

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin

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Sunday, December 4, 2022



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day on which Catholics are expected to join in the celebration of Mass. This holy day celebrates our belief that through the favor of God, Mary was kept free from sin and the power of evil from the first moment of her conception. Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States of America.



Masses for the Holy Day:

Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 am, 8:30 am, 7 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, Dec. 4	Eucharist Preparation Session #2
Thursday, Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, Dec. 10	Confessions for Adults
Saturday, Dec. 10	Altar Servers Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec. 11	Coffee Chat with Faith Formation Parents
Monday, Dec. 12	Holy Name Society Christmas Party
Thursday Dec. 15	Simbang Gabi Novena Masses start
Saturday, Dec. 17	Parish Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec. 18	Faith Formation Families Christmas Party
Friday, Dec. 23	Simbang Gabi Novena Masses end
Saturday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Sunday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day



SIMBANG GABI, OUR ADVENT NOVENA OF MASSES

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 15 & 16,
at 7 pm

Saturday, Dec. 17, at 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 pm

Monday through Friday, Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
at 7 pm

Covid Booster Shots at OLM Today, Sunday, December 4, 11 am to 3 pm in the Maria Room



Vaccine Card is REQUIRED for the representative to note that you received the booster

Plan to stay for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given to ensure there are no side effects

ADVENT SEASON CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY AT 1 PM

During the Advent Season, we hear the call of John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord. One way we answer that call is by confessing our sins and receiving the mercy and forgiveness of God.

We invite the adults of our parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this Saturday, December 10, at 1 pm in the church. Confessing our sins is a perfect way to prepare for Christmas.



FISCAL YEAR 2022 REPORT FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Our financial statement for the period that began July 1, 2021 and ended June 30, 2022 reflects our gradual emergence from the effect of the pandemic of two and a half years ago.

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022, our parish operating income came to \$952,773.

The largest source of revenue was our Sunday, Easter, and Christmas collections which amounted to \$433,438.

The second major revenue source was the income generated by the rental of our school building to Starting Points (a privately operated early childhood program), it amounted to \$365,290.

The third largest source of income came from restricted donations, gifts, and bequests, this amounted to \$81,676. This number includes \$50,000 restricted donations in December 2021.

Additional income came from various sources that are noted in the detailed financial report on our website.

In comparison to the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, our income in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022 increased \$16,553. This was due to an increase in our Sunday and Christmas offerings and an increase in the restricted rental income from the school building.

In the fiscal year that began July 1, 2021 and ended June 30, 2022, our parish operating expenses came to \$776,193.

The highest expense of \$367,394 was associated with salaries, benefits, pensions, payroll taxes, and insurance premiums.

The next highest expense of \$182,653 was related to our buildings, utilities, and equipment costs.

The third expense item of \$64,676 had to do with liturgical, office, and priest residential expenses. The other operating expense areas are noted in the detailed financial report.

In comparison to the previous fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, our expenses were higher by \$13,360 in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022. This was primarily due to the offsetting effects of: (1) The reduction in salaries and employee benefits due to the reduction in the number of priests from two to one in mid-fiscal year 2022 (\$33,235),

(2) An increase in buildings, utilities, and equipment costs due to higher repairs and maintenance (\$20,059), higher equipment and furnishings (\$10,385), higher property and liability insurance premium (\$9,065), and higher cost of oil heat (\$5,233).

Non-operating revenues from the We Are Living Stones (WALS) capital campaign decreased by \$3,396 from \$4,409 in 2021 to \$1,013 in 2022. This was because most pledges have been fulfilled. The loan from SBA Payroll Protection Program amounting to \$53,953 was forgiven on November 16, 2021.

Non-operating expenses for fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022 included \$70,510 for repointing three brick walls and recaulking of all outside walls of the school building.

When we consider our total income (both operating and non-operating) and our total expenses (both operating and non-operating) we see that **the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022 left us with a surplus of \$161,036. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, OLM showed a surplus of \$124,521.**

We need to be aware that our parish currently owes the Archdiocese \$195,030 for the cost of past medical benefits for our employees. The Archdiocese has covered the cost of these

medical benefits since the parish was unable to do so.

The income generated by the rental of our school building is now sent directly to the Archdiocese to cover past medical benefits, and to cover current expenses associated with pension contributions, parish assessments, insurance premiums, etc.

Several much-needed repairs in the church, school, and parish center buildings require our urgent attention. A few examples are school playground retaining wall, church building concrete rear at foundation, bridge and parish center roof, and church bathrooms.

Without the income received from the rental of our school building, our parish would be in a serious financial situation. Collections for the current period are improving, but we still need to make up for the loss of revenue we suffered and continue to suffer during the pandemic. As we continue with much needed repairs and maintenance to our aging plant, we rely on your on-going support of your parish.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please send them to us by email at olmparish@olmnj.org

With heartfelt gratitude,
Father Marty Jacinto
& The Members
of the OLM Finance Council



BAPTISM AT OUR PARISH



Simon Ong Jose, son of Silvestre Manuel Paypon Jose & Sallie Lyndsy Castillejos Ong was baptized by Fr. Marty at our 10 am Mass, Sunday, November 20.

WEDDING AT OUR PARISH



Rommel Pestano and Mary Albert Reyes pose with Fr. Marty after the celebration of their marriage at OLM on Sunday, November 20.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Regular Collection \$7,033

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Regular Collection \$8,132

Thank you so much for the generous and unending support through your Stewardship of Treasure!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names of the sick are published for four weeks. Contact the office to add a name or request that it be continued.

Week One

Susana Tomkowski Monsignor David Hubba

Week Three

Jerico Carreon Daniel Hancock Andy Hernandez
Ethan Pritting Romeo Vibar

Week Four

Joven Turingan John Escobar Maria Almeida

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Sunday, December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12



Our 2023 Mass Book is now open for your Mass intentions.

Masses may be scheduled in the

parish office on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm, and on weekdays from 8 am to 3 pm.

Please note that during the first month the Mass Book is open, we request that parishioners book no more than 5 Masses. In addition to Mass intentions, you may also make donations for the sanctuary lamp and for the bread and wine used at our Masses.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

Let us pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

BE A PRAYER MATE FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We invite you to join us every Wednesday morning immediately after our 8:30 am Mass to pray the Holy Rosary for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. As Jesus told us, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Luke 10:2)



SATURDAY, December 3

8:30am Purgatorial Society
5pm Rosa Carrascoso (Death Anniversary)
r/b Maribel Soto

SUNDAY, December 4, The Second Sunday of Advent

8am For the People of the Parish
10am Lojer Lucas (1st Death Anniversary)
r/b Ray & Gina Agcaoili
12pm Milagros Teves (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Janet Banaag

MONDAY, December 5

7am Paul Loi Nguyen
r/b Thu & Van Nguyen & Family
8:30am Maria Yen Nguyen r/b Chan & Tam Nguyen

TUESDAY, December 6

7am Sergio Yap (Death Anniversary) r/b Kathy Yap
8:30am Natasha Marie Tuazon (L)
r/b Ma. Cecilia Herrera

WEDNESDAY, December 7

7am Concepcion Del Rosario
r/b Bobby & Hanelli del Rosario
8:30am Rosemary Wodzanowski
(9th Death Anniversary) r/b Len Wodzanowski

THURSDAY, December 8,

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

7am Rosalyn Ramos (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Ramos Family
8:30am Gertude Longo r/b Olga Fraraccio
7pm Paul Loi Nguyen
r/b Thu & Van Nguyen & Family

FRIDAY, December 9

7am Gloria Dayot r/bPatrick & Zaida Generoso
8:30am John Sheridan r/b Chit De La Rama

SATURDAY, December 10

8:30am Purgatorial Society
5pm Natividad Parinas r/b Lucela Family

SUNDAY, December 11, The Third Sunday of Advent

8am Juan Francisco r/b Rodolfo Francisco
10am For the People of the Parish
12pm Phoebe Sottolano r/b SVEC Family

BREAD & WINE



The offering for the Bread to be used this week at our Masses is offered **For Antonio Villarica (Birthday in Heaven)** r/b Your Loving Wife, Nymia.

The offering for the Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Eugene Origenes Manlogat (Birthday Blessing)**.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp burning over the tabernacle is offered
In Memory of Trinidad Reyes.



PARISH INFORMATION

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Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am, 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff. 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. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Protection of the Faithful at (201)407-3256.



THE GIVING TREE AT OLM

Len Wodzanowski, the Director of our Giving Tree Program, would like to share with you a few paragraphs from the letters he has received requesting our parish's support through our annual Christmas Giving Tree Program.

BROADWAY HOUSE is a nonprofit organization and New Jersey's only specialized care facility for residents with AIDS. We are requesting your assistance to continue creating memorable moments during the holiday season for our residents to experience.

In these difficult times, as we prepare to celebrate the holy season of Christmas, we ask you and your parishioners again to share with **SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS** in the blessed calling of helping pregnant women and needy young mothers and their babies. In the past, you have helped us through your Christmas giving tree program.

Our Lady of Mercy, we greatly appreciate your assistance and consideration in helping our families at **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** during these unprecedented times. Family #5 is a single mother with three children, she is facing financial hardships as the sole provider of the household receiving only SSI benefits. Family #1 is a client who is a victim of domestic violence.

Thank you so much for considering **COVENANT HOUSE NEW JERSEY** as the recipient of your holiday gifts. Gift cards are the most helpful gift you can give since they allow our staff to shop for the specific sizes and needs of our youth. With your help, our Covenant House community will overflow with the hope, the promise, and the joy that is Christmas,

OUR LADY OF SORROWS and **PEACE CARE SAINT ANN'S** each extend a big thank you and look forward to your help this Christmas through your Christmas Giving Tree Program.

The beautiful tradition about the Giving Tree is that the giver does not know the receiver, and the recipient does not know the giver, but both are touched by the love of Christ who calls us to love our neighbor.



The Giving Tree is part of the Advent Season at OLM. Stars are on the trees in the church. The stars describe gifts requested by various charities including those described in this announcement..

Return your gifts, unwrapped, not later than Sunday, December 18. Place them under the trees or bring the gifts to the parish office.

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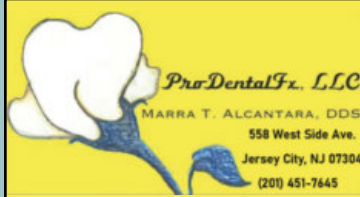
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