Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin

40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305 201-434-7500 olmjcparish@olmnj.org olmnj.org The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 24, 2023



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday, September 17, was Catechetical Sunday. We are grateful to our Faith Formation teachers who plant and nurture the seeds of the Catholic faith in the children of our parish.

Our catechists pictured here are : Jayvee Dacasin, Mike & Marj Catuncan, Annjo Balbutin, Geny & Dario Montecastro, Vena Cheng, Alyssa Bacay, Jackie Deleon, and Sandra Valanzola.

Included in the photo are Fr. Marty, our Pastor, and Jeng Villa, our Faith Formation Director.



BAPTISM AT OUR PARISH ON CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



Last Sunday, September 17, Father Marty, our pastor, baptized Lucas Lionel Yao Barrera, pictured here with his parents, Boris and Paula.

This baptism, which took place on Catechetical Sunday, reminds us that parents are first teachers, the first catechists, of their children.

At Lucas' baptism, Father Marty spoke these words to Boris and Paula,

In asking for Baptism for your child, you are undertaking the responsibility of raising him in the faith, so that, keeping God's commandments, he may love the Lord and his neighbor as Christ taught us. Do you understand this responsibility?



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy 60th Anniversary to Our Lady of Mercy! We rejoice and thank God for every blessing we have received as faithful members of our relatively young parish dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title as Our Lady of Mercy. Paraphrasing the words of Mary's Magnificat, we might say, "God's mercy is on us and on all those who fear him in every generation. And through the years, He has done great things for our parish and holy is His name. Hallelujah!"

The whole community also rejoices in welcoming Lucas Lionel Yao Barrera, the baby who was baptized last Sunday. Congratulations to Boris and Paula on the baptism of their son, and congratulations to his godparents! May Lucas grow in wisdom and in love of God through their example and guidance. Our community commits itself to pray for all of you.

This past Sunday, September 17, was a busy day for us because several events took place. It was the first day of our faith formation program. We welcomed more than one hundred twenty children to our school of religion together with their catechists. As I visited each classroom, I saw their happy faces. Some of the first timers were still shy as they met their classmates for the first time.

After bringing their children to class, some of the parents went to the Maria Room for *Coffee Chat*. This is a good place to be. *Coffee Chat* provides parents with coffee and donuts and offers them an opportunity to listen to some speakers talking about life as a parent and other life issues. Kudos to our facilitators, presenters, and speakers. Our parish community is also grateful to those who contribute their time and also coffee, pastries and other goodies.

Later in the afternoon, our Confirmation candidates, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month, had a gathering in the Maria Room to resume their preparation. The program was headed by our catechist, Jayvee Dacasin, and our Faith Formation Director, Jeng Villa.

Later today, we are going to Hudson House to celebrate our parish's 60th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner. Stay tuned to next Sunday's column to find out about this joyous event.

God bless us all and God bless OLM!

Love, +Father Marty

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 24 Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 1 Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 REGULAR COLLECTION \$7,211

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Names of the sick are published for four Sundays. Contact the office to add or to continue a name. *Week One* Susana Tomkowski *Week Two* Andy Hernandez



OLM MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9 to 11 am in the Maria Room ANSWERING THE CALL IN ALL SEASONS OF LIFE

with Deacon Michael Giuliano, MD

Sign up online or at the tables in the back of the church.



OLM Music Ministry presents "IN WHATEVER TIME WE HAVE...DAY BY DAY" Songs of Faith, Inspiration, Hope, and Love.



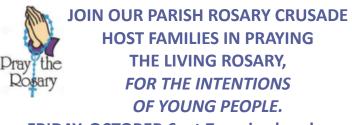
Come join us on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 7pm for a Healing Night of Music featuring the musical compositions of legendary composer, Stephen Schwartz.

Admission is free! But, we will humbly accept, with heartfelt gratitude, any amount that you may contribute for the benefit of OLM Youth Music and our Music Ministry! 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance Today, Sunday, September 24, from 3 to 7 pm at Hudson House in Jersey City. *Ticket Required*

PARISH ROSARY CRUSADE SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Mercy	Date	Our Lady of Fatima
Carmen Tuazon	Oct. 1	Jezz & Manny Mercado
Gina Agcaoili	Oct. 8	Celso Rezaba
Rowena Tiamsic	Oct. 15	Cecille Cruz
Ely Gonzalez	Oct. 22	Nora Dava
Lucy Roldan	Oct. 29	Marina Dionela
Amelita Villon Mar & Caring Oller Monica Penaranda Cora Paclarin	Nov. 12 Nov. 19	Anne Bacay Creselda Cancino Fe Simbulan Becky Samanyaphon
Susan Quiambao Ana Mae Aldea		Carlito Inocencio Cecille Fabe

Ana Mae AldeaDec. 10Cecille FabeDaisy PostreroDec. 17Janet BanaagLuke RiveraDec. 24Mario RodriguezFely/Mario RodriguezDec. 31Tina & Dominic Rivera



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, at 7 pm in church.



OLM COFFEE CHAT PRESENTS A SESSION DEVOTED TO

ANSWERING QUESTIONS RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH with Dr. Trinidad Palmiery

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, at 9 am In the Maria Room

We invite you to submit your mental health questions anonymously in advance. Write them on the form on the right and drop it off at the parish office. SENIORS CAFÉ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9 am to 10 am IN THE MARIA ROOM FOR THOSE 55+ JOIN US FOR COFFEE & BAGELS AND FELLOWSHIP!

FLU SHOTS AT OLM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Wellness Ministry is hosting a Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, October 8, from 9 am to 2 pm in the Maria Room presented by Walgreens.



While walk-ins are welcomed, we encourage you to register in advance using the sign-up form available in the back of the church to help us provide an estimate number of vaccines needed. These are on a first-come basis. Those 65+ are recommended for the high-dose flu vaccine so please note if you are over the age of 65. Encourage your friends and family to get their flu shot to protect them during the coming months.



MY QUESTION IS (please print)



SATURDA	AY, September 23
5pm	Cleotilde Borja (Death Anniversary) r/b Rose Duque
SUNDAY,	September 24, The Twenty-Fifth Sunday
	in Ordinary Time
8am	For the People of the Parish
10am	Enrique "Daddy" Bautista (Birthday in Heaven) r/b Karen, Erika & Katerina
12pm	Clarita Ramos r/b Chit
MONDAY	, September 25
7am	Visitacion Belza r/b Eric Cayetano & Family
8:30am	Sofia & Alejandro Austria
	(Celebration in Heaven) r/b Imelda Austria
TUESDAY	Y, September 26
7am	Jesus Labutong (2 nd Death Anniversary) r/b Maribel Labutong
8:30am	Rina Coloquio (Birthday Blessing)
WEDNES	DAY, September 27
7am	Orlando & Virginia Juan
	(Wedding Anniversary) r/b Your Family
8:30am	Gideon Castillo Gendrano r/b Barredo Family
THURSD	AY, September 28, Saint Lorenzo Ruiz
7am	Jerico Crisologo r/b John & Bet Alonzo
8:30am	Nestor Aguila r/b Guillermo Carandang
FRIDAY, S	September 29
7am	Ĵody Longo r/b Olga Fraraccio
8:30am	Sofia Olarte
	r/b Deacon Meynard & Baby Espeleta
SATURDA	AY, September 30
8:30am	
5pm	Maria Jagolino r/b Zaida & Patrick Generoso
SUNDAY,	October 1, The Twenty-Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8am	In Memory of Henry Iwanowski
10am 12pm	r/b Fr. Tom Iwanowski Ancy Smith r/b Your Family For the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

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





BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread & Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given In Memory of the Deceased Members of the OLM Parish.

> 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 usual business hours.

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 Parochial Vicar Reverend Antonio Sarento Jr. franton@olmnj.org Sunday Associate Reverend Jack Cryan

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Pastoral Associate For Faith Formation & Youth / Young Adult Ministries Regina 'Jeng' Matias-Villa reginavilla@olmnj.org

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Krystelle Pring Parish Trustee Guillermo "Guiz" Macalintal

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am Saturday: 8:30 am, 5 pm Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

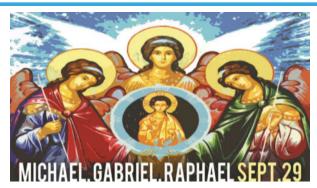
Monday through Friday 9 am to 9:30 am Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm

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.





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FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ & HIS COMPANION MARTYRS, THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 Join us for our 8:30 am Mass Refreshments and Fellowship in the Maria Room following the Mass.

The Novena in preparation for the feast

continues today at the 10 am Mass and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at our 8:30 am Mass.

San Lorenzo Ruiz was born about1600 in the Philippines. He was raised a Catholic. He married and was the father of three children. In 1636, he was unjustly accused of murder. To escape arrest, he fled home and found refuge on a ship with three Dominican priests and a leper. The ship departed the Philippines bound for Okinawa.

When they arrived in Japan, they discovered that Christians were being persecuted. Lorenzo was arrested by the Japanese and ordered to recant his faith. When he refused, he was imprisoned for two years. In September of 1637, Lorenzo and his companions were taken to Nagasaki where they were tortured and killed for not renouncing their faith.. The men refused to do so. Lorenzo Ruiz was declared a saint in 1987. He is the patron saint of Filipino youth, the Philippines, people working overseas, and altar



- Sept. 24, Sunday, OLM Gala Dinner
- Sept. 25 Monday, Confirmation Family Interviews
- Sept. 26 Tuesday, Confirmation Family Interviews
- Sept. 28, Thursday, Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz
- Oct. 1, Sunday, Seniors Café
- Oct. 1, Sunday, Baptism Program/ Gather to Rejoice
- Oct. 2, Monday, Confirmation Family Interviews
- Oct. 6, Friday, Living Rosary
- Oct. 7, Saturday, Blessing of Animals
- Oct. 8, Sunday, Flu Vaccine Clinic
- Oct. 8, Sunday, Baptism Program/ Gather to Understand
- Oct. 10, Tuesday, Confirmation Family Interviews
- Oct. 13, Friday, Music Ministry Concert
- Oct. 14, Saturday, Men's Breakfast
- Oct. 15, Coffee Chat with Mental Health Q & A
- Oct. 22, Sunday, Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal
- Oct. 29, Sunday, Celebration of Confirmation
- Oct. 31, Tuesday, Halloween
- Nov. 1, Wednesday, Feast of All Saints
- Nov. 2, Thursday, All Souls Day



