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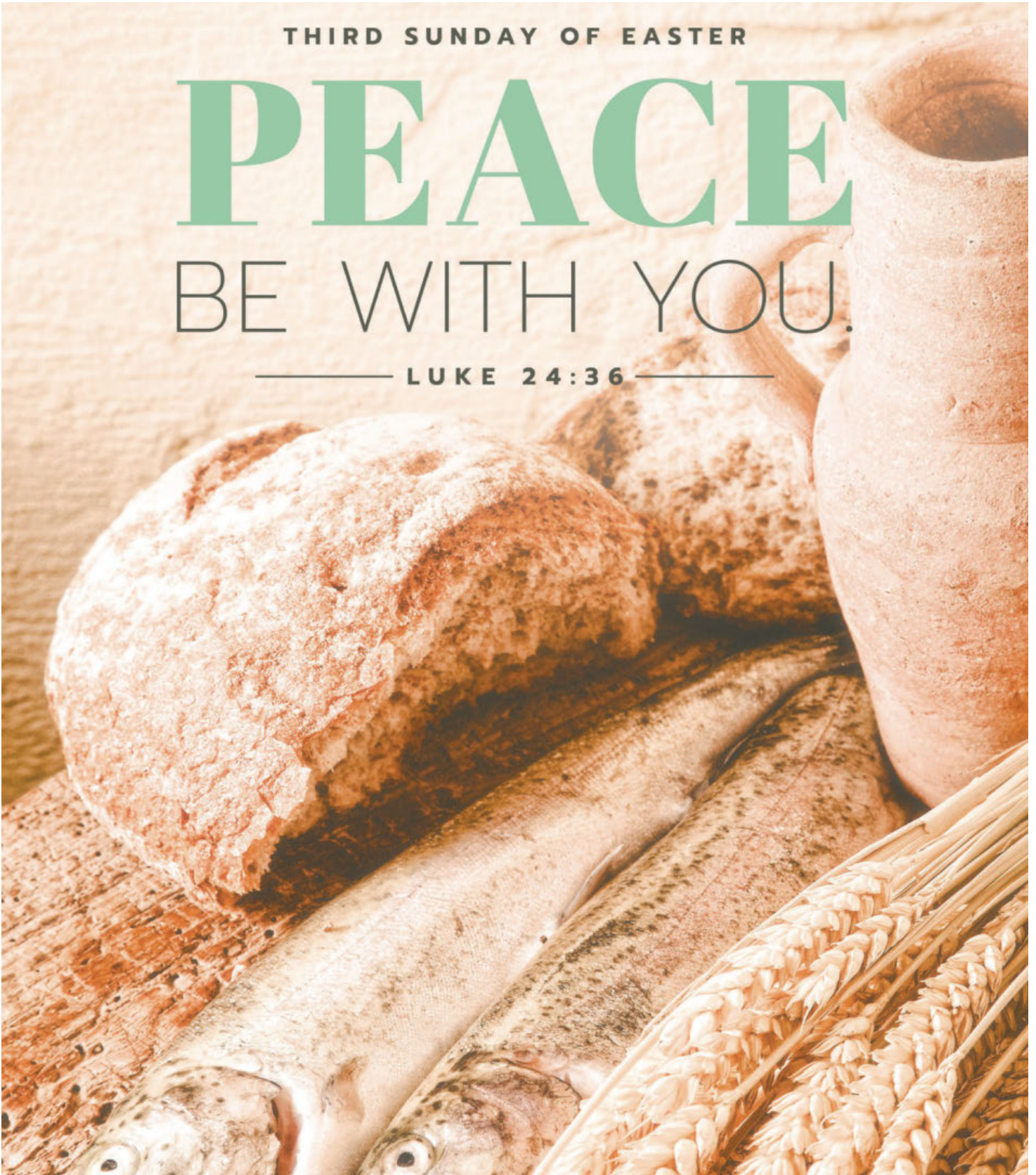
Sunday, April 14, 2024, The Third Sunday of Easter



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PEACE
BE WITH YOU.

— LUKE 24:36 —





Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,
Hallelujah!

Next Sunday, April 21, is Good Shepherd Sunday. It gets its name from the day's Gospel passage that speaks of a good shepherd caring for his sheep. I ask you to read that passage at home (John 10:11-18) so that you will be well prepared to hear it at Mass.

Let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart as you read the Gospel and as you hear it preached about at Mass next weekend. Think about the message the Holy Spirit is giving you in this day and age when there is a lot of noise and different voices around us. I strongly believe that each one of you, each one of us, has a task from the Lord that he wants us to do as we enjoy and live this life. Try to discover it.

Last weekend, those of us who attended our Seniors Café enjoyed "Music and Memory" with Liam Barredo, our Music Director. It may have brought back memories of those days when we were younger and had our favorite song or songs. It was nice to be transported to those days and remember happy or not so happy memories.

As I was sitting in the back of the Maria Room, listening to Liam and recalling my favorite songs, I felt some pain and sadness because I did not enjoy my childhood days due to my parents' strictness. But coming to my senses later in life, I learned to be grateful for that strictness because it helped shape the person I am and where I am today. It helped me to learn many things and to develop a lot of virtues. So, in the name of those who attended and our whole community, thank you Liam! Let us do it again.

For two consecutive weekends, beginning next weekend, there will be four groups of children who will receive their First Eucharist. I ask you to include them in your prayers. Pray that they will truly appreciate the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus instituted at his Last Supper with his disciples. May they grow in their love of God. Pray also for our Confirmation class children. They are in their final months of preparation.

There is a sign-up form in the back of the church for those who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year such as 5 years, 25 years (silver) or 50 years (gold). Please sign up if you are interested in receiving a special anniversary blessing at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark.

For the 5th and silver anniversaries, the celebration will be Sunday, May 5, at 12 noon and the deadline for registration is April 29. For the gold anniversary, the celebration will be Sunday, June 2, at 12 noon and the registration deadline is May 24. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Last but not least, please see the Annual Appeal report in this bulletin. We have not yet reached our goal. We must reach it by June, otherwise the parish will pay the balance. We have always met our goal in the past several years, and I thank you for that.

And once again, I thank all those who have sent in their pledge and shown their support for this year's appeal. But for those who have not done so, please consider supporting the missions of the Archdiocese of Newark by making a pledge to the Appeal and so sparing us from spending parish funds to achieve our goal. I believe that you can do this because God has blessed you abundantly in many ways. I guarantee you, God will bless you more because you are generous. Thank you!

May God bless us all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The goal for our parish in the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is **\$42,123**. So far, donors have pledged **\$29,966** and **\$20,169** has been received. We need an additional **\$12,1567** to reach our goal. Sincere thanks to those who have pledged and supported the Archdiocese with the blessings they have received. For those who have not done so, please consider making a pledge and being generous as always!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, APRIL 7,

REGULAR COLLECTION \$6,723

The amount of the Easter Collection will appear in a future bulletin. We thank you for your unending support through your Stewardship of Treasure!

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

April 14, The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48

April 21, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15, Monday, Parish Staff Meeting
April 19, Friday, Youth Group Meeting
April 20, Saturday, First Communion at 5 pm Mass
April 21, Sunday, Coffee Chat
April 21, Sunday, First Communion at 10 am Mass

THE OLM MUSIC MINISTRY TOUCHES HEARTS AS IT HELPS US PRAISE THE LORD!

A Message from Liam Barredo, Director of OLM Music Ministries



At OLM, we celebrate the transformative power of music in our Music Ministry. When people come together to sing, something truly miraculous happens. It's a beautiful form of worship that touches our hearts, minds, and souls. Our goal is simple: to bring a little bit of heaven down to earth through sung prayer and serve our community with passion and purpose. Our intention is that the music ministry may provide a place for the community to heal and to grow in communion with one another. Feel free to come say hello to us after Sunday Mass. If you are interested in joining our children's choir or our adult/youth music groups, please contact us at MusicMinistryolmjc@gmail.com



CHOIR MEMBERS FILLED WITH EASTER JOY POSE WITH FATHER MARTY



FATHER JACK JOINS OLM CHOIR MEMBERS FOR AN EASTER PHOTO.

CHOIR MEMBERS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS

Shiloh Guanlao

I joined the choir because I believe that together, we are able to create beautiful music that glorifies God and touches people's souls. We band together with the hope of helping change the world into a more loving and peaceful place. Singing with the choir also helps me connect with God. The words spoken in every song bring me closer to Him. It helps me fully understand the sacrifices He made and His wonderful love.

Melissa Atienza

I joined the choir because of my passion for music, and my desire to build meaningful connections with my fellow choir members. Being part of the choir brings me joy because it's such a beautiful collaborative process where we blend our talents together and create something greater than the sum of its parts, and that sense of teamwork is incredibly fulfilling. The choir also provides me with a way to express my faith and connect with God through music. Being part of the OLM Music Ministry allows me to grow my passion for music along with my faith. It gives me a sense of belonging within a group of like-minded individuals, while also touching the hearts and souls of others through the power of music.

Gigi Repil

I like being a part of the OLM Music Ministry because I know that this is where I can better serve God, the Church, and our community. I always put my service as "he who sings well prays twice."



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 13

5pm Victorina T. Figueras (Birthday Blessing)

SUNDAY, April 14, The Third Sunday of Easter

8am Grace Arceo (Birthday Blessing)
10am Edelito Bulalacao r/b Tessie & Trisha
12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, April 15

7am Jun Sapal (Death Anniversary)
r/b Luthgard Sapal
8:30am Grace Teodosio

TUESDAY, April 16

7am Eleuterio Arnobit
8:30am Consuelo Lorenzo (Birthday Blessing)

WEDNESDAY, April 17

7am Bienvenido del Rosario (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Bobby & Hanelli del Rosario
8:30am Jovenal L. Ramos (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Ramos Family

THURSDAY, April 18

7am Marie Colucci
8:30am Joanne Iwanowski r/b Fr. Tom Iwanowski

FRIDAY, April 19

7am Renato Afable
r/b Concepcion Guinto & Baby Espeleta
8:30am Anne Rutkowski r/b Fran Lisiewski

SATURDAY, April 20

8:30am Purgatorial Society
5pm Reynaldo, Elena & Eleuterio Villamor

SUNDAY, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am For the People of the Parish
10am David Solari r/b Evelyn Magarban
12pm Janet & Rosita Topoleski
(In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings)



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

Lourdes De Villava John Hnath
Elmer Gendrano Pablito Basbascio Miriam Robles

Week Two

Maria Witchard Rowena U. Limjap
Maryann Ganaba Cynthia Contreras Cantuba
Ronald J. Danny

Week Three

Gloria Gallego Rendon
Rey Tanchanco Rodrigo Ledesma

Week Four

Betty Sambade

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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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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.

BREAD & WINE

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the MARIA ROOM for our OLM LCSC Assembly this year.



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 28,
9 am to 2 pm
in the Maria Room**

**NEXT SUNDAY,
APRIL 21**

COFFEE CHAT

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