**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.

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# *A Message from the Staff*

I'm excited to use this opportunity to tell you that soon you'll have a chance to meet seminarians from Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny, where I was formed as a priest and where many priests who have served our parish received their formation.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has a long and close connection with the Neocatechumenal Way, a path of Christian formation recognized by the Church as a gift for our time. Saint John Paul the Second said "I recognize the Neocatechumenal Way as an effective means of Catholic formation for society and for the present time" (Letter Ogni Qualvolta, August 30, 1990).

Through this journey of faith, people grow in their relationship with Christ. Some also discover, among many different ones, a call to the priesthood - as I did in my community in Croatia. Our former pastor, Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, welcomed the first Neocatechumenal communities to our parish back in June of 1995. He also helped to establish the Redemptoris Mater Seminary and has served on its Pastoral Council since 1991.

Redemptoris Mater is a seminary of the Archdiocese of Newark. Its seminarians receive the Church's theological and pastoral formation preparing them to serve wherever the Archbishop sends them. They come from many countries and backgrounds, bringing a missionary spirit to their formation. Since the seminary opened in 1990, 127 of its graduates have been ordained for the Archdiocese. These priests serve in parishes throughout New Jersey and in dioceses and mission areas around the world. Today, 51 men from 11 countries are in formation there.

The seminary's history is also part of our parish story. Priests formed there have served at OLMC: Bishop Peter Baldacchino; Fathers Ivan Sciberras, Sean Manson, Kevin Waymel, Gustavo Alfaro, Anthony Palombo, and lastly, me. Our parish communities have also nurtured vocations. Father John Ginty, now serving in Emerson, began his journey in our second community. Naftali Genao, Mike Quinn, Rafael de los Reyes, and Aaron Tobin, from our third, fourth and seventh communities, are now seminarians in Miami and Denver.

There is another important connection today; six men currently studying at Redemptoris Mater in Kearny also participate in Neocatechumenal communities here at OLMC. Their participation in the communities in our parish is an important part of their formation and support.

The seminary depends solely on God's providence and the generosity of its supporters. Please pray for these men and consider supporting their formation. All 51 men would also like to go to Korea to participate in the World Youth Day and they need help to get there.

You can meet them at their Christmas concert this year at St. Catharine Church in Glen Rock on Monday, December 28th at 7pm. They will arrive for Vocations Sunday here at OLMC, to speak at every Mass on Saturday and Sunday, January 30th and 31st. More information on these happenings will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

I hope you'll join me in welcoming them and giving thanks for the many ways God calls people to serve the Church.

In Christ,

Fr Jakov

## STEWARDSHIP

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was $16,163. 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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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
THURSDAY & FRIDAY—NOVEMBER 26 & 27
In observance of Thanksgiving

**The only Mass celebrated on Thursday will be at 8:30AM**
**There will be no 6:30AM Mass on Friday, Nov. 27**

MOM MINISTRY OF MOTHERHOOD

**OLMC MOMs Group**
ADVENT REFLECTION
December 2, 2026
9:15 AM

at the Knights of Columbus Hall
**Guest Speaker: Sister Chris Koellhoffer,**
Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

After the angel announced that Mary would be the Mother of God, she set out to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. As these two mothers came together, they recognized the Holy One at work in each other. Come together with other women as we pray, reflect, and exchange wisdom and experiences at the start of the Advent season.

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***Please do not leave a voicemail.***

**Support the Scouts** at Academy of Our Lady while you decorate your home this season!

Troop 27 and Pack 27 are selling Christmas wreaths and poinsettias, delivered in Glen Rock, Ridgewood and Fair Lawn on Sunday, Nov. 29 from 1-4PM, or ready for pickup from 1-3PM at the Holmes Building at St. Catharine.

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## *A Farewell Message*

**There Is a Time for Everything…**

A week or two ago, I reached out to our pastor to ask if I could include an article in our weekly bulletin about my retirement from active diaconate service.

When I first arrived at Mt. Carmel 25 years ago, I was truly overwhelmed by the sheer size of the parish and the number of families, transitioning from a parish of 400 to one with around 4,000. However, I quickly came to see you all as brothers and sisters as we united to make Mt. Carmel the pride of the Archdiocese through our Stewardship efforts, including our tents and breakfast initiatives on the church plaza, working together as a family across all ministries.

As some of you may have observed in recent years, I have faced various physical challenges. When Msgr. Emery was assigned here by Cardinal Tobin, I felt it was the right moment to discuss my health issues with him, as they had not improved. During a small lunch held for him on his first day, my wife Arlene and I lingered a bit longer than others before leaving. It was then that he approached us.

Noticing that I was using a cane, he kindly asked, "How are you?" I paused for a moment before simply responding, "I think it's time." He replied, "I understand."

He later reminded me that I needed to formally request retirement from the active diaconate from Cardinal Tobin. In my letter to Cardinal Tobin, I expressed gratitude to God for all the years I've spent at Mt. Carmel and conveyed, on behalf of everyone here, our appreciation for our new pastor, Msgr. Emery. I described him as a true gem among priests, a remarkable shepherd who possesses exceptional pastoral skills and interpersonal warmth.

I later received a letter from the Cardinal confirming my removal from active diaconate status. As I say my fond farewell, I want to convey my love and appreciation for all of you, as well as for the kindness you have shown us throughout the years.

Prayerfully,

Deacon Nick DeLucca & Arlene DeLucca



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

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week commemorates the memory of Christopher Wodenshek**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Sun. Nov. 22 | 12:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>12:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB)<br>1:30PM OCIA (MR)<br>7:30PM Conf. Grp. Barabas/Schmidt (YCB) |
| Mon. Nov. 23 | 3:45PM Children of the Eucharist (Chapel)<br>5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) |
| Tues. Nov. 24 | 10:00AM MOMs Book Club Meeting (MR)<br>4:00PM Choir Rehearsals (Church)<br>5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>8:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) |
| Wed. Nov. 25 | 5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>7:30PM NCW Catechumenium<br>7:30PM Knights Social (KofC Hall) |
| Thurs. Nov 26 | 8:30AM Thanksgiving Day Mass<br>PARISH OFFICES CLOSED |
| Fri. Nov. 27 | PARISH OFFICES CLOSED<br>5:30PM CYO Basketball (Gym) |
| Sat. Nov. 28 | 9:00AM AoOL Basketball (Gym)<br>9:00AM Men's Basketball (Gym)<br>12:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym)<br>6:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) |





## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA) CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**A Message of Gratitude & Giving Thanks**

As Thanksgiving approaches, we express gratitude for the blessings in our community, especially for Jesus Christ's constant presence in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration for 24 years. We thank Msgr. Emery for his leadership and our dedicated Adorers for their commitment to serving the Lord through weekly holy hours, providing peace and comfort to many. We invite others to join this ministry and spend a peaceful hour in Adoration, as we seek committed Adorers to keep our doors open 24/7. Scheduled Hours Needed:

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| Sundays: | 4-5 AM (urgent) |
| Mondays: | 8-9 AM (urgent) |
| Tuesdays: | 7-8 PM |
| Wednesdays: | 4-5 PM |
| Thursdays: | 4-5 PM |
| Fridays: | 7-8 AM, 8-9 AM (both urgent) |
| Saturdays: | 11-12 midnight |

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Please place envelopes with gift cards labeled "Sharing Tree" at the Rectory office by December 15; use the mail slot after hours.

Include the value of the card or a receipt. Do not leave gift cards in the Church or wrap them.

You can also make checks payable to OLMC with "Sharing Tree" noted.

If you need assistance, or know someone who does, please contact Anne Denyeau at (201) 970-1798.

# *A Message from Our Pastor*

I am happy to announce that we now have a full-time Director of Communications in our parish!

Catherine Sarreal, a parishioner at OLMC, stepped into this role two weeks ago. She will serve as the editor for our weekly bulletin and will take on the responsibility of managing all parish social media. In the future, she will also coordinate our parish calendar. Working from the parish office, Catherine will also assist the front desk as needed. This role is essential in today's world, and I am grateful to Catherine for joining our parish staff in this capacity!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to Patti Roche, who has diligently served as our bulletin editor, and to Glen McCall, who has been managing our website and Facebook page on top of his other responsibilities in the parish.

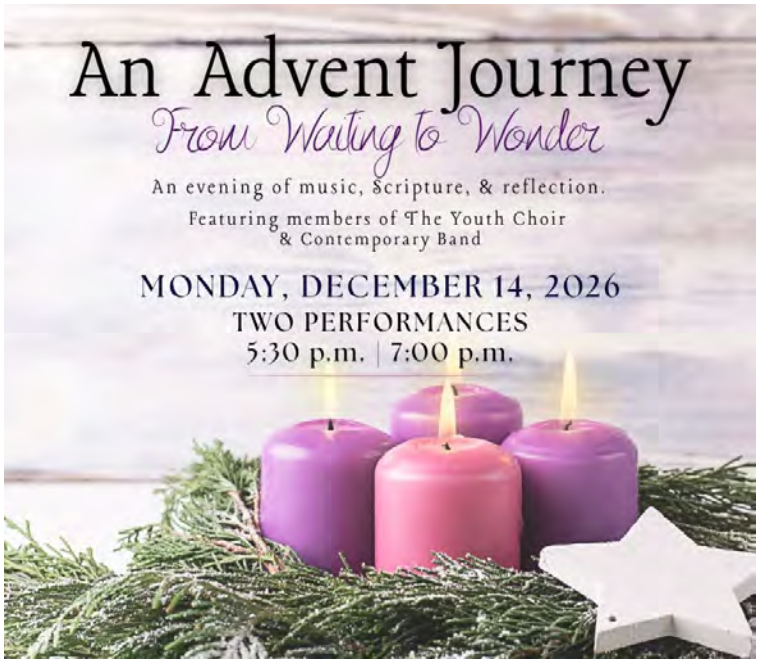
Starting in December, we are transitioning to a larger weekly bulletin format. This change will allow us to showcase our various activities more creatively and include more photos from our events.

Effective immediately, all bulletin items should be sent to Catherine at communications@olmcridgewood.com by noon on the Tuesday before the week of the bulletin. Please be aware that there are earlier deadlines during holidays throughout the year.

Let us all warmly welcome Catherine to our parish staff, and we eagerly anticipate an exciting future ahead!

Peace,

Msgr. Emery



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Nov.23** *Last Week in Ordinary Time*
+ **6:30AM Victor Messineo**
req The Family
+ **8:30AM Keith Busener**
req Brian Keegan
+ **12:00NN Lucy Rieger**
req Jean Boyle

**Tuesday, Nov. 24** *Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*
+ **6:30AM Karol Gargano**
req Leah and Steve Sonnick
**8:30AM Sute Berisha**
req The Berisha Family
+ **12:00NN Dec'd Members of the Daly Family**
req Anne and George Skau

**Wednesday, Nov. 25** *Sanit Catherine of Alexandria*
+ **6:30AM Annette Mauro**
req Martin and Alice Mauro
+ **8:30AM Harold (Skippy) and Regina (Jeannie) Kurrus**
*In Memory of 60th Wedding Anniv.*
req Shawn and Vic Amoruso
+**12:00NN Esther C. Mendez**
req Ester F. Mendez

**Thursday, Nov. 26** *Thanksgiving Day*
**8:30AM For the People of the Parish**

**Friday, Nov. 27**
**NO 6:30AM MASS TODAY**
+ **8:30AM John and Eileen Wells**
req The Family
+ **12:00NN Esposito Family**
req Barbara Moreira

**Saturday, Nov. 28**
**8:30AM Special Int. Thanksgiving for The DeCastro Family**
req The DeCastro Family
+ **5:30PM James Sullivan**
req Dennis Sullivan

**Sunday, Nov. 29** *First Sunday of Advent*
+ **8:00AM Elizabeth Hunt**
req The Murphy and Hunt Families
+ **9:30AM Michael Stott, Sr.**
req Tim Stott
**11:00AM For the People of the Parish**
+**12:30PM Salvatore Pallone**
req His Daughter
+ **3:00PM Ana Silvia Rosa**
req Milagros Guzman
+ **6:30PM Nancy Mauro**
req Martin and Alice Mauro

## Today's Readings

FOCUS: God's promise of rest lies in giving ourselves away in love.

With the upcoming holiday season, our Gospel today offers a perhaps surprising and counter-cultural message. All around us we may hear the conflicting voices of the world talking about all the things we must do and buy in order to be ready for the season. And, paradoxically in some ways, we also hear, "You have to take care of yourself. Take time to slow down and invest in self-care." It's a dizzying contradiction, and one that falls sadly short of satisfying the deepest longing of our hearts.

Here at the culmination of the liturgical year, our Church offers us a very different, and very clear call. Today we proclaim that Christ is King – that the longing of our hearts is not to be satisfied with purchases or parties or even a day of indulgent self-care, as good as any of these things might be. Only the highest, eternal good, the King of all the Universe, is enough for the depths of our yearning. It is Jesus Christ who will *rescue* us *from every place where [we] were scattered when it was cloudy and dark*. It is Christ the King who will *give [us] rest*, who will *bring [us] back*, and *bind up* our injuries.

And, again, our Gospel offers a clear call to those who pledge service to this high King. In opposition to the consumerism or self-focus of this age, our call is sacrificial love, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, caring for the ill, visiting the prisoner. There is no doubt about it – this is the command of our King, and if we do not offer a generous yes to these commands, we are not submitting ourselves to his rule of love.

In the intensity of the demands of the upcoming season, we are invited to run our choices, our priorities, through this filter: Are we saying *yes* to Christ?

If we are saying *yes* to him, then our tender shepherd will provide. He will give us all we need. He will give us insight into where our gifts are to be used. He will give us the resources and time to say this *yes*. He will give us the strength and help to say this *yes*.

As we approach this Eucharistic feast, let us ask our Good Shepherd to provide all we need to see the where and how we are called to serve others generously. As we draw near to our high King in this Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to respond to his loving call.

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS
(always subject to change)

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| Sat. 11/28 | 5:30PM | Fr. Jakov |
| Sun. 11/29 | 8:00AM | Msgr. Emery |
| | 9:30AM | Msgr. Emery |
| | 11:00AM | Fr. Jakov |
| | 12:30PM | Fr. John Carlos |
| | 3:00PM | Fr. John Carlos |
| | 6:30PM | Fr. Jakov w/ Dcn. Bob |

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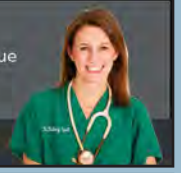

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