

OLM Parish Bulletin

40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22, 2022



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a



Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

Greetings from the Philippines. I hope you are all doing well.

First and foremost, I congratulate our young boys and girls who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. I know they are excited to reach the day when they can receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. They have been happy and faithful in coming, along with their parents, to their monthly preparation sessions. This is their day.



I want to thank Jeng Villa and the office of Faith Formation, together with Vena Cheng, Deacon Edwin Dava, and others who helped to give these children proper knowledge to be well equipped for this next step in their spiritual journey.

I thank the members of our Wellness Ministry under the leadership of Henry Racelis, for last Sunday's Health Fair. They are of great service to our community, especially those of us who are in need of medical advice.



Thank you to all who assisted during the Health Fair and special thanks to the vendors. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. God sees the good that you do.

I am also grateful to Liam Barredo, Krystelle Pring, Jeng Villa, the musically talented boys and girls, and all those who help produce the concert this past Friday to raise funds to assist the suffering Ukrainian people. Of course, the concert not only helped Ukraine, but it also showcased the talents of the young people of our parish family.



I am so sorry I was not there in person for these big events. I was so looking forward to be present but an unexpected situation occurred when Father Jack Cryan and I travelled to the Philippines. We had plans to return May 13, but Father Jack became ill.

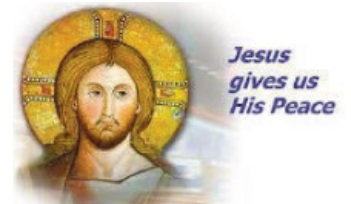
As a matter of fact, as I write this column, Father Jack is still in the hospital. Therefore, it was impossible for us to fly back last Friday, May 13. Father Jack is improving and is receiving all the care he needs. Thank God, he did not have Covid 19, otherwise it would be even longer before we could return. We are now scheduled to return on May 25, praying there will be no other unforeseen events. Please continue to pray for Father Jack and me.



As we move along in this life, let us continue to have faith in God and all His promises. We hear a promise in this weekend's gospel passage. Jesus promises us that God the Father will send us the Holy Spirit who will serve as our Advocate who will guide us to the truth.

Jesus also offers us his peace, which is the calm assurance that no matter what happens to us, God will always be on our side. Jesus tells us that his peace is not the same as the peace that we may find in this world. Jesus' peace is a peace that comes from within us, where God dwells in our hearts. Jesus' peace does not depend on whether everything is working out according to our wishes. Jesus' peace is knowing that our lives are in God's loving hands.

I think that all of us go through moments of doubt and fear. We may experience the devastation of losing someone or something that we treasure.



At times, we may feel like victims of a cursed fate or random circumstances. But it is precisely in those moments that we most need the peace that only Jesus can offer us. When we feel lost and abandoned by God, that is the very moment when we will be able to experience Jesus' peace and joy. But we need to have faith that God's Spirit dwelling within us will get us through those challenging times.

Jesus prepared his disciples for the rough road ahead so they would have everything they needed to survive and thrive no matter what they might face. We too have everything we need because we have Jesus' promise to be with us and to sustain us with his enduring love.

Love,
+ *Father Marty*



**THE SOLEMNITY
OF THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD
NEXT SUNDAY MAY 29**

The Ascension of the Lord, one of the great feasts of the Easter season was normally celebrated

on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. However, on March 23, the Bishops of New Jersey decided by a unanimous vote to permanently transfer the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, effective this year. This means the Solemnity of Ascension will be observed next Sunday, May 29.

Most of the Dioceses of the United States made this change several years ago. The decision was made so that more Catholics will be able to celebrate this great feast of the Easter Season by coming to Mass on a Sunday.

The Ascension celebrates our belief that the Risen Lord, who has passed beyond our sight, is still with us but in a unique way – a way that makes him even more present to his people. The Masses for the Ascension will take place according to our usual schedule, namely, Saturday 5pm, Sunday, 8am, 10am, and 12noon.



- May 21, Saturday First Communion at 5 pm Mass
- May 22, Sunday First Communion at 10am & 12 Noon Masses
- May 23, Monday Parish Staff Meeting
- May 29, Sunday The Ascension of the Lord
- May 30, Monday Memorial Day
- June 4, Saturday Café OLM after 5 pm Mass
- June 5, Sunday Pentecost Sunday
- June 12, Sunday Trinity Sunday
- June 18, Saturday Baptism Ministry Meet & Greet



If you would like to better appreciate the scripture readings you hear at Sunday Mass, we invite you to subscribe to LOOKING TO SUNDAY. This free email service provides a short

reflection related to the scripture readings that will be heard at Mass the coming Sunday. The reflection is sent out every Wednesday morning and relates to the readings of the coming Sunday. To subscribe simply send an email to LookingToSunday@gmail.com



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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22, 2022
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14;
John 14:23-29.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will be published for four weeks. Please contact the parish office to add a name or request that a name be continued.

Week One

Lorraine Ciano

Week Two

Terry Neubauer

Joseph Neubauer

Jose Maria Paloma

Erlinda Roberto

Week Three

Diane Hellriegel

Ronald James Danny



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Regular Collection \$6,930

This amount does not include donations through WeShare. They will be reported at a later date.

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We invite you to join us every Wednesday morning after our 8:30 am Mass to pray the Holy Rosary for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.



SATURDAY, May 21

5pm Jacques Baneche r/b Andrelita Beneche

SUNDAY, May 22, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am Louis Lee (Birthday Blessing)
10am Michael Rishi Chandra r/b Diane Smith
12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, May 23

7am Purgatorial Society
8:30am Gigi Macalintal (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Guiz Macalintal & Family

TUESDAY, May 24

7am Calista Mirasol (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Imelda Austria
8:30am Wanda Dolores Russell
r/b Jean & Al Communale

WEDNESDAY, May 25

7am Rosario Sambat (Death Anniversary)
r/b Sambat Family
8:30am Maria Kim (Birthday Blessing)

THURSDAY, May 26

7am Renato B. Endaya (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Imelda Austria
8:30pm Torcesio & Creselda Cancino
(31st Wedding Anniversary)

FRIDAY, May 27

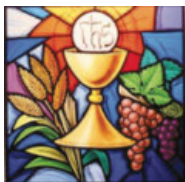
7am Bienvenido del Rosario (Death Anniversary)
8:30am Florence Limon
r/b Patricia, Michael & Bobbie Meluso

SATURDAY, May 28

5pm Felicitas Espeleta-Valentin
r/b Deacon Maynardo Espeleta

SUNDAY, May 29, The Ascension of the Lord

8am Rey Ramos (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Ramos Family
10am Agustin Sorio (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Creselda Cancino & Family
12pm Josefina Espino r/b Joy Wells



BREAD & WINE

The offering for the **Bread & Wine** to be used this week at our Masses is given **For the Intentions of the People of The Parish.**

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the Church is offered **In Memory of the Deceased Priests and People of The Parish.**



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

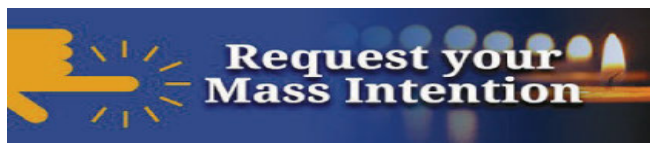
4 pm to 4:30 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every First Friday of the month from 9 am until 12 noon.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or a relative is hospitalized or homebound and wish a visit from a parish priest, contact the Office.



To arrange for the celebration of a Mass for an individual or for a special intention, or to make a donation for the bread and wine to be used at Mass or for the sanctuary candle, please stop by the parish office during business hours.

MEMBERS OF THE OLM ROSARY SOCIETY AT FLORES DE MAYO MASS

Sunday, May 8, at our 10 am Mass, members of the Rosary Society and parishioners paid honor to Our Blessed Mother by crowning her image and presenting offerings of flowers.



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