tony Guinnane**
req Karen & Tom Flanigan
+ **8:30AM Augustino Morin**
req Nick & Josephine Tarabocchia
+12:00NN Matthew Redden
req Joan LaLonde

Thursday, Oct. 22 *Saint John Paul II, Pope*
+ **6:30AM Mary Springer**
req The Family
+ **8:30AM Martino & Antonia Busanic**
req Nick & Maria Busanic
+ 12:00NN Jack Powers
req Anne & George Skau

Friday, Oct. 23 *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*
+ **6:30AM Gregory Farrel**
req Ann & Stephen Levitan
+ **8:30PM Malcom MccClure**
req Chip & Susan Murphy
+ **12:00NN Albert Brunner**
req The Family

Saturday, Oct. 24 *Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*
+ **8:30AM Aida Nahin de Moras**
req The McClure Family
+ **5:30PM S. I. of Caroline Russo**
req Mom & Dad

Sunday, Oct. 25 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
+ **8:00AM Rosetta McNicholas**
req Kevin's Small Christian Community
+ **9:30AM Sr. Eileen Martin**
req Veen Moore & Family
+ **11:00AM Wayne Morrison**
req His Wife, Dolores
12:30PM For the People
+ **3:00PM Jose Esteban Lopez**
req The Lopez Family
+ 6:30PM Patricia Neary
req The Engel Family

Today's Readings

In today's jarring yet familiar Gospel scene, we see an attempt to trap Jesus and force him to violate either the law of Rome or the laws of God. As he evades this attempt to ensnare him, Jesus offers guidance on how Christians ought to live that has echoed throughout history: *Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*

In our first reading, the Lord tells King Cyrus that there is one Lord; there is no other God beside him. We know that God alone is the Lord of all peoples and all history, and that we belong to him.

In the Gospel, Jesus' lesson is about justice. True justice is to give to God what belongs to God. And what belongs to God? Everything. Most importantly, ourselves.

We know that we belong to God first; but this can be difficult to live out. How do we return our lives to him? By engaging in the *work of faith*, *labor of love*, and *endurance in hope* which Paul praises the Thessalonians for in today's second reading. We may recall that faith, hope, and love are what are known as the theological virtues. Living these virtues helps us to give our whole lives back to God.

Faith, the *Catechism* tells us, is "personal adherence to God and assent to his truth" (CCC 150). We can ask ourselves, is there any part of our lives that we have not surrendered to the Lord? Do we trust in all that he has revealed to his Church? Perhaps the Lord is inviting us to grow in faith. And when we know him more fully, we can surrender ourselves more deeply to him.

Next, hope: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817). In other words, to live with Christian hope is to live as though our ultimate happiness is in the Lord, and no other. It requires that we rely on the Lord to give us the strength so that one day, we will be with him forever. Do we rely on, and place our hope in, the Lord and his promises?

Finally, love – or charity – is the theological virtue "by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). Whether we realize it or not, each and every day, we can offer everything we do as an act of love for God.

In the end, Caesar cannot claim what God already has: our hearts, and our faith, hope, and love. As we gather around this Eucharistic table, may we once again offer our whole selves to the Lord and receive his grace to continue to choose him above all things.

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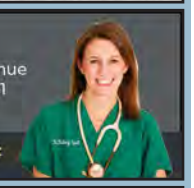
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