

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.



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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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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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 19, 2023



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Dear Friends,

Pop Quiz—what's the earliest date on which Thanksgiving is celebrated?

Answer – November 22nd.

This year, Thanksgiving is Nov. 23rd so it's one day later than that earliest date. Maybe that's why it seems to have come so quickly. Usually, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year is celebrated the Sunday before Thanksgiving and the 1st Sunday of Advent the Sunday after. This year, the last Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King is after Thanksgiving and the 1st Sunday of Advent a week later.

Be all of that as it may—this Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated with all the usual “trimmings,” turkeys and parades and plenty of football. I wrote in September that this feels like the first post-Covid year (if we can dare to say that) which has been really “back to normal.” Last year we seemed to celebrate with a great deal of hesitation and caution. This year we seem to embrace fully the holidays as we have known them.

So, what is there to be thankful for? Two wars which don't seem to be anywhere near a peace. Increased division and polarization in our country which just seems to be getting sharper. Increased distrust of government, which never seems to be able to address our problems or concerns. An economy which is either getting better or worse, depending on whom you listen to and your own state of economic security. A planet that is revolting (floods, storms, heat waves, etc) against humankind's abuse of it or one that is simply going through a usual cycle (although extraordinary only because we've never experienced it before) of change. Dire warnings about the future of the Church and Pope Francis' leadership thereof.

What is there to be thankful for?

I can only answer for myself. I am thankful for my faith—to believe in a God I know loves me (and His world). To believe in a God (in Jesus the Christ) who has walked this earth, on the same path that I am now walking and has promised to walk it with me (“Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you.” Matt: 11:28). A faith that tells me all things are passing, except the love of that same God.

I am thankful for my family and friends, the people with whom I share this journey, who bring me joy and laughter, good times and support, in all the struggles but also in all the lighter, more delightful moments of life. Who make celebrating days like Thanksgiving worthwhile.

I am thankful for living in this country, with the freedom to watch the division, the debate and to take sides if I so wish. If there were no freedom, there would be no debate or even division.

These are but a few of the reasons I am thankful to our good and gracious God.

It always strikes me that the President who returned Thanksgiving to the national calendar was Abraham Lincoln, in the darkest days of the Civil War, when thousands of countrymen were being killed by other countrymen every month and victory (if you can even call it that) was far from certain. In the midst of that carnage and despair, Lincoln reminded his contemporaries that even in the midst of the pain and suffering, the doubt and despair there were blessings (which he goes on to enumerate) and that “no human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out... They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

Take each day of this coming week to write down two gifts from that same God, think about them, think about what life would be like without them and then, on Thanksgiving Day, take a moment of quiet, personal, private prayer and express your thanks to the God who has remembered you. If circumstances permit, offer that Thanksgiving in and through His greatest gift to us as Catholics—the Eucharist at 8:30AM Thursday morning.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and all those you love,
Fr. Ron

STEWARDSHIP

“Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master’s joy.” Jesus’ words, spoken to His good **Steward**, are the words we hope to hear as well. But only if we use the gifts and talents God has given us so as to build His Kingdom, and continue the work of the Gospel. These words challenge everyone to put your **Time, Talent and Treasure** to use for the Kingdom, so you may hear that joy-filled invitation, **Come, share your master’s joy.**”

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last weekend was \$15,766. God bless all who generously share the fruits of their labor for the sake of the Gospel and this community of faith. Electronic giving, **WeShare**, is a convenient way to support the parish in its mission to announce the Gospel.



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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 Bruce Simmons**

Sharing Tree 2023



Gift Cards Only Please

As in the past, we are supporting organizations providing services to homeless women and children, nursing homes, survivors of human trafficking, an inner city parish as well as families and individuals within our own community.

The needs continue to be great so whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Gift Cards, in any amount, for VISA, Amazon, Target, Shop Rite, and Walmart are needed.

Some organizations have requested gift cards be in \$25 increments. This provides greater flexibility in distributing to those in need. Whatever generosity you can offer is greatly appreciated. Whatever the amount, please clearly identify the value of the card (including the receipt is best).

If you need assistance, or you know of someone in need, please contact Anne Denyeau. All requests are held in the strictest confidence.

Please place Gift Card(s) in an envelope labeled “Sharing Tree” and drop-off at the Rectory office no later than Monday, December 11th. The mail slot may be used after hours.

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**Questions? Contact Anne Denyeau
annerafterydenyeau@gmail.com or 201.970.1798**

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Will Continue To Be Live Streamed

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
THIS THURSDAY & FRIDAY—NOVEMBER 23 & 24**

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, all parish offices will be closed this coming Thursday and Friday. Our Mass schedule will be as follows:

Thursday: 8:30AM only

Friday: 8:30AM and 12:00 noon

(Please note—there is NO 6:30AM Mass on Friday, Nov. 24)

A priest is always available for emergencies.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Religious Education When Families Gather

Monday, December 4 | 7PM-8PM | Chapel
Parent Only Session

Sunday, December 10

Families Attend 9:30AM or 6:30PM Mass
Mass will Include a Presentation on the Nativity

Questions? Contact Religious Education—201.444.0211
chunt@olmcridgewood.com
pmcgarvie@olmcridgewood.com

Jesus & Me Story Time

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For more information or to register,
contact Fr. Jakov
jvidov@olmcridgewood.com or 201.444.2000 x202

2024 Lector Workbooks are available in the front sacristy during weekend Masses or in the Rectory office. Year B begins December 3rd.

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We can tell anything and everything to Jesus quietly in the Adoration Chapel at anytime. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—even during midnight hours. Many times it is hard to find someone to talk to in confidence. Jesus is here, waiting patiently for us to talk to him. He knows everything but he still wants us to talk to Him. Trust Him . He can give us all the graces that we need to keep up with our temporal and spiritual needs as well as of those of our loved ones.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 9-10AM, 10-11AM
Mondays: 2-3AM, 11AM-12NN
Fridays: 6-7PM
Saturdays: 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Gilbert Badillo, Frederick Bruno Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Agnes Duffy, Kenneth Gershbert, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Joseph Hyon, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Nov. 19	1:00PM Bell Choir (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 2:15PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Coffee Hours (PC) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (MR)
Mon. Nov. 20	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Tue Nov. 21	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8 Makeup (PC) 4:00PM Religious Education (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:15PM Catechist's Social (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed Nov. 22	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thu Nov. 23	10:30AM Scripture Reflection (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Fri. Nov. 24	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)
Sat Nov. 25	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 12:00NN CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

***A Note of Thanks From
The Little Sisters of the Poor***

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,

By now you must have been informed that we are leaving St. Joseph's Home for The Elderly. We do not wish to go without a personal encounter with you. Immense is the gratitude in our hearts for countless years of generous support. Through your annual Sharing Tree, you have provided joy and love to our elderly at that most special time of year—Christmas. Your thoughtful gifts have made such a difference in their lives.

It is little indeed to assure you of our continued prayers for your multiple intentions. Until our residents are securely accommodated, we Little Sisters will not leave but by the end of the year our departure from New Jersey will be effected.

With sadness, but acknowledging limitations to continue, we convey our most sincere gratitude for your friendship and aid.

Appreciatively,
The Little Sisters of the Poor
Totowa, New Jersey

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Aedan Cannon, Matthew Casale, Edgar Delgado, Durkin McCarthy, John Morano, James Nardelli, Robert Smith

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Nov. 20

- + **6:30AM Ralph & Eileen Diverio**
req The Messineo Family
- + **8:30AM Patricia Engel**
req Jose & Adela Vazquez
- + **12:00NN Deceased Friends of the Engel Family**
req Patricia & Richard Engel

Tuesday, Nov. 21 *The Presentation*

- of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- + **6:30AM Joseph M. Carl**
req Jack Flaherty
- + **8:30AM John Riley**
req The Riley Family
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members of the Kennelly Family**
req Carole & Bill Frank

Wednesday, Nov. 22 *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

- + **6:30AM Victor Messineo**
req His Family
- + **8:30AM Margaret McCabe**
req Jane Cahill
- + **12:00NN Deceased Members of the Hobbyists**
req Anne & George Skau

Thursday, Nov. 23 *Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
Saint Columban, Abbot;
Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro,
Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day*

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, Nov. 24 *Saint Andrew Dũng Lac,
Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

NO 6:30AM MASS THIS MORNING

- + **8:30AM The Esposito Family**
req Barbara & Tony Moreira
- + **12:00NN Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes

Saturday, Nov. 25 *Saint Catherine of Alexandria*

- + **8:30AM Edna Gomez**
req Jose & Adela Vazquez
- + **5:30PM Dino Ferrari**
req Phil Arfuso

Sunday, Nov. 26 *Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

- + **8:00AM Herbert U., Herbie A,
& Hans C. Engel**
req Patricia & Richard Engel
- + **9:30AM Sadie Cruise & John Cruise**
req Pamela Cruise
- + **11:00AM Danielle & Eric Crespo**
17th Wedding Anniversary
req Mary Bollhoffer
- + **12:30PM Sal Pallone**
req His Daughter
- + **3:00PM In Thanksgiving**
req Awilda Montalvo
- + **6:30PM Lois M. Leon**
req Peter & Gina Cavallo

1. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

This excerpted passage is part of a longer acrostic poem (each line begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.) The poem explores all the blessings a worthy wife bestows on her husband. This worthy wife stands as a symbol of “wisdom,” understanding the universe and the mind of the One who called it into being. This wife (wisdom) takes the initiative for good, is tireless in her efforts to give shelter and protection, nourishes not only her family but the entire community and cares for the poor and the needy. Wisdom’s beauty is timeless because it derives from sincere devotion to God.

2. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Written within twenty years, or so, of Jesus’ ascension, this community (and others) expected His imminent return, engaging in endless speculation as to when and how it would happen. Paul calls them to a greater wisdom, to work on being prepared by the lives they lead. Then they will be ready, no matter when the Master returns.

3. Matthew 25:14-30

This is a parable with Christological and eschatological overtones. The returning Jesus is the Master who both leaves his followers with tasks to be accomplished and the gifts (talents) to accomplish them and the Master who returns to settle accounts with those followers (servants). Some use those gifts, and the community grows. These are rewarded. Some fail to use those gifts, and no good is realized from their stewardship. Those in the first group are rewarded. Those in the second will reap the consequences, left in the darkness.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Are you blessed with gifts? What gifts are you sharing with others right now?
2. What are some of the obstacles that keep you and others from fully giving of your time, talent and treasure? How can you overcome them?
3. What are your greatest fears in offering more of your talents for the growth of the Kingdom?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 11/25	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 11/26	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Frank
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Ron
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