

OLM Parish Bulletin

40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Sunday, September 12, 2021



24th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

I hope you are fine and doing well.

The words of Jesus in today's gospel are frightening, terrifying and extreme! He said: *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* (Mark 8:34). Jesus was telling us the bold truth that if we wish to follow him, then we cannot turn away from suffering. We cannot avoid the consequences that come with being his disciples.

In this gospel passage, Jesus was telling his Apostles that he would be subjected to the suffering of being publicly humiliated and crucified, but that he would also experience the resurrection.

Peter, Jesus' most trusted disciple, was not willing to accept that his Master would be treated in such a shameful way. But Jesus challenged Peter to start thinking on a higher level, to start thinking about these things from God's perspective.

Brothers and sisters, we too are being called to look at the present difficulties in the Church from a higher perspective, from the perspective of knowing that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church.

We do not know what may come of the present suffering that we are experiencing in the Church, but we know that no matter what happens, God is our help. If we cling to our faith in God, we can face any trials and difficulties. Let us pick up the cross that is before us and follow after Jesus.

Let us pray for one another. And let us pray for our brothers and sisters in our community, in our nation, and in every nation, who are carrying the crosses that come with life's challenges and from all forms of disease, war, and natural disasters. May God be with them and provide for their needs through caring and generous people.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Love,

+*Father Marty*

ADULT CHOIR TO RESUME!

Rehearsals for our Adult Choir are beginning again! We are always looking for new members to join. No prior experience or music reading skills are required. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening from 7:30 pm to 9 pm in the church.

Anyone who may be interested in being part of our choir is encouraged to speak to Michael Rivera, our Director of Music Ministries, anytime before or after Sunday Mass, or send him an email at musicministryolmj@gmail.com.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Sunday, September 12

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday, September 5

Sunday Collection \$6,386

Thank you for your support of your parish. OLM depends upon the generosity of all its members to provide the money needed to fund its programs, to provide for its employees, to maintain its buildings, and to continue to do the work of the Lord.

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 or through their bank.

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

Joan Zanotti, Albert Malcahy,
Dennis Maloney, Maria Kowalczyk

Week Three

Mary Landis, Nia Williams



SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS

**THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7 pm
FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

There will be a special Mass to pray for those who died since the start of the current pandemic in late February 2020 until today. The Mass will be this Saturday evening, September 18, at 7 pm.

We encourage all those who lost family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join us in prayer. Since many families were unable to have funerals as usual, or to travel to attend the funerals of their departed relatives and friends, we thought it appropriate to celebrate a special Mass to remember and pray for those we lost during the pandemic.

We invite you to join us in prayer this Saturday, September 18, at 7 pm. We encourage you to tell your relatives, friends, and neighbors about this special Mass. Let us pray that those who died during the pandemic may be welcomed to the joys of heaven and those who grieve their loss may be comforted by the Lord. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday Obligation.

Those who wish can write the names of those to be prayed for during that Memorial Mass on the forms available at the doors of the church. The completed forms can be placed in the containers on the tables in the vestibule of the church.

PARISH FEAST DAY

The weekend, September 25 and 26, we will celebrate our patronal feast, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, at all our parish Masses. There will be a parish celebration in the Maria Room immediately following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, September 25. Everyone is invited.



SAINT LORENZO RUIZ NOVENA

Our novena in preparation for the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz (Tuesday, September 28) will start on Monday, September 20 according to the following schedule.

- Sept. 20-24 (Monday to Friday) at the 8:30 am Mass.
- Sept. 25 (Saturday) at the 5 pm Mass
- Sept. 26 (Sunday) at the 8 am Mass
- Sept. 27 (Monday) at the 8:30 am Mass.



A PRAYER

AS WE REMEMBER

Almighty God, as we remember September 11, 2001, we pray for those who were affected by the

terrorist attacks of that tragic day.

We remember with love and respect all those whose lives were brutally taken as jetliners became weapons of mindless hate.

We remember those who still suffer from injuries inflicted that day twenty years ago. We pray for their emotional and spiritual healing.

We remember those families and friends still grieving loved ones lost that day. Merciful God continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in you will find peace in your eternal Kingdom.

Look kindly upon us all and embrace us in your loving arms.

God of peace watch over all those who continue to defend and protect our nation this day and its ideals of freedom and liberty.

May your Kingdom of love, justice, and peace blossom forth upon this earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FINAL DAYS TO REGISTER FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

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



SATURDAY, Sept 11

5pm Filomena Lisotta r/b Holy Name Society

SUNDAY, Sept 12, The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Joseph Erwin C. Reyes (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Trini Reyes
10am Fiona Renee M. Villa (18th Birthday Blessing)
r/b Jeng Villa
12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, Sept 13

7am Ricardo Vales (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Paula Vales
8:30am Antoinette Fraraccio r/b Olga Fraraccio

TUESDAY, Sept 14, The Exaltation of the Cross

7am Arthur Lavilla (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Oliver Family
8:30am Zygmund Kowalski (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Kowalski Family

WEDNESDAY, Sept 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

7am Danilo & Evelyn Endaya & Family,
In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
8:30am Ricardo Vales (3rd Death Anniversary)
r/b Paula Vales

THURSDAY, Sept 16

7am Purgatorial Society
8:30am Juliana Villa (2nd Death Anniversary)
r/b The Villa Family

FRIDAY, Sept 17

7am Gresilda Gomez r/b Evelyn Apelizan
8:30am Diane del Rosario (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Bobby & Hanelli del Rosario

SATURDAY, Sept 18

5pm Esmeraldo Lorenzo (6th Death Anniversary)
r/b Presy & Connie Lorenzo
7pm **Memorial Mass for Covid-19 Victims**

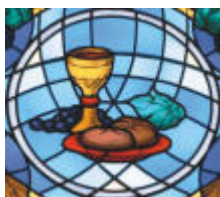
SUNDAY, Sept 19, The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish
10am Marie La Croce (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Doreen Elmadnay
12pm Johanna Carem Moya (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Mar & Caring Oller

BREAD & WINE

The offering for the **Bread** to be used this week at our Masses is given in Memory of **Jacky Beneche (Death Anniversary)**.

The offering for the **Wine** to be used this week at our Masses is given in Memory of **Aurelia Marquez-San Miguel** r/b Cora Umali.



PARISH INFORMATION

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& Youth / Young Adult Ministries*
Regina 'Jeng' Matias-Villa

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Michael Rivera

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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.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the **Church** is offered for **Jac Guirnalda** r/b his Sons & Daughters.



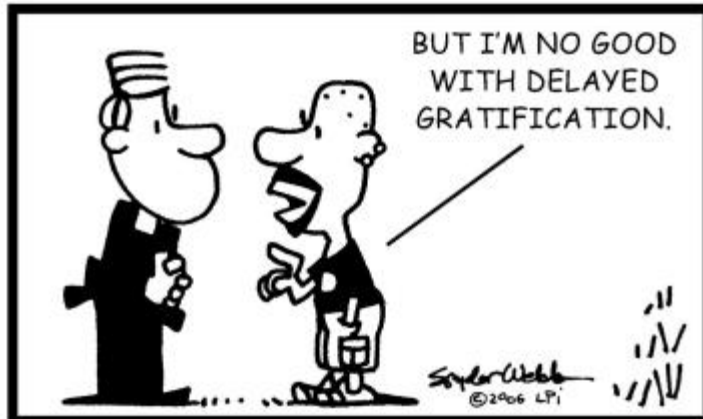
REGISTER AS PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

To be a registered parishioner means that you really belong to our parish family. You enjoy the benefits of being a family member and we are able to stay in touch with you. Those who are not registered are invited and encouraged to do so. A Registration Form is available at the Parish Office and on our website, **olmnj.org**



Sept. 12, Sunday Wellness Committee 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. 27, Monday Focus Group
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. 2, Tuesday Election Day
 Nov. 6, Saturday Archdiocesan Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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