

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church





We welcome those who are new to our faith community; those returning to the Catholic Church or those simply visiting with us today. We are blessed to have you with us and are glad you are here!

If you would like to learn more about our parish or register as a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church, We invite you to contact us, 301-365-1415 or at church@olom.org.

You may also go to our website - www.olom.org to download our registration form or pick up a brochure in the main entrance of the church.

Our Mission

We are a Catholic community of followers of Christ who desire to be ever more deeply rooted in the presence and power of God. We are guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the tradition of the Church. We welcome all to join us as we reach out in justice and love to build God's kingdom.



Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

The Church is a family of brothers and sisters with one Father, who gave us Jesus as our brother, to help us understand how much He loves fraternity. In fact, he wants all humanity to become one universal family. #FrattelliTutti

Please keep 3 feet apart and observe all COVID-19 guidelines.

Mass Schedules

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 7:00 am & 8:30 am Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Adoration: Monday - Friday: 7:30 am (after the 7 am Mass)

Confession: Tuesday: 7:30 am (after the 7 am Mass) & 1:45 pm- 2:45 pm

Friday: 7:30 am (after the 7 am Mass)

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm **Sunday:** 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents are asked to contact the Parish offices.

Marriage

Couples make arrangements with one of the parish priests six months to a year in advance of their intended wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member is sick at home, in the hospital or nursing home, please call the Parish office.

Clergy

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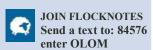
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Bulletin notices due
Monday 8 am mk@olom.org





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Sunday, February 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, that we may see

People of goodwill generally assume they're not complicit in racism or racist practices. That's because we describe racism as attitudes, words, and acts intended to harm or subordinate people whose origins are different from ours. However, racism involves omissions as well as actions: in what we fail to do or say to make equality tangible for everyone. Racism can also be institutionalized in laws, education, hiring practices, economic opportunities, zoning regulations, and voting restrictions. Racism operates best under the surface. As Pope Francis reminds us: Let none of us imagine that the conversion of hearts isn't meant for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45 (84). "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

Monday, February 28, 2022

Build it up

Ever wonder what the kingdom of God will be like? Well, look around, because you're already living in it. Not seeing all the love, peace, and justice you were promised? The kingdom of God began with Christ's death and Resurrection and will be brought into perfection by Christ at the end of time. Until then, it's our job as Christians to build the Kingdom up. Pray, discern what God is calling you to do, and act to make this world more harmonious and respectful of the dignity of others. And then of course, wait with hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27 (347). "For men it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

Tuesday, March 01, 2022

Your Rx for Lent

While many Christians focus on feasting today—ahead of tomorrow's fasting—it's also a good time to survey a smorgasbord of penitential spiritual practices, perfect for the upcoming Lenten season. Saint John Chrysostom identifies five in one of his homilies: "I have shown you five paths of repentance: acknowledgement of your own sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving, and humility." Sounding more like a doctor than one of the doctors of the church, he concludes: "Now that we have learned how to heal our wounds, let us apply the cures." How will you fill your prescription?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31 (348). "Do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance."

Wednesday, March 02, 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Add another step to your Lenten journey

Ash Wednesday is full of rituals and traditions of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. But it includes an extra step. As Pope Francis puts it, it is a time "to find concrete ways to overcome our indifference." So in addition to your regular Lenten practices, try to care more deeply about the suffering and disaffected in your community. Volunteer at



Take Five for Faith 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219). "And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

Thursday, March 03, 2022

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER Exceed expectations

Katharine Drexel was a wealthy heiress in late 19th-century Philadelphia. She rocked that world one day: "Miss Drexel Enters a Catholic Convent—Gives Up Seven Million," the Philadelphia Public Ledger announced when she decided not to simply become a nun but to found her own religious order. Head of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, she used her family fortune to found the nation's only Catholic university for African Americans (Xavier University in New Orleans), schools for Native Americans, and more. Are you, too, being called by God to do something unexpected?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220). "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"

Friday, March 04, 2022

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

A cleansing fast

A couple years ago, two young white women decided that they needed to more closely align their spiritual practices of Lent with their commitment to being antiracist. They chose, as they wrote in Sojourners magazine, to try fasting from media that lacked a diversity of voices and to spend Lent engaged with books, films, and podcasts written or directed by women of color. Their goal was to take a step toward repentance, which is one of the hallmarks of Lent. To repent is to turn away from sin, including the sin of racism. What Lenten practice of prayer, fasting, or almsgiving might you contribute toward being more intercultural and helping end racism?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221). "This, rather, is the fasting that I wish."

Saturday, March 05, 2022

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY Tax forgiveness

Tax collectors in Jesus' time were particularly despised. The Roman occupiers auctioned off the right to collect taxes to the highest bidders, who then aggressively collected taxes from their neighbors in order to turn a profit on their "investment." When Jesus calls Levi the tax collector to follow him and attends a celebration with Levi's tax-collecting cohorts, the shock among the Jewish leaders is evident. But Levi became Matthew, the evangelist, and wrote a vivid account of the Good News. Jesus sees beyond the worst in us and brings out the best. Follow his lead.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222). "Jesus saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me."



Mass Intentions (L) = living

Monday, February 28

7:00am Florence Bastiampillai 8:30am Daniel Stadelmann

Tuesday, March 1

7:00am Tom Boylan

8:30am Richard McCormack Sr.

Wednesday, March 2

7:00am Bob McKibben (L)

8:30am Peggy Gidez 11:00am Doris Reilly

7:30pm Beatriz Cordio &

Osmel Manzano

Thursday, March 3

7:00am Geraldine Pitsinger

8:30am Jack Coleman

Friday, March 4

7:00am Nora Schmidt 8:30am Maria Eugenia

Saturday, March 5

9:00am Sally & Paul Kern

5:00pm Aristia Lucido

Sunday, March 6

7:00am Doug Lenard

9:00am OLOM

11:00am Kenneth Hall

5:00pm Carlos Ardila

Presider Schedule March 5-6, 2022

5:00pm Msgr. Antonicelli

7:00am Fr. Cwik

9:00am Fr. Kemp

11:00am Msgr. Antonicelli

5:00pm Fr. Cwik



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 1 5:30 -7:00 pm in the Kennedy Room All are welcome.

Prayer and Worship

Ash Wednesday Mass

March 2

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm



Adoration Monday - Friday: 7:30 am (after the 7 am Mass)

Confession Mondays during Lent: 6:30 pm

Tuesday: 7:30 am (after the 7 am Mass)

& 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Friday: 7:30 am (after the 7 am Mass)

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm Sunday: 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

Holy Hours (Monday nights)

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 6:30 pm in the Church Join us for a series of special preached Holy Hours with a 10 – 15 minute reflection and silent prayer. Confessions will be available.

Stations of the Cross (Friday nights)

Fridays, beginning March 4, 7:30 pm in the Church Family Stations of the Cross March 11, 7 pm, Pizza at 6:30 pm

Lenten Vocations Tree

Pick a seminarian card from the Vocations Tree and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Simple and powerful — It's a great Lent tradition! All the seminarians are very grateful for your prayers and you will be blessed, too.

The Rosary at Mercy

Monday-Friday after the 8:30 am Mass & Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass

Teaching Mass March 12 10:00 am

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Carolyn Bruna, Phyllis Minaya, Patrick LaQuaglia, Steve Smith, Brian Clark, Patricia Metzger, Lawrence Brady

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD:

The parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church offer our prayerful condolences to the families of **Anne Patricia Boler**, **Jim Reed** and **Anne Luther**.

Holy Week Schedule

Tenebrae Service

April 13, 7:30 pm

Holy Thursday -- Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 14, 7:30 pm -11:00 pm

Good Friday - Passion & Veneration of the Cross

April 15, 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm **Stations of the Cross** April 15, 12:00 pm

April 16 7:30 pm Easter Sunday
April 17
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

There will be **NO** 5:00 pm Mass on Easter



Social Concerns/Outreach/Giving

Lenten Food Drive: Please bring food donations to the church March 26 & 27 to support local food pantries.

Service Opportunities

In the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to serve others, we grow closer to God as we let go of self and focus on the needs of others. Join Mercy Serves during Lent to give your time to others in need. Service opportunities are frequently updated and can be found at https://www.olom.org/mercy-serves.

Educational Opportunities

Mercy Family Lent Guide – Activities and Prayers for Every Week of Lent. Available in pdf/online

Mercy U Class: Go to www.mercyu.org for more information/registration.

Landings: Thursday nights 7:00 – 8:30 pm

8 week series for returning inactive Catholics or seekers. Email alanave@olom.org to register.

Overnight Retreat: "Praying with Ignatius- Sr. Patricia Mensing, SJ.

Friday, March 11 @ 3:00 pm – Sunday, March 13 @ noon

Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center 1525 Marriottsville Rd., Marriottsville, MD 21104

School Lenten Activities

The school community will make the stations of the cross in three ways:

- 1. Entire school participation on a Friday during Lent.
- 2. Stations will be placed around the school and older prayer partners will teach their younger prayer partners.
- 3. Each teacher of religion will make the stations of the cross with their class once, either in school or in the church.

Students will be participating in the **service opportunities** of our Parish.

Students will participate in saying the **rosary**, both in their classrooms and with fellow parishioners after Mass.

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign

Please support the Shady Grove Pregnancy and its mission to provide counseling to those facing unexpected pregnancies. You can give in two ways. Baby bottles are available in the church or you can pick them up at the parish house.



BABY BOTTLES SHOULD BE RETURNED THIS WEEKEND!

Alternatively, donations can be made electronically by visiting the OLOM website.

Arimathean Ministry

We are in desperate need of people to assist with the funeral ministry. We have funerals on any day of the week except for Sundays.

Duties would include setting up for Mass (sacristan duties + funeral symbols and readings) and assisting families with tables and easels for pictures. Training will be provided. Our hope is to have teams of 2 people to accomplish this set up for each funeral.

For more information contact Jayne Rose - jrose@olom.org or 301-365-1415 ex. 102.

Interfaith Works - 2 Taft Court, Rockville, MD Women's Center -- Week of March 6 - 13, 2022

Mercy continues its tradition of sharing food with clients at the IW Women Center. This year the women still need food, but of course there is no personal serving.

How to Help? Breakfast for 35 women or dinner for 35 women can be delivered by restaurant or volunteers. No lunches are needed for the week. www.iworksmc.org.

As always, thank you for your support.

Contact Mary Ann Sestili, 301-351-2316, masestili275@verizon.net or Bonnie Carr, bonniecarr4@outlook.com, 301-461-9626.



Questions?
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So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.) Ministry

Our Lady of Mercy is providing much needed SNACK PACKS to the homeless population. Then, at S.O.M.E., a sandwich will be added to each pack and distributed to the community as healthy to-go meals.

Here are the instructions for filling each bag: In a 1 gallon, zip-locked bag include the following suggested pre-packaged snacks (a total of seven items in each pack):

- 1) Chips / pretzels / popcorn
- 2) Trail mix / granola bars / protein bars
- 3) P.B. crackers / cheese crackers
- 4) Cookies / Twinkies / Pop-tarts
- 5) Fruit snacks / mints /candy
- 6) Fruit cups
- 7) Juice pouch / water

Please make 10 SNACK PACKS. You may make more if you'd like! There are boxes in the narthex to drop off your donations. Thank you. Any questions, please contact Tara Boogaerts at tarabooarts@gmail.com.



Faith Direct 2022

Our parish ministries depend on the steady, consistent support provided by monthly givers. Plus, it eases the workload on our hardworking staff, since they have fewer cash and check donations to process.

www.Faithdirect.net MD37

2021 Contribution Statements are now available upon request.

Please call the Parish House at 301-365-1415, x124 or email Mary Kate: mk@olom.org.

SHARING OUR TREASURE OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUMMARY

(Offertory, Christmas, Easter)

FY 2020-2021 through January \$1,039,864

Average per Sunday \$33,544

FY 2021-2022 through January \$1,165,432

Average per Sunday \$37,595

March Daily Family Intentions

1-March-22

Naujokaitis Family Navarrete Family Navolio Family Neill Family Nesbitt Family

2-March-22

Nevel Family J. Newell Family S. Newell Family Newman Family Ngo Family

3-March-22

Nguyen/Lee Family Nguyen/Thi Family Nickel Family Nickerson Family Niembro Family

4-March-22

Njokanma Family Nkamshire Family D. Nolan Family M. Nolan Family J. Nolan Family

5-March-22

P. Nolan Family Noonan Family Norian Family J. Norris Family K. Norris

6-March-22

Norton Family Novak Family Novick Family Novikov Family Nowak Family

7-March-22

Nugent Family Nunes/DSouza Family Nunez/Santana Family Nweke Family O'Berry Family

8-March-22

E. O'Brien Family
J. O'Brien Family
K. O'Brien Family
O'Brien/DeTemple Family

9-March-22

B. O'Connell Family C. O'Connell Family J. O'Connell Family P. O'Connell Family M. O'Connor Family

10-March-22

S. O'Connor Family O'Connor Family J. O'Donnell Family T. O'Donnell Family O'Donoghue Family

11-March22

O'Driscoll Family O'Dwyer Family O'Fahey/Merida Family O'Hare Jr Family B. O'Neill Family

12-March-22

J. O'Neill Family O'Neill, Jr. Family R. O'Neill Family O'Rourke Family O'Sullivan Family

13-March-22

O'Toole Family O'Toole/Cipollone Family Oberstar Family Oconnell Family Odar Family

14-March-22

Ogilvie Family Oh Family Olcott Family A. Olego Family D. Olego Family

15-March-22

Oleksiak Family Olieh Family S. Olmsted Family W. Olmsted Family Olsen Family

16-March-22

Olson Family
C. Olszewski Family
G. Olszewski Family
C. Ondeck Family
T. Ondeck Family
Onunkwo/Oduenyi Family

17-March-22

Orandi Family Orlando Family Oroszlan Family Orta Family J. Ortega Family

18-March-22

M. Ortega Family Osborne Family Osorio/Mendez Family G. Ossi Family S. Ossi Family

19-March-22

Ostera Family Osterhues Family Ostronic Family Ours/Clucas Family Overmyer Family

20-March-22

Owens Family
Pace Family
Pace/Littinville Family
Padalino Family
Paez Family

21-March-22

Page Family Pala/Lofino Family Palmiere Family Palumbo Family Pancorbo Family

22-March-22

Panzarella Family Paone Family Pappas Family C. Parilla Family R. Parilla Family

23-March-22

J. Park Family S. Park Family M. Park Family B. Parker Family

24-March-22

N. Parker Family R. Parker Family Paro Family Pascaul Family Patterson Family

25-March-22

Pauley Family
M. Pavlick Family
R. Pavlick Family
Payne Family
Paz Family
Pearce Family

26-March-22

Pedraza Family
Peinado Family
Pellarini/Falco Family
Penfold Family
Percovich Family

27-March-22

Pereda/Breithbarth Family Pereira/Gomes Family Perez/Perazzo Family C. Perez Family

28-March-22

K. Perez Family L. Perez Family Perez/Garduno Family Perini Family

29-March-22

Perkinson Family Perko Family Perrin Family Perry Family Pesi Family

30-March-22

J. Peters Family
S. Peters Family
Petreikis Family
Petrick/Mullins Family
Pevere/Powers Family

31-March-22

Pfeiffer Family Pflaging Family Pflieger Family Phelan Family Philip Family

For the Year of St. Ignatius Friday, March 11, 3:00 pm -Sunday, March 13, noon

Join Sr. Patricia Mensing, SSJ as she guides Mercy in a taste of the Spiritual Exercises. Sister Pat is a Sister of St. Joseph of Philadelphia



and formerly served as Pastoral Associate for Social Justice/Social Concerns here at Our Lady of Mercy. She currently works full time in the ministry of Spirituality, leading workshops, days and weekends of guided prayer retreats and individual spiritual direction.

Overnight Weekend Retreat at the lovely Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center 1525 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104 Sponsored by OLOM. Registration now!



QUESTIONS?

Anna LaNave, 301-365-1415 x122 alanave@olom.org

SPRING 2022

Saturdays, March 26 & April 2, 9 and 23

@ Our Lady of Mercy

THE HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF THE COUNCILS

Instructor: Dr. Gregory LaNave, PhD, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC.

The college of bishops, when it is united with the Pope as its head, exercises supreme authority in the Church. Gatherings of the college of bishops have therefore been regarded as particularly solemn and significant moments in the Church's history, and important parts of God's providential care for his Church.

This course will begin with a theological and canonical definition of a council, and then take an historical look at the twenty-one ecumenical councils, from Nicea I to Vatican II, examining the circumstances that gave rise to them and the impact they had on the Church.

Our Lady of Mercy Book Club is meeting virtually at 6:30 pm on the Second Monday of the month.

For the zoom link, contact Kim Ford, 301-452-4759.

Please join us in reading and discussing: **MARCH 14:** Caste, by Isabel Wilkerson

APRIL 11: Anxious People, by Fredrik Backman MAY 9: Death Comes for the Archbishop,

by Willa Cather



Summer Spectrum Registration Now Open!

The warm summer days are not as far off as they seem!

In addition to the popular academic and art classes, we are excited to be

launching a Sports Camp -- Flag football, volleyball, and street hockey and more!

Class size is limited, so register NOW!

The Return of SCAMP!

Every summer, OLOM welcomes children from two parishes in Southeast Washington to join Mercy youth, who provide them with a week-long summer camp experience.

It is a beautiful week of kids experiencing Christ in each others' presence- but we need help to get it up and running again after two years off!

Adult and teen volunteers are needed to volunteer for SCAMP (Summer Camp at Mercy Parish) for the week of June 20-24.

All participants will be vaccinated, and social distance, outside eating and safety protocols will be followed. Please contact Kristy Keteltas, 301-775-1702, kristy.keteltas@verizon.net or Jay George, socialconcerns@olom.org.





Dates:

Week 1: June 27-

July 1, 2022 Week 2: July 5- 8

Week 3: July 11-15

Week 4: July 18-22

Week 5: July 25-29

Camp Mercy will run for five weeks; sign up for the week(s) that work for your family!



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www.campmercypotomac.org
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PSALM 92

1 A psalm. A sabbath song.

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- 2 It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High,
- 3 To proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness in the night,
- 4 With the ten-stringed harp, with melody upon the lyre.
- 5 For you make me jubilant, LORD, by your deeds; at the works of your hands I shout for joy.

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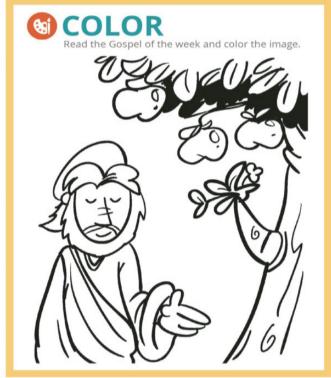
- 6 How great are your works, LORD! How profound your designs!
- 7 A senseless person cannot know this; a fool cannot comprehend.
- 8 Though the wicked flourish like grass and all sinners thrive, They are destined for eternal destruction;
- 9 but you, LORD, are forever on high.
- 10 Indeed your enemies, LORD, indeed your enemies shall perish; all sinners shall be scattered.

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- 11 You have given me the strength of a wild ox; you have poured rich oil upon me.
- 12 My eyes look with glee on my wicked enemies; my ears shall hear what happens to my wicked foes.
- 13 The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 14 Planted in the house of the LORD, they shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- 15 They shall bear fruit even in old age, they will stay fresh and green,
- 16 To proclaim: "The LORD is just; my rock, in whom there is no wrong."













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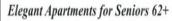
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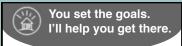
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