



ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 30 HOLY DAY MASSES 7 am, 8:30 am & 7 pm

This Thursday is the Ascension of the Lord, one of the great feasts of the Easter season. This feast celebrates our belief that the Risen Lord, who has passed beyond our sight, is still with us but in a different way – a way that makes him even more present to his people. Ascension Thursday is also a holy day on which Catholics are expected to participate in the celebration of Mass. The Masses at OLM for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord are this Thursday, May 30, at 7 am, 8:30 am & 7 pm. Please share this information with your family and friends.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy:



Greetings in the name of Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Before I forget it again, in the name of the community of Our Lady of Mercy, I express my gratitude to Rosary Society for their effort to make the annual crowning of The Blessed Virgin Mary two weeks ago. May the devotion to the Our Mother Mary continue to spread to the next generations through our living testimony as her loving children in Jesus Christ.

Summer is coming! Let us have decorum with what we wear when we come to Mass. Sunday best is what it is. No short shorts nor tank tops. We want to give and do our best to our God.

In our gospel passage this weekend Jesus makes it clear how we show our love to him. He said: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Brothers and sisters, are we keeping Jesus' words and put them into how we treat one another?

God bless you all!

Love,
+Father Marty



MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT OLM

Monday, May 27, 8:30 am

Tomorrow, Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, there will be only one Mass at 8:30 am. There will be NO Mass at 7 am. We encourage you join us for Mass at 8:30 am as we pray for all those men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Let us also pray for the day when human lives will no longer be lost to violence and war.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES AT LOCAL CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Special Memorial Day Masses will be held on Monday, May 27, at 11 am at the following local Archdiocesan cemeteries: Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, and Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Archbishop of Newark, will be the main celebrant at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Reverend Monsignor Gregory Studerus, Episcopal Vicar of Hudson County, will be the main celebrant at Holy Name Cemetery here in Jersey City. Everyone is invited to attend.

POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTION:



The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for its continent.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 15:1-2; 22-29; Revelations 21:10-14; 22-23; John 14:23-29.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be every FIRST FRIDAY from 9:00am until 12 noon only in the Chapel.

OUR LADY OF MERCY'S MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, joyfully and humbly seek to make our Lord Jesus Christ ever more real in all our lives. We enliven our Mission by a commitment to Stewardship as a Way of Life. We strive to pursue our mission by being a welcoming community that provides a home for all and celebrates life, hope and reconciliation through WORD, WORSHIP AND SERVICE.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

John Broderick, Dolores Steinhauser, Austin Macalintal, Eduviges Ledesma, Carolyn Taliaferro, Nonong Dava, Elsa Concepcion, Rosario Bernabe, Raquel Yapp, Roberto Yapp, Armando Gloria, Grace Arceo, Natale "Sonny" Infurna, Minh Nguyen, Florentino Chanco, Lourdes Madlangbayan-Tiamsic, Romeo Vibar, Herminio Macalino, Joel Rivera, Ann Rutkowski, Leo and Josephine Collins, Clemente Rodriguez, Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr, Roumelia Alina-Balbastro, Juliana Villa, Lowie Gamboa, Susana Flores, Mercedes Ereneta, Fran DeCesare, Adam Malewski, Linda Gilbert, Carmine Ciccone, Rosalina Cruz, Marcelita S. Fusco, Dionisio M. Solis Jr., Consolacion F. Acosta, Luzon V. Acosta, Denise Cafiero-Vitale, Angelita S. Maynard, Epifania Rivera, Alan Russotto, Elaine Staltari, Henry Zanotti, Jessica Pavoni, Leonora Loyola, Ian Malesiewski, Craig Rutkowski, Gina Marquez, Daniel Tamayo Santos, Betty Scerbo, Philip Scerbo, Eric Bautista, Esperanza E. Lorenzo, Prudence Marasigan-Lewis, Eugene Ramos, Nenuca Murillo, Joel Mahinay, Jonel Teves, George Esguerra, John Russell, Rizalito Cailles, Deacon Nick Fargo, Vilma Baring, Deonilo Baring, Jesus Condes, Severa Condes, Waddy Ancheta, Paul Calefati.

Note: Friends, I will set a little rule in here: Every few months we will remove some names. Kindly inform the parish office for names to be on the list for the community to pray for. Thank you. -Father Marty

QUESTIONS REGARDING PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

What does "Assistance from Archdiocese of Newark" mean?

It is the money that the Archdiocese takes from our school (Starting Point School) rental when we need help for repairs of more than \$25,000.00.

You see, this is how it works: Starting Point School sends their rent to the Archdiocese, not to us. The Archdiocese then deposits it to our account. If we need financial help for major repairs, the Archdiocese sends us what we need, taking it out from our account. In other words, it isn't subsidized by the Archdiocese. It is our money.

DATE ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: "WE ARE LIVING STONES"

You may recall that the Case Items for Parish Portion are the following:

- Purchase and Installation of a gas generator
- Repointing of the Church
- Replacement of windows on the school's 3rd floor
- Repairing the boiler in the school (done)
- Debt reduction

As far as the school boiler repair is concerned, we have spent a total of \$41,675.00 for the three repairs we have done. This figure is disbursed from the Capital Campaign. Pray, dear brothers and sisters, that there will be no more school boiler repairs in the near future. As of present, we have reached 100.20% of our goal (\$499,149.00) of which \$400,948.52 has been collected and \$174,734.56 disbursed to parish. Soon, we will be replacing the third floor school windows and the fund will be taken from the balance of WALS rebate. I am gently reminding those who have not fully paid the pledge to continue sending your payment to WALS office. God bless your cooperation and generosity. Thank you so much!

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL 2018 AND 2019

The goal for Our Lady of Mercy Parish of last year's Annual Appeal (2018) was \$34,769.00 and we have reached it. As a matter of fact, we have received a rebate of \$1,875.50 from Cardinal Tobin. This year 2019, our goal is \$36,033.00 Please try to help our Archdiocese in their appeal by making a pledge. As you well know, if we exceed our goal it is for our advantage because we will get a rebate. We will use the rebate for our parish needs. Thank you for your generous support.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: May 19, 2019

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SUPPORT THE BULLETIN

I appeal to those who want to advertise your company or your business to please do so. It will be a very big help to make our bulletin better (in color if possible) so we can give you more information and knowledge about all the goings-on or happenings in our communities. You can call Dave Chameides at 1-203-641-6051 or email: dchameides@4Lpi.com.

OUR LADY OF MERCY AND AMAZON SMILE

We are rolling out a novel way of supporting Our Lady of Mercy Parish through your purchases. Please note instructions prepared by Peachy Molina, a member of our Adult Music Ministry.

Please remember to:

1. Use an internet browser, not a mobile app
2. Log on to smile.amazon.com
3. Choose Our Lady of Mercy Jersey City as your charity

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Register your child now for this life-changing adventure! Fee is \$30 per child. Contact Jeng Villa for more information: 201-434-7500 ext. 102 / olmym@aol.com

Confirmation at OLM Sunday, June 2



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at our parish next Sunday, June 2, at 3 pm by Bishop Manuel Cruz, Assistant Bishop of Newark. Some thirty young people of our parish will be confirmed during the Mass of Con-

firmation. Those being confirmed will have a day of retreat here at our parish this coming Saturday, June 1. Please keep those to be confirmed in your prayers that they may truly be open and receptive to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?

If you were married civilly, that is, not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.) We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

REGISTER YOURSELF IN THE PARISH

To be a registered parishioner means that you really belong to the parish family. You enjoy all the benefits of being a family member. Those who are not registered are invited and encouraged to do so. A Registration Form is available at the vestibule of the Church, in the Parish Office and Online. Visit our website: olm.nj.org

CALLING ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Calling all moms who are expecting babies, please know that we have a team who takes care of celebrating your joy through a "Gathering To Rejoice!" Every month we have a scheduled event for that. Please let us know by stopping by or calling the parish office at 201-434-7500. We will be very happy to be with you!

THE DIRECTORY SENIOR SERVICES GUIDE

Copies of the Directory from Office of Aging of the Department of Health and Human Resources in Hudson County are available at the parish office. This Directory is an essential guide for all who may be seeking information on home and community services available to them, according to the Hudson County Executive. For those who want to help and reach out to our aging brothers and sisters please feel free to get your copy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: GARDENING AND ALTAR CLOTH CLEANERS

We need people to help us maintain our gardens and taking care of altar cloths. Those of you who have green thumbs and know how to wash cloths please see Father Marty. Thank you!

BEREAVEMENT TEAM

We are in need of volunteers to be part of Bereavement Team. For those of you who feel like you have a gift to console those who are grieving due to loss of loved ones, please step up. See Father Marty or Mr. Edwin Dava

SCHEDULE FOR OUR ROSARY CRUSADE FOR MAY 2019:

Date	OLMercy	OLFatima
5/12	Cindy Gocon	Presy & Connie Lorenzo
5/19	Fred Beyo	Edwin & Nora Dava
5/26	Imelda Austria	Creselda Cancino
6/2	Maribel Inocencio	Susan Cailles
6/9	Emy Sengco	Bessie & Celso Rezaba
6/16	Ruthie Ureta	Deacon Mey & Baby Espeleta
6/23	Cora Umali	Grace & Jun Arceo
6/30	Grace & Jun Arceo	Sina & Tavio Duna



EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 25

5:00pm Hector Rivera, Sr. (Death Anniv)
r/b Michael Rivera & Family

6TH SUNDAY of EASTER, May 26

8:00am Leticia Buni r/b Vilma Casidsid
10:00am Creselda & Torcesio Cancino (L)(28th Wedding Anniv)
12:00pm Bienvenido del Rosario (Death Anniv)
r/b Bobby & Hanelli del Rosario

7:00pm For the People

MONDAY, May 27

7:00am NO MASS
8:30am Maria Kim (L) Ursula Kim

TUESDAY, May 28

7:00am Renato B. Endaya
8:30am John & Anne Hnath (Wedding Anniv)

WEDNESDAY, May 29

7:00am Rodolfo Alvero r/b Oscar & Lulu Sychua
8:30am Rose Contreras r/b Ralph & Maria Rana

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, May 30

7:00am Pia Angela Austria, In Thanksgiving for
Blessings Received
8:30am Eulalio Arellano r/b Irene Baladad
7:00pm Enrico Llanes (Death Anniv) r/b Evangeline Llanes

FRIDAY, May 31

7:00am Francis Paclarin (L)(Birthday) r/b Socorro Paclarin
8:30am Corazon Bernaldez r/b May Bernaldez

SATURDAY, June 1

7:00am Purgatorial Society
5:00pm Apolinar Merjudio, Sr. r/b June Tolentino

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, June 2

8:00am Maureen Wasilewski (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Walter Wasilewski
10:00am James Leaman r/b Sandra Valenzola
12:00pm MaryAnn Medvetz r/b Hnath Family
7:00pm For the People

BREAD & WINE:

The offering for the bread to be used this week at our Eucharistic
Worship is offered for **The People**.

The offering for the wine to be used this week at our Eucharistic
Worship is offered for **The People**.

SANCTUARY LAMPS:

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the Church this week
is offered for **The People**.

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the Chapel this week
is offered for **The People**.

How To Report Abuse:

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct
by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage
anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately
so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to
victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual
misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth
Protection at (201)407-3256.

Parish Offices

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

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Office Hours:

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Michael Rivera

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am / 10:00am / 12noon / 7:00pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday at 7:00 am and 8:30 am
Saturday at 8:30 am

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Anytime by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:

If you, a family member or neighbor is hospitalized and wish
a visit from a Parish priest, call the Parish Office or email us at
olmncj@aol.com. The Sacrament of the Sick: Any homebound
or hospitalized parishioner may request this Sacrament by call-
ing 201-434-7500.

Visitation of the Sick: Please contact any priest, deacon or pas-
toral associate or call the Parish Office at 201-434-7500. Priests'
Hospital Assignments: If you, a family member or neighbor are
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at olmncj@aol.com.

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be every First Friday
from 9:00 am until 12 noon only in the Chapel.*

NEED A RIDE TO THE CHURCH?

Those of you who will need a ride to church please contact
our office at 201-434-7500. We have a volunteer who would
like to be of service for you.

The Price of Freedom

In "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America's freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

"What did he die for when he died for you and me,
 Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?
 I believe we will answer each to heaven
 For the way we spend a priceless liberty.
 Look inside and ask the question, What did he die for?"

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we're challenged to live so as to honor Jesus' supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our "priceless liberty" using our blessings to bless others.

Remember to remember

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them.

"That's the day the swimming pool opens!" answered one eager boy. What he didn't realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 27.

More than a name

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It read:

"I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me. Good-bye. Hello. Nancy."

That's a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simply names. They were living people who loved and were loved ... and are still loved.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT OLM
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 Tomorrow, Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, there will be only one Mass at 8:30 am. There will be NO Mass at 7 am. We encourage you join us for Mass at 8:30 am as we pray for all those men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Let us also pray for the day when human lives will no longer be lost to violence and war.



What does God mean when he commands us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?

Complete this word search to discover words that mean the same as honor.

admire • adore • appreciate • cherish • esteem
 look up to • praise • respect • revere • value

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