

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin

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Sunday, February 11, 2024, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

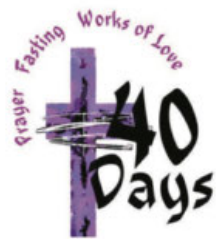


THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, IS ASH WEDNESDAY, THE START OF LENT

This Wednesday, we are marked with ashes as a sign of our desire to use the season of Lent to turn from sin and to grow closer to the Lord and in our faithfulness to the Gospel.

Ashes will be distributed this Wednesday at the following times:

7 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
3 pm Scripture Service
7 pm Mass



2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and charity as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. The practice of penance forms a necessary part of this preparation. The Church gives us the following regulations to help us make good use of the season of Lent.

- 1. Ash Wednesday** (February 14) and **Good Friday** (March 29) are days of **Fast & Abstinence**.
- 2. All the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.**
- 3. A Day of Fast means that only one full meal is permitted.** Two smaller meals may be eaten. There is no food taken between meals. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast, though others are encouraged to fast. The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 4. On a Day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten.** Those 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat. For a serious reason, Church Law allows the pastor to dispense an individual from refraining from meat on a Friday during the Lenten Season.
- 5. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence** “substantially” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- 6. Catholics should go to Holy Communion at least once** between the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) and Trinity Sunday (May 26). If necessary, they should celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Individual confessions are heard here at OLM Monday through Friday from 9 am to 9:30 am and Saturday from 4 pm to 4:30 pm.

The Stations of the Cross will take place on the following Fridays at 7 pm:

February 16 & 23 and March 1, 8, 15 & 22

This devotion focuses our attention on the Lord’s suffering and death. Let us journey with Jesus Christ this Lenten season.

Praying the Stations of the Cross brings us closer to Jesus Christ by whose passion and death we are freed from sin and brought into a new relationship with God.





FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

Happy World Marriage Day to all married people! The Church rejoices with you and blesses you for your faithful love for one another. More than ever, the world needs your living testimony of what it means to love one another till death. May you be blessed with happy years together with your children and with your children's children.

The talk at our Seniors Café about "Aging's Facts or Myths" with Dr. Maria "Consie" Aguila went very well. I sat in to listen and was thrilled and happy to hear facts about getting older.

I learned reasons why we have some health issues. Besides what doctors tell us, the most common factor that causes sickness or physical disorder is our food intake. This is just one fact I learned. I believe that all those at the presentation went home well informed. Thank you Dr. Aguila for sharing your thoughts and expertise about our physiological reality.

As I mentioned last week, February 10 & 11 is our Annual Appeal weekend. Please support the various missions of the Archdiocese of Newark by making your pledge.

You can make your pledge this weekend or you can think more about it, pray about it, and bring the envelope back next time you come to Mass. You can fulfill your pledge on an installment basis.

This coming Tuesday is our Mardi Gras celebration here at OLM. We are selling tickets and accepting donations for the community in Tondo, Manila, which was devastated by three fires during this past Christmas time. We ask for your support.

Whatever amount we raise from this event will be a very big help in providing something for those in need. It is the least we can do as people who are grateful for God's blessings in our life.

We can help rescue people, like those in Tondo, from a world where negativity can grow if we don't do something to help. Through our assistance we can put a smile on the faces of affected children. So, your contribution will be very appreciated.

Since I am going home to see my family in the Philippines, I will personally bring your donations to Father Rey "Dodong" Daguita, Pastor of the Church of Saint Paul in Tondo, Manila. On their behalf, I thank you in advance.

The next day is Ash Wednesday. We Catholics are obliged to observe it. We will have Masses at 7 am, 8:30 am and 7 pm. There will be a Prayer Service at 3 pm with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Since it is Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 pm.

Also, please plan to attend our Parish Mission that will be given by Father Ricky Manalo. Many of you are very familiar with him and with his songs that we love singing during our liturgies. This Parish Mission does not take place every year, so make an effort to attend. The mission will take place on the evenings of March 18, 19, and 20. On the last day of this parish mission, you will have an opportunity to go to confession. There will be more information on the mission as we get nearer to the event.

Regarding other upcoming events, please check out the bulletin. Thank you. God bless you all.

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

REGULAR COLLECTION \$7,177

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

ANNUAL²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The goal for Our Lady of Mercy Parish in the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is **\$42,123**.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Names of the sick are published for four Sundays. Please contact the office to add or to continue a name.

Week One

Thomas Gebhardt

Week Two

Agnes Belasco Rosita Almazora

Cynthia Contreras

Week Four

Romeo Veluz Antonio Macrohon

Victoria Macrohon

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

February 11

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

February 18

The First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

SENIORS CAFÉ REPORT

by Presy Lorenzo



More than 85 parishioners, aged 55 +, attended last Sunday's Seniors Café at the Maria Room. Our chat mate was Dr. Maria Consie Aguila of Life in Motion at Danforth Plaza, Jersey City. She and her husband, Dr. Ben Aguila, were former lay ministers at Our Lady of Mercy for about ten years, before they moved to another parish. They are now back as members of the OLM Wellness Ministry.

Attendees enjoyed a hearty breakfast and an informative chat with Consie about the Facts and Myths of Aging. She dispelled some of the myths associated with the passage of time and suggested some ways to improve the quality of life in our golden years.

This event is the first collaboration between the Seniors Café and the OLM Wellness Ministry. We thank our resource person, Dr. Consie Aguila, and the stewards of Seniors Café, namely, Ching Marbella, Ely Gonzalez, Alma Solema, and Jezz Mercado. Thanks also to our breakfast donors: Ching Marbella, Malou Malagad, Imelda Austria, and Jun Arceo.

Seniors Café meets on the First Sunday every two months for socialization, meaningful conversations, and new learning experiences. Please email olmym@aol.com for suggestions on what other activities you would like to have. Our next gathering is on Sunday, April 7, at 9 am in the Maria Room.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 11, Sunday, Confirmation Session #2
- Feb. 12, Monday, Holy Name Society Meeting
- Feb. 13, Tuesday, Mardi Gras Celebration
- Feb. 14, Wednesday, Start of Lent, Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 16, Friday, Youth Group Meeting
- Feb. 16, Friday, Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 17, Saturday, Safety & Outreach
- Feb. 23, Friday, Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 25, Sunday, Coffee Chat
- Feb. 25, Sunday, Blood Drive

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

A MARRIED COUPLE'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and each other.

Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more one in heart, mind, and body.

Strengthen our communication with each other and help us become living signs of love.

Help us to be examples of commitment, love, and service to our families and children.

Make us a sign of the unity for which Jesus prayed at the Last Supper.

Empower us to love in Jesus' name and to walk in His footsteps. Amen.





SATURDAY, February 10

5pm Ronald Figueras (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Vickie Figueras

SUNDAY, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish
10am Arthur Chandra (Death Anniversary)
r/b Maureen & Thomas Paciorkowski
12pm Alejandro Acuna (Healing & Recovery)

MONDAY, February 12

7am Mary Lavilla (Death Anniversary)
r/b Oliver Family
8:30am Ely Gonzalez (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Maureen & Thomas Paciorkowski

TUESDAY, February 13

7am Robi Banaag (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Banaag Family
8:30am Mary-Ann Augustine r/b Margie Claricia

WEDNESDAY, February 14, Ash Wednesday

7am Gerald Valerius r/b Your Family
8:30am Dan Fraraccio r/b Olga Fraraccio
3pm Communion Service
7pm Ramon Beyo (Death Anniversary)
r/b Fred & Bing Beyo & Family

THURSDAY, February 15

7am Arturo Lavilla (Death Anniversary)
r/b Oliver Family
8:30am Oniths Villa (Birthday Blessing)

FRIDAY, February 16

7am Clarita Espartero (Death Anniversary)
r/b Jane Lim & Family
8:30am Leonardo N. Murillo

SATURDAY, February 17

8:30am Purgatorial Society
5pm Juan Francisco (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Rebecca Francisco

SUNDAY, February 18, The First Sunday of Lent

8am Imelda Austria (Birthday Blessing)
10am Nicanor Feliciano r/b Ofel Paypon
12pm For the People of the Parish



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered for **Nezyl & Constantino Sindiong (In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings)**.



BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread & Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given for **Consejo Mirafior Teves (Birthday in Heaven)** r/b Jon & Grace Teves.

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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 is held every First Friday of the month from 9 am until 12 noon.





MARDI GRAS 2024



**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION AT OUR PARISH!
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