

# Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin

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Sunday, May 19, 2024    Pentecost Sunday





Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,  
Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

This weekend, we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. It commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus, which took place following his Ascension. Jesus promised his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to be with them and to empower them for the work of proclaiming his gospel to the ends of the earth.

In the readings, we hear the fulfillment of that promise as the Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples in what appeared to be tongues of fire. It was the Holy Spirit that miraculously gave the disciples the ability to communicate simultaneously with so many people in their own native language. These languages could be understood by those who actually spoke them as evidenced by what happened on the day of Pentecost—people came to believe.

In his letter to the Christian community in Corinth, Saint Paul wrote that “there are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; and there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

And what are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that the Church traditionally recognizes and speaks about in the Catechism? They are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. They are given to the faithful at their baptism.

We may also ask: how do we know that the Holy Spirit is acting in our lives? The answer to that question is that we need to test the Spirit’s power in us. We test the Spirit by asking ourselves what is the Spirit producing in our lives? What are the fruits that are being manifested in our exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit? The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Endurance, Gentleness, Faith, Modesty, and a Self-Control that is chaste and faithful.

Also, Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church because it is the primordial event depicting the empowering and impelling moment when the disciples began to publicly proclaim the gospel.

Let us pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will help us as we continue to find ways to open the doors of our churches to all people. We need the gifts of the

Holy Spirit to do this in a way that will produce the fruits that are signs to us that we are on the right path.

Last Saturday, our lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion had a wonderful day of spiritual recollection with Father Doroteo Layosa. It concluded with a renewal of their promises to serve the people of God. Let us include these liturgical ministers in our prayers that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their service. May they shine as examples of how to live a good Christian life by putting into practice what they do in the liturgy. Pray also that there will be more people who will come forward to serve God as ministers in the Church.

Please be sure to always check out this bulletin for other events that are happening in our parish community and be sure to participate.

God bless you all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, MAY 12

REGULAR COLLECTION \$8,358

We thank you for your unending support through your weekly Stewardship of Treasure.

## ANNUAL<sup>2024</sup> APPEAL

The goal for our parish in the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is **\$42,123**. So far, donors have pledged **\$47,196** and **\$33,290** has been received. As you can see, we have reached our goal! Sincere thanks to those who have supported the Archdiocese. For those who have not done so, please consider making a pledge and being generous as always!



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

**May 19, Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

**May 26, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Romans 8:14-17  
Matthew 28:16-20

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19, Sunday, Confirmation Session  
May 21, Tuesday, Webinar on Stroke Awareness  
May 26, Sunday, Baptism  
May 31, Friday, Taize Adoration  
May 31, Friday, Young Adult Gathering  
June 2, Sunday, Seniors Café  
June 9, Sunday, Gather to Understand



## Stroke Awareness Webinar This Tuesday, May 21, 7 pm

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and the leading cause of serious long term disability. Join us for a virtual presentation to learn about the risk factors and what to do if a stroke happens.

Presentation by Theresa LaFlam, RN, BSN,  
Stroke Program Manager.

To join by computer, tablet,  
or smartphone, **scan the QR code**

or go to

<https://rwjbh-org.zoom.us/>

Enter meeting code ID **950-3765 7719**

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

#### *Week One*

Ronald Danny Carlos Obedencio

#### *Week Two*

Chalita Obedencio

#### *Week Four*

Thomas Paciorkowski



### IS YOUR MARRIAGE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHURCH?

If you were not married in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, your marriage may not be recognized as valid in the eyes of the Catholic Church. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with Father Marty, our pastor, if you have any questions or if you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple, and your marriage will now be blessed and recognized by the Church. You will also benefit spiritually by receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony.



### PRAYERS BEFORE SUNDAY MASS

During May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, instead of a prelude before Sunday Mass, we pray one decade of the Rosary. We invite families to continue praying the Rosary at home.

## OUR COACH

### *A Reflection for Pentecost Sunday*

Every professional sport has a team that comes out on top. In baseball, it's the team that wins the World Series. In football, it's the team that prevails at the Super Bowl. In ice hockey, it's the team that is awarded the Stanley Cup. These championship teams have extremely talented players. But they also have something else. They have great coaches. Without such coaches, a group of talented players will not become a winning team.

Coaches help players develop their natural abilities, overcome their flaws, and show them how to work together as a unit. Coaches motivate, encourage, teach, and promote team spirit. They help teams to learn from losses, appreciate their victories, and keep focused on the prize.

This Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, the final day of this Easter Season, the Church focuses our attention on another kind of coach.

In our First Reading, we are told that the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles as a strong driving wind and in the form of tongues of fire. Inspired by the Spirit, the disciples began to boldly speak in various languages of the mighty acts of God made present in Jesus, the Risen Lord.



In our Second Reading, we learn that the Holy Spirit enables people to profess "Jesus is Lord," unites believers as the Body of Christ, and gives them gifts for the benefit of the Church.

In the Gospel, Jesus described the Holy Spirit as the source of truth who testifies to him and his message and guides the Church.

The Holy Spirit is described as wind and fire and as the source of unity and truth. But the Holy Spirit can also be pictured as the coach that Jesus has given to the Church.

Like a good coach, the Holy Spirit helps Christians to recognize and develop the gifts they have been given to build up the Church—to build up the "team." Like a good coach, the Holy Spirit motivates Christians to work together to overcome the forces of sin and evil that are arrayed against them. Like a good coach, the Holy Spirit keeps us fired up. The Holy Spirit inspires Christians to keep striving and never give up despite the world's seeming indifference to the Gospel. Like a good coach, the Holy Spirit sends us onto the playing field of life, convinced that despite every setback, we will win. Ultimately, God's kingdom will come!

This Pentecost Sunday, we rejoice that the Lord Jesus has given his Church, his team of disciples, the best of all coaches: He has given us the Holy Spirit!



**SATURDAY, May 18**

5pm Josh Banaag (Birthday Blessing)  
r/b Banaag Family

**SUNDAY, May 19, Pentecost Sunday**

8am For the People of the Parish  
10am Alexis Bianzon r/b Cecile Herrera  
12pm Fr. Gino de la Rama (Ordination Anniversary)  
r/b Chit de la Rama

**MONDAY, May 20, The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church**

7am Olga Fraraccio  
(In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings)  
8:30am Jose Beyo  
r/b Raffy & Elsa Resurreccion & Family

**TUESDAY, May 21**

7am Gilbert Rossi r/b Jacqueline Rossi  
8:30am William Blessing, Sr. (Death Anniversary)  
r/b Mary Ann Mawson

**WEDNESDAY, May 22**

7am Louis Lee (Birthday Blessing)  
8:30am Isidoro Escarez (Birthday in Heaven)  
r/b Annie Gatchalian & Family

**THURSDAY, May 23**

7am Calista Mirasol (Birthday Blessing)  
8:30am Gigi Macalintal r/b Guiz Macalintal & Family

**FRIDAY, May 24**

7am Eduardo Felipe T. Mangosing  
8:30am Jane & Eugene Talatala  
(Wedding Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, May 25**

8:30am Purgatorial Society  
5pm Inocencia G. Espeleta  
r/b Deacon Meynard Espeleta

**SUNDAY, May 26, The Most Holy Trinity**

8am Renato Endaya (Birthday in Heaven)  
10am Torcesio & Creselda Cancino  
(Wedding Anniversary)  
12pm For the People of the Parish

**BREAD & WINE**



The offering for the Bread & Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **In Loving Memory of Bonifacio, Elena & Roland Meris.**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered **In Loving Memory of Bonifacio, Elena & Roland Meris.**

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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.

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS, MAY 27**

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese invites you to honor the memories of fallen heroes and celebrate the service of veterans and active-duty military personnel at a special Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 27, at 11am at Holy Name Cemetery here in Jersey City. The Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop Gregory Studerus, Regional Bishop of Hudson County.



COMING SOON TO OLM! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

# A Night of Prayer and Meditative Music

**FRIDAY, MAY 31ST 2024  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

"COME JOIN US IN SUNG PRAYER  
AS WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF  
CORPUS CHRISTI  
WITH AN HOUR OF ADORATION.  
TOGETHER WE WILL GATHER, PRAY,  
AND SING BY CANDLELIGHT IN  
FRONT OF OUR TABERNACLE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING A  
YOGA MAT IF YOU  
HAVE ONE AND  
GATHER AROUND  
THE TABERNACLE!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
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