



Academy of Our Lady  
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*“Catholic schools do two things that the finest public schools cannot do. First, a Catholic school does not simply provide information, it offers formation for this life and eternal life. Secondly, to be successful, a Catholic school must create a community among the students, teachers, administrators, parents and wider faith community. Surveys demonstrate the crucial role Catholic schools play in the present and future leadership of the Church in this country.”*

-Cardinal Joseph Tobin, as quoted in *The Catholic Advocate*, January 4, 2017

**The Academy of Our Lady community is:**

- **Catholic.** With roots in Ridgewood going back to 1923, Academy of Our Lady is the parish school for St. Catharine, Glen Rock and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood -- drawing students from neighboring communities and instilling in them the Catholic Christian values of our school: Faith, Knowledge, Community and Respect.
- **Right-sized:** With almost 400 students in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, AOOL has a favorable average class size of 17 students per teacher; all Pre-K and Kindergarten classes have a teacher's aide. With our dedicated, experienced faculty, we are able to balance the "small school feel" of customized, faith-filled instruction with all the amenities of a larger school. Ask about on-site Bergen County Special Services and availability of busing from your town.
- **Technologically advanced:** Each classroom is equipped with Smart boards and computers. Our Media Center has recently been renovated. Academy is recognized for having a dedicated Technology lab with computers, iPads, 3-D Printer and robotic spheroballs. Grades 4-8 participate in Google Apps for Education. Grades 7 & 8 participate in a "Bring Your Own Device" program and a special rotation of classes focusing on STEM initiatives. STEM integration is an essential part of the curriculum from Pre-K through Grade 8.
- **Academically Rigorous:** Academy was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2013 by the U.S. Department of Education. We are also accredited by the Middle States Association. The Class of 2016 received over \$700,000 in scholarships to Catholic high schools in New Jersey and New York. Regis High School, NYC accepted 3 students each in Class of 2016 and Class of 2017. Our graduates attend the Bergen Academies as well as other excellent public and private high schools. Our alumni are currently studying at Yale, Georgetown, Notre Dame, and many other highly respected institutions of higher learning.
- **A First-rate Facility:** Visit our campus, just steps from downtown Glen Rock. Our renovated playground has a new state-of-the-art climbing wall. Academy offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities, including competitive sports teams, academic quiz bowl teams, and a strong Music and Fine Arts Guild. Our parents are encouraged to participate by joining the Fathers Guild and the Home School Association.

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