Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin 40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305 201-434-7500 olmjcparish@olmnj.org olmnj.org The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 2, 2023



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY The 247th Birthday of the United States



A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among its people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of all human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind the people of our land that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.





Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I would like to share with you a short reflection on our readings this weekend.

In our second reading today, St. Paul encourages us to "think of ourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." In other words, Paul is telling us that we all need to start thinking of ourselves in a new way. If we do, we will start living a new life for God in Christ.

I think that many of us are carrying around a burden of past failures and sins. We think of ourselves as hopelessly caught in those sins and failures. But the truth is that Jesus died and rose to save us from that spiritual trap. We need to recognize our past failures, and we can't forget that we have a tendency to repeat those kinds of mistakes.

But we also must accept the hope that God gives us that we can be different. We can make better choices. We can overcome the traps that have been laid for us because of our weak human nature. And we can live in a way that gives glory to God.

In our gospel passage, Jesus tells us that to be worthy of the name Christian, we need to "take up our crosses and follow after him". We cannot just float along in life expecting everything to be easy and natural. We have to make an effort to follow after Jesus. We have to try to live like Jesus lived, even if we do not feel worthy or capable of succeeding. It isn't a matter of becoming Jesus' identical twin, it is about trying even if we aren't completely convinced or successful. We need to start thinking of ourselves as being able to be like Jesus, that is what it means to be living for God.

I would like to let you know that as part of the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, I have invited Cardinal Tobin to visit our parish. He is going to be the presider at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, September 10. That was the Cardinal's only available time in the month of September. Then on Sunday, September 24, we are going to have a Gala Dinner at Hudson House at Port Libertè. More information on the Gala Dinner will soon be available.

Since this Tuesday is the 4th of July, I would like to wish you all a Happy Independence Day!

God bless you all and may God bless America!

Love, +Father Marty

BAPTISMS JUNE 25

Deacon Meynard Espeleta baptized two children last Sunday here at our parish. The children are pictured here with their parents.



Archer Francis Wiggins with his parents, Ryan and Xylene, and his brother, Oliver.



Ava Lily Chen, with her parents, Nathan and Charina.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Café OLM, Sunday, July 9, after 10 am Mass
- "OPM sa OLM" concert on Friday, July 14
- Parish Picnic on Friday, July 28
- Senior Fest on Sunday, August 20
- Mass with Cardinal Tobin on Sunday, September 10, at 12 noon
- OLM Gala Dinner on Sunday, September 24



Dear Friend,

The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy has ministered to God's people in the Greenville section of Jersey City for over sixty years. On Sunday, September 24, 2023, we will host a gala dinner-dance at Hudson House, 2 Chapel Avenue, Jersey City to celebrate our Church's 60th anniversary. We invite you to share this milestone with us through an advertisement in the Souvenir Journal that will be published to commemorate this event. The Souvenir Journal will showcase the different periods of our Church's history.

Thank you for your support. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Rev. Marty B. Jacinto Pastor

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Names of the sick are published for four consecutive weeks. Contact the office to add or to continue a name.

Week Two Carell Lavina Sese Week Three

Amy Putzi Thomas Paciorkowski Eileen Cupo Jose Salcedo Regidor Rodolfo Salcedo Regidor

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 2 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 9 Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SUNDAY, JUNE 25 REGULAR COLLECTION \$5,316

Thank you for your generous and unending support of our parish through your Stewardship of Treasure!

JULY INTENTION FOR A EUCHARISTIC LIFE

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the



Pope Francis' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, July 1 5pm Judel Villa (Birthday Blessing) r/b Adela Villa

SUNDAY, July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish
 10am In Memory of Ernesto Dimapilis, Jr.
 r/b Cathy Garcia & Family
 12pm Bienvenido & Teresita Santos
 r/b Alonzo Family

MONDAY, July 3

 7am Julita Labutong (2nd Death Anniversary) r/b Maribel Labutong
 8:30am Ancy Smith r/b Your Family

TUESDAY, July 4, Independence Day 7am NO MASS

8:30am Mary Lavilla (Birthday in Heaven) r/b Oliver Family

WEDNESDAY, July 5

7am	Pablito Basbacio (Birthday Blessing)
	r/b Ely Gonzalez
8:30am	Teresita de Guzman (Birthday Blessing)
	r/b Ely Gonzalez

THURSDAY, July 6

7am	Elizalde Tagle (For Healing) r/b Tagle Family
8:30am	Ernesto San Juan
	r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal & Family

FRIDAY, July 7

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7am	Perfecto L. Jacinto r/b Fr. Marty Jacinto
8:30am	Adonia Basbacio (Birthday in Heaven)
	r/b Arnel Basbacio

SATURDAY, July 8

 8:30am Purgatorial Society
 5pm Arnel Basbacio (Birthday Blessing) r/b Ely Gonzalez

SUNDAY, July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish	•
10am Mateo Sebastian Reyes	
(10 th Birthday Blessing) r/b I	Dad & Mom
12pm Ramon Entrina, Sr. r/b Marli	

BREAD & WINE



The offering for the Bread to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Julie Rose J. Labaniego (Birthday Blessing)** r/b Fr. Marty.

The offering for the Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **In Memory**

of the Deceased Members of the OLM Parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered for **The Intentions of the Members of the OLM Parish Family.**



PARISH INFORMATION

Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church 40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305 Phone: 201-434-7500 Web: olmnj.org Email: olmjcparish@olmnj.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8 am to 3 pm Saturday 9 to 1 pm Sunday 9 am to 1 pm

STAFF

Pastor Reverend Marty B. Jacinto

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Mass Schedule 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 First Friday of the month from 9 am until 12 noon.

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.



CAFE OLM WILL BE OPEN IN THE MARIA ROOM SUNDAY, JULY 9, AFTER THE 10 AM MASS FOR SUMMER GROOVIN' COME AND ENJOY SOME FOOD & LINE DANCING!!

CAFÉ OLM provides an opportunity for members of OLM to enjoy some complimentary food, fun, and fellowship after Mass. CAFÉ OLM is the place to be after Mass!

OUR LADY MERCY PARISH WELCOMES ITS NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR, FATHER ANTONIO (Anton) SARENTO JR.



Father Anton was born and raised in the Philippines. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark in 2015. Cardinal Tobin has assigned Father Anton to our parish as of July 1 until January of 2024.



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