

# Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin

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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



IS HE  
NOT THE  
CARPENTER,  
THE SON  
OF MARY?

**MK 6:3**



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

I would like to invite you to reflect with me on this weekend's scripture readings. They encourage us to take a serious look at how we are living the Christian vocation that is ours through baptism. We are to be bearers of God's message to other people. We are to spread the Good News of salvation.

In the first reading (Ezekiel 2:2-5), we have the prophet Ezekiel complaining to God about his mission to go and speak to a rebellious, hard-hearted, and obstinate nation. Ezekiel did not feel as if he would accomplish anything, but he knew that God sent him because, at the very least, the people would recognize that there was a real prophet among them.

In the second reading (2 Corinthians 12:7-10), St Paul came to understand that God did not want a perfect person to go and speak for him. God wanted Saint Paul with all his imperfections. With his evident failings, the people would realize that what Saint Paul was saying and writing did not come from himself, but rather, from God.

Once Saint Paul came to accept that truth, he was content to continue doing God's work despite his weaknesses and to bear up under the insults, hardships, and persecutions that came with doing God's work.

If we think about ourselves, some of us may see ourselves like St. Paul. We feel that God could not possibly want us to speak out on his behalf. Maybe we feel unworthy, or we are afraid that people will accuse us of being some kind of hypocrite because we're not perfect. Well, the simple truth is, none of us is perfect. We all have our own "thorn" in the flesh to cause us to doubt and second-guess God's choice.

To be truly faithful to God is not just about believing in the gospel when everything is going well, it is also a matter of persevering in the faith when we are facing trials and tribulations.

Brothers and sisters, we know that God's Church is suffering in various parts of the world and yes, even here. Sadly, there are members of the Church who come not to worship God and receive spiritual nourishment but who look for ways to pull down those in leadership instead of helping and building them up. But that is only to be expected when you are trying to do God's will.

It is often the messengers or prophets among us who are the ones being targeted. So, when we hear about problems, challenges, or scandals we should not give up on our faith. This is just God's way of reminding us that the truth of our faith is not dependent on its messengers. The message of Jesus does not depend on how good and perfect our leaders are. It is about God himself, and how God wants to bring us closer to him in faith.

I hope and pray that we wake up to God's call to be holy because life is short. We need to make the most of every day and every minute of our lives.

God bless you all!

Love,

*Father Marty*

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

**Sunday, July 7**

**The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 2:2-5    2 Corinthians 12:7-10    Mark 6:1-6

**Sunday, July 14**

**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Amos 7:12-15    Ephesians 1:3-14    Mark 6:7-13

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

The collection amount was not available since this bulletin had to be prepared in advance because of the July 4 Holiday. The amount will appear in a future bulletin. We thank you for your unending support of our parish through your weekly Stewardship of Treasure.

## MISSION APPEAL AT OLM

The weekend of July 20 & 21, Father Orlando Gonzalez will be at our parish to ask for our prayerful and financial assistance for the Catholic Church in the Turks and Caicos Islands. These British Overseas Territory islands are located at the end of the Bahamas chain and enjoy a political link with the United Kingdom and an ecclesiastical link with the Archdiocese of Newark.



Since 1998, priests from our Archdiocese have staffed the two Catholic parishes, a chapel, and a missionary school on the islands.

Father Orlando Gonzalez will describe the Church's work on the islands and request our support for the Church's mission work among the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

A special second collection will be taken up at all our Masses the weekend of July 20 & 21.



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### **PRESENTATION ON FIGHTING FRAUD & SCAMS**

***This Saturday, July 13,***

***10 am to 12 noon***

***In the Maria Room***

**AVOID GETTING SCAMMED!!!** Learn about IRS phone scams, lottery/sweepstakes scams, grandparent scams and other ways bad actors are trying to steal your identity and your money! Find out how to avoid being a victim.

All are invited, old and young, parishioners and non-parish members, especially senior citizens.

There will be a featured speaker from the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs through the sponsorship of Jersey City Together OLM Chapter.



### **Faith Formation Registration**

Faith Formation is lifelong! It is necessary to provide children with a strong foundation in our Catholic Faith. Our Faith Formation Program at OLM begins in Grade 1 and continue through Grade 8. New students must submit a copy of the baptismal certificate. Returning students must register at the beginning of each school year. You can register online through our parish website [olmnj.org](http://olmnj.org)

The \$200 fee per family may be paid in cash or check payable to Our Lady of Mercy. You may also pay online via the parish website. Click Online Giving, then go to Faith Formation Fee. For inquiries, please contact Jeng Matias-Villa at 201-434-7500 ext. 102 or email [reginavilla@olmnj.org](mailto:reginavilla@olmnj.org)

### **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 Two***

Grace Picache

***Week Four***

Ronald J. Danny

14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9

# Masses For The Week



## SATURDAY, July 6

5pm Benedicto Saquibal r/b Fe Saquibal

## SUNDAY, July 7, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish

10am Prisco Villa r/b Vibar & Lanting Families

12pm Josefina Beyo (Death Anniversary)  
r/b Fred & Bing Beyo

## MONDAY, July 8

7am Jesus Saquibal, Jr. r/b Fe Saquibal

8:30am Federico Diocampo, Sr. r/b Margie Claricia

## TUESDAY, July 9

7am Prisco Villa r/b Nila Villa-San Pedro & Family

8:30am Federico Diocampo, Jr. r/b Margie Claricia

## WEDNESDAY, July 10

7am Romeo Veluz

r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal & Family

8:30am Prisco Villa r/b Villa Family

## THURSDAY, July 11

7am Maria Teresa Penaloza (Birthday Blessing)

8:30am Maria Cecilia Herrera (Birthday Blessing)

## FRIDAY, July 12

7am Prisco Villa

r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal & Family

8:30am Len & Rosemary Wodzanowski  
(Wedding Anniversary)

## SATURDAY, July 13

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5pm Arnel Basbacio (Birthday Blessing)  
r/b Ely Gonzalez

## SUNDAY, July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish

10am Prisco Villa r/b Lopez Family

12pm Elmo Macalintal  
r/b Fred & Bing Beyo & Family



### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered

**For Maria Cecilia Herrera.**



### BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread & Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given

**For Maria Cecilia Herrera.**

*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 business hours.*

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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.



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

**INTENTION FOR JULY  
FOR THE PASTORAL  
CARE OF THE SICK**

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.





**THANK YOU  
AND FAREWELL CELEBRATION  
FOR FATHER ANTON,  
NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14  
1:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
IN THE MARIA ROOM**



Please join us for a simple celebration to say thanks and farewell to our dear Father Anton (Reverend Antonio Sarento) who will be leaving our parish next month to serve as an active-duty Chaplain in the United States Air Force.

There will be a Farewell Potluck Lunch next Sunday afternoon, July 14, from 1:30 to 5:30 pm in the Maria Room.

Please use the sign-up sheets at the back of the church to indicate what dish you might be able to provide for the event. For more information, please contact Chit de la Rama at 201-745-5789



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