OLM Parish Bulletin

40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Sunday, August 29, 2021

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

I hope you are doing well and remaining healthy.

First, as part of my short reflection, I would like to focus on this weekend's Second Reading. The Letter of James is one of those practical pastoral letters from the earliest days of the Christian community. In it, the author makes a sincere effort to connect the issues of faith and works, more than many of the other scriptural writers.

James succinctly writes what makes our religion true: "Be doers of the word and not just hearers, deluding yourselves….Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this; to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (James 1:22, 27).

What James wrote is true for us today. Our religion is pure and undefiled when we care for the oppressed and the marginalized in our society.

Let us try as people of God to care for one another, especially for our brothers and sisters who are poor and have no other means of support. When we do that, when our laws do that, then we do something great in the eyes of God.

Saying that, in the name of our parish, I thank you for your generous response to last weekend's special appeal to help those devastated by the earthquake in Haiti. The total collection appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

We also thank the Holy Name Society members for their efforts to beautify our parish by planting flowers and hedges outside our church building.

If you haven't noticed yet, here at Our Lady of Mercy, we have simple decorations around our church because I believe in the saying, 'less is more and simple is beautiful!" That's what we have here, and it is beautiful.

We do our best to make our space comfortable and conducive to prayer and worship. Our main focus and center of what we do here is the Eucharist.

I also appeal to you to pray for the people in Afghanistan. May they be protected from harm and may their problems be addressed and resolved sooner than later. Pray also for all the sick, that God's healing touch may be upon them and they may be restored to health.

Last but not least, if you did not see the parish financial report in last weekend's bulletin, or if you did not get a copy, there are copies in the parish office. It is good to know where we are financially. As you see, we need your help. So please continue to support your parish and perhaps consider increasing your donation. That would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Love,

+Father Marty

BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF MERCY

Kaleah Grey Bunales was baptized here at OLM last Sunday, August 22, by Father Marty assisted by Deacon Meynard. Kaleah is pictured here with her father, Kristian and her mother, Kathleen.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINES HERE AT OLM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10 am to 6 pm

The Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services has arranged to have a van in our church parking lot on Wednesday, September 8, from 10 am to 6 pm where free Covid-19 vaccines will be available without an appointment.

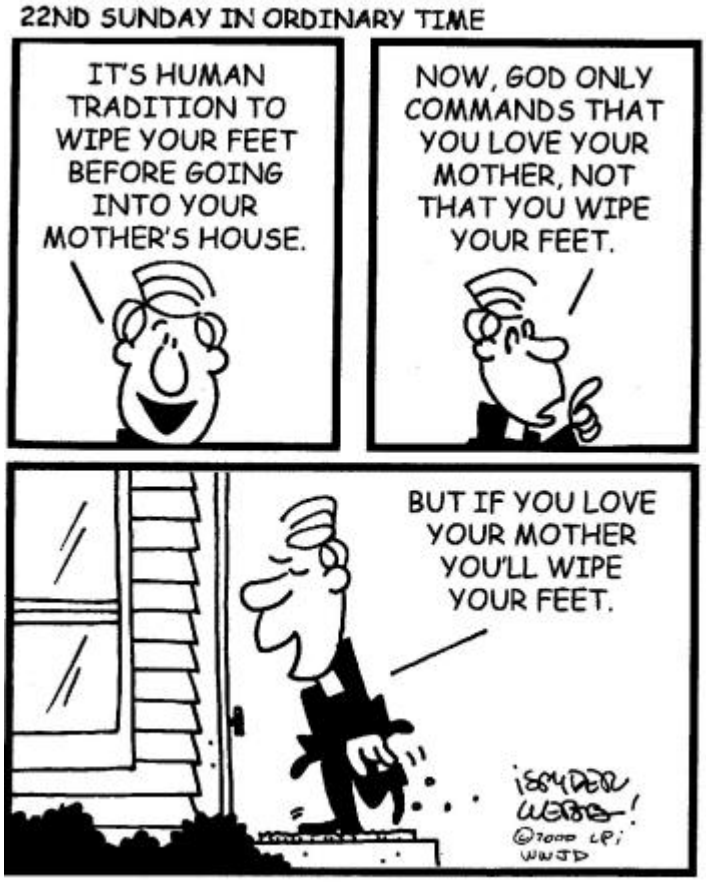
Those not yet vaccinated are urged to take advantage of this opportunity right here in our neighborhood. Please spread the word. All residents are welcome to come to be vaccinated.

GATHER TO REJOICE!

"Gather to Rejoice" is part of our baptism program here at OLM. Expectant parents gather with Deacon Meynard and members of our Baptismal Ministry Team to share their excitement and to learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and to hear about the joys and the challenges that come with parenthood.

Expectant parents are encouraged to take part in this program by contacting Deacon Meynard Espeleta at the parish office 201-434-7500.

Expectant Parents, Diane and Justin Baslin are pictured here with Deacon Meynard and some members of the Baptismal Team, namely, Rey and Nori Ramos, and Joy and Selwyn Esteban.



Jesus responded, "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition"

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday, August 22
Sunday Collection $5,468
Collection for Haiti $975

Thank you for your support and for sharing the financial blessing that the Lord has given you.

GO FUND ME IS ENDING

Please note that as of September 30, donations to OLM may no longer be made through GO FUND ME. This program is being discontinued by the Archdiocese. Those using GO FUND ME to make their donations to the parish are encouraged to make their contributions by check and through their bank. Thank you!

the 2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

"Catholic Stewardship in Action" is the theme of this year's annual appeal It supports the programs and ministries of the Archdiocese. This year's goal for Our Lady of Mercy Parish is **$42,123.** So far donors from OLM have pledged **$62,448 (148%)** and **$54,705** in pledges has been redeemed. There is a 100% rebate of every dollar collected above our goal. Please continue to send in your pledges and payment. Thank you for your generosity!

SATURDAY, Aug 28
5pm Patricia Scanlon r/b Debra Prior

SUNDAY, Aug 29, The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am Mario Mirandella r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal
10am Angelita Banaag r/b Holy Name Society
12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, Aug 30
7am Eduardo Espino (Birthday in Heaven) r/b Joy Wells
8:30am Yolanda Iszczyk r/b Manuela Sines

TUESDAY, Aug 31
7am Mariano & Beth Mejia r/b Kathy Oliver
8:30am Cettina Morabito r/b Manuela Sines

WEDNESDAY, Sept 1
7am Katarina Hong r/b Ursula Kim
8:30am Elizabeth Marie Muzzi r/b James Sines

THURSDAY, Sept 2
7am Purgatorial Society
8:30am Mario Joe Muzzi r/b James Sines

FRIDAY, Sept 3
7am Melizza Fraga r/b Annie Casino
8:30am Mercedes Herrera

SATURDAY, Sept 4
5pm Edgardo Cruz (Birthday in Heaven) r/b Marian Cruz

SUNDAY, Sept 5, The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Tiime
8am For the People of the Parish
10am Jesusa Y. Cailles (Birthday Blessing)
12pm Lawrence Andersen r/b Joanne Sheridan

BREAD & WINE

The offering for the **Bread** to be used this week at the celebration of our Masses is given **In Memory of Angelina Marañon (Death Anniversary).**

The offering for the **Wine** to be used this week at the celebration of our Masses is given **In Memory of the Deceased Members of Our Parish Family.**

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the **Church** is offered **In Memory of Alethia Crichlow.**

PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday
9 am to 9:30 am
Saturday
4 pm to 4:30 pm

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you, a family member or neighbor is hospitalized or confined to home and wish a visit from a parish priest, contact the Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will be published for four consecutive weeks. To re-submit or add names, contact the parish office

Week One
Mary Landis, Nia Williams

Week Three
Maria Kowalczyk, Louie Reyes

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Sunday, August 29
The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

UPDATED

Aug. 30, Monday	Focus Group Meeting, 7 pm
Sept. 6, Monday	Labor Day
Sept. 11, Saturday	**5 pm Mass, Commemoration of Twentieth Anniversary of 9/11**
Sept. 11, Saturday	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Sept. 13, Monday	Holy Name Meeting, 7 pm, M.R.
Sept. 18, Saturday	Parish Staff Meeting
Sept. 18, Saturday	**7 pm Mass for All Who Died During the Pandemic**
Sept. 20, Monday	San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena starts
Sept. 25, Saturday	**5 pm Mass, Celebration of the Parish Feast Day**
Sept. 26, Sunday	Confirmation Preparation Session
Sept. 26, Sunday	Baptism
Sept. 28, Tuesday	**Memorial of St. Lorenzo Ruiz**
Oct. 3, Sunday	**3 pm Mass of the Anointing of the Sick**
Oct. 9, Saturday	**10 am, The Living Rosary**
Oct. 17, Sunday	Confirmation Retreat/Rehearsal
Oct. 24, Sunday	**3 pm Mass, Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**
Oct. 30, Saturday	Archdiocesan Lector Workshop
Nov. 1, Monday	All Saints Day
Nov. 2, Tuesday	All Souls Day
Nov. 6, Saturday	Archdiocesan Extraordinary Minister Workshop

We encourage families with children attending public, charter and private schools to register. Our faith formation program is for Grades 1-8.

First Grade will be a family program, where parents and children will attend sessions. Time and day to be arranged.

Grades 2-6 will be in-person and will meet with their Faith Formation teachers on Sundays, 10:30-11:45 am at the school building. First day of classes will be September 19. We urge everyone to attend the 12 Noon Mass after class.

Grades 7 & 8 will meet on Fridays, 5:30-7 pm in the Maria Room. First meeting day is September 24.

To register, please visit our parish website olmnj.org and click on Faith Formation Registration.

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