

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin
40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305
201-434-7500 olmjcp parish@olmnj.org olmnj.org
Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

The background of the main section is a photograph of a person from behind, with their arms raised in prayer. The person is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky. A large white dove is flying in the center of the sky, with several smaller birds scattered around. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual renewal.

Lord,
**send out
your Spirit,
renew the
face of
the earth.**

PSALM 104



Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family,

A blessed and grace-filled Pentecost to you all! As your Pastor, I greet all of you with joy, gratitude, and prayerful love on this beautiful feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is one of the greatest celebrations of our Catholic faith because it reminds us that God never abandons His people. He continues to guide, strengthen, renew, and sanctify His Church through the Holy Spirit.

This past week and weekend, our parish community experienced several beautiful moments of grace that truly reflected the living presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

We had our wonderful Coffee Chat gathering with the theme, "Mary as a Model of Faith." During this month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we reflected on the beauty of Mary's life and discipleship. Mary teaches us what it truly means to trust God even when life is uncertain, painful, or difficult.

When the Angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary did not have all the answers. She did not know what the future held. Yet she said, "Yes" to God. Her faith was not based on complete understanding, but on complete trust.

Today, many people are struggling with fear, confusion, anxiety, disappointments, loneliness, illnesses, family problems, and uncertainty about the future. Many hearts have grown tired and spiritually exhausted. In the midst of all these, Mary stands before us as a mother and model of faith. She reminds us: pray even when you do not understand; trust even when life is difficult; stay faithful even when the world becomes cold toward God.

I thank all who attended and supported our Coffee Chat ministry and all who continue to help build fellowship, faith, and community in our parish family.

Another beautiful event this past week was our "Gather to Rejoice" gathering, part of our Baptismal preparation program for expectant parents awaiting the birth of their babies. Even though there was only one parent who attended this time, it was still meaningful and grace-filled.

Sometimes we measure success only by numbers, but in God's eyes, even one soul matters greatly.

This ministry reminds us that every child is a blessing from God and every new life is sacred. It also reminds us of the important responsibility parents have in raising their children in the Catholic faith. Before a child is baptized, the Church lovingly prepares parents not only for the sacrament itself, but also for the lifelong vocation of forming their children in faith, prayer, love, and goodness.

Please continue to pray for all expectant mothers and fathers, for unborn children, and for families preparing to welcome new life into the world.



Gather to Rejoice with expectant mom, Julianne Carmel Balbutin-Galmadez, hosted by members of OLM Baptism Ministry

At the 10:00 o'clock Mass this Sunday, we witnessed another beautiful grace in our parish - the commissioning of four new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We congratulate and thank these parishioners for answering God's call to serve His people through the Holy Eucharist.

To distribute Holy Communion is not simply "helping at Mass." It is a sacred ministry entrusted with reverence, humility, and love for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. Every time they bring Holy Communion to the faithful, especially to the sick and homebound, they become instruments of Christ's love and compassion.

continued on following page

Their commissioning reminds all of us that the Church continues to live because ordinary people continue to say “yes” to extraordinary service.

And this beautifully leads us into Pentecost, often called the “Birthday of the Church.”

Fifty days after Easter, the Apostles were gathered together with the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Upper Room. They were afraid. Confused. Uncertain. They locked themselves behind doors after the death and resurrection of Jesus. But then the Holy Spirit came upon them like a strong driving wind and tongues of fire. And everything changed. The fearful became fearless. The weak became strong. The silent began to preach. The hiding disciples became courageous witnesses of Christ.

That is what the Holy Spirit does.

Pentecost teaches us that the Church was not built merely by human strength, intelligence, or power. The Church was born through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The same Holy Spirit given to the Apostles is the same Spirit given to us through Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today - in our prayers, in the sacraments, in our ministries, in acts of kindness and mercy, in our young people, in our elderly, in our families, and even in our struggles.

Sadly, many people today live without spiritual direction. Many have become disconnected from God, from prayer, and even from one another. We live in a world filled with division, violence, hatred, wars, selfishness, and loss of faith. There are many who are materially rich but spiritually empty.

This is why we need Pentecost more than ever. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn away hatred, division, indifference, pride, and despair. We need the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts, our families, our parish, and our world.

*Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of Your love.*

This Monday, May 25, we will also celebrate Memorial Day here in the United States. Memorial Day is a very important national observance because it honors and remembers the brave men and women of the military who gave their lives in service to this

to the country. It is a day of gratitude and remembrance for those who sacrificed everything so that others may live in freedom and peace.

As Catholics and Christians, we understand deeply the meaning of sacrifice because Jesus Himself gave His life for us on the Cross.

Memorial Day reminds us not to take freedom, peace, family, faith, and life

itself for granted. Behind every freedom we enjoy are people who sacrificed greatly,

many of whom never returned home to their loved ones.



This Monday, let us pray especially for all deceased veterans and military personnel, for their grieving families, and for peace in our world. Let us also pray for all active military men and women who continue to serve our country with courage and dedication.

And as we gather with our families and friends this holiday weekend, let us not forget the deeper meaning of Memorial Day: remembrance, gratitude, sacrifice, and prayer.

I also wish all of you and your families a peaceful, safe, meaningful, and Happy Memorial Day weekend. May God bless all our veterans, military families, and all who have served our nation.

My dear parish family, on this Pentecost Sunday, I encourage you: open your heart once again to the Holy Spirit. Pray again. Trust again. Serve again. Love again. Forgive again. Hope again. The Church does not need perfect people. The Church needs people willing to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

May Mary, Model of Faith, pray for us. May the Holy Spirit renew our hearts. And may God continue to bless our beloved parish family of Our Lady of Mercy.

Love,

Fr. Marty

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names are published for four Sundays. Contact the parish office if you wish to add or continue a name on this listing.

Week Four

Clarissa Rivera





SATURDAY, May 23

5pm Justiano & Lucila Reyes
r/b Rey Reyes & Chris Miller

SUNDAY, May 24, Pentecost Sunday

8am For the People of the Parish
10am Gigi Macalintal (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Guiz Macalintal & Family
12pm Fred & Bing Beyo
(In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings)

MONDAY, May 25

7am Eugene & Jane Talatala
(Wedding Anniversary) r/b Agatha Jun
8:30am Eduardo Valdivia, Jr.
r/b Red & Emma Bartetto

TUESDAY, May 26

7am Renato Endaya r/b Imelda Austria
8:30am Torcesio & Creselda Cancino
(Wedding Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, May 27

7am For the Repose Soul of Bienvenido Del
Rosario r/b Del Rosario Family
8:30am Milagros Afable r/b Mar & Caring Oller

THURSDAY, May 28

7am Elmer Kerr r/b Zenaida Abordo
8:30am Jack Balbutin (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Annjo Balbutin

FRIDAY, May 29

7am For the Repose Soul of Francisca Savellano
r/b Del Rosario Family
8:30am Augustin Sorio (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Creselda Cancino

SATURDAY, May 30

8:30am Purgatorial Society
5pm Gerard Marcel (Death Anniversary)
r/b Carole Marcel

SUNDAY, May 31, The Most Holy Trinity

8am Pia Angela Austria (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Imelda Austria
10am Blanche Johnson r/b John & Emma Sirotniak
12pm For the People of the Parish

BREAD & WINE



The offering for the Bread to be used this week at the celebration of Mass is given **For Michael David** r/b Elva David

The offering for the Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Patria Lagutin (Death Anniversary)** r/b Angelica Gonzales.

SANCTUARY LAMP



The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered **For Bernard & Elaine Staltari (Wedding Anniversary)**.

OLM PARISH INFORMATION

40 Sullivan Drive
Jersey City, NJ 07305
Phone: 201-434-7500

Web: olmnj.org
Email: olmjcparish@olmnj.org

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

STAFF

Pastor

Reverend Marty B. Jacinto

Sunday Associates

Reverend Jack Cryan
Reverend Renato J. Bautista

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Meynardo Espeleta
Deacon Edwin Dava

*Pastoral Associate For Faith Formation
& Youth / Young Adult Ministries*

Regina 'Jeng' Matias-Villa
reginavilla@olmnj.org

Director of Music Ministries

Liam Barredo
musicministryolmjc@gmail.com

Parish Trustees

Henry Racelis & Guillermo "Guiz" Macalintal

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 10 am.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Regular Collection \$ 4,793
Assessment \$ 1,100
We Share (Online) \$ 1,565
Candles \$ 486



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

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

May 24, 2026- Pentecost Sunday

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

May 31, 2026- Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Exodus:34:4b-6,8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

With a grateful heart, I am happy to share that our parish has reached and surpassed our Regular Goal for the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal was **\$44,556.75**, and through your generosity, we have reached a total Donor Pledge of **\$55,322.00**. As of this time, the Archdiocese has already received **\$40,784.80** in donations and payments. We are now moving closer toward our Stretch Goal of **\$57,923.78**.

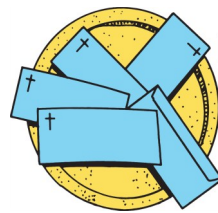
Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of the Archdiocese and its many ministries! May God continue to bless you abundantly for your kindness and sacrifice.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Seniors Cafe
presents
Sunshine & Crafts
A Corpus Christi Celebration
June 7, Sunday
9AM, Maria Room



Delay In Our
Contribution
Envelopes

We have been informed
by our mailing service
that our parish
contribution envelopes
will be late in arriving.

Law Office of Eric M. Mark

Protecting Your Present & Your Future

Eric M. Mark | Owner

Hablamos Español

MENTION THIS AD
FOR A HALF-PRICED
CONSULTATION FEE

2 LOCATIONS:

201 Washington St., Newark, NJ

121 Newark Ave, Ste 515, Jersey City, NJ

P: 973-453-2009 • F: 973-309-7079

Ericm@EricMarkLaw.com | EricMarkLaw.com



Support Our
Advertisers!

catholicmatch®

New Jersey



CatholicMatch.com/NJ

FREE AD DESIGN
WITH PURCHASE OF
THIS SPACE

Call 800.950.9952

WE'RE HIRING

Ad Sales Executives

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-life Balance
- Full-time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community

Visit www.4lpi.com/careers

Made
you look.

Advertise here to
reach your local
audience.

Visit 4lpi.com/advertising-solutions

Scan to get
started!



Does your organization need a newsletter?
We'll cover the printing costs!

Learn more at picommunities.com



Advertise Here!

Engage with consumers in your neighborhood.



ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets

833-287-3502

Dr. Lisa Holly Abis-Velasco

Family Dentist

47 Romar Ave. • Jersey City, NJ

201-985-8877

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

A.J.C. REALTY EXCHANGE LLC
Buying? Selling? Investments?
Let AJC Realty Work For You!

Albert Cupo Sr. Broker of Record
Cell: (201) 486-6196
AlbertCupo@ajc-realty.com

Albert Cupo Jr. Gold Award Circle of Excellence Award 2025
Office: (201) 324-1000 | www.AJC-realty.com
321 Sip Ave. (Corner of Bryant Ave) | Jersey City, NJ

STARTING POINTS

OF HUDSON COUNTY
"Nurturing Your Child's Character & Holistic Growth"

Free 3 year old Abbott Program
Currently Accepting Applications
Children Ages 6 mos - 4 years old

- Safe & Stimulating Environment
- Certified Teachers
- Quality Child Care & Education
- Early Education
- Play Based Learning | Outdoor Play
- Free Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks



Our Unique program features small class sizes, interactive projects to give your child a great learning experience.

startingpointsofHUDSONCOUNTY.com
201-433-8252 | 201-434-5055

Little space.
Big impact.

Advertise here
Call 800-950-9952

IF YOU LIVE ALONE You Need

MDMedAlert! Ambulance/Police Family/Friends GPS & Fall Alert
As Low As \$19⁹⁵/mo.

CALL NOW! 800.808.9294
*md-medalert.com

PeaceCare A Ministry of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace

Our interdisciplinary team collaborates with physicians to provide individualized treatments including:

- Physical, Occupational, IV, and Speech Therapies
- Pain Management, Wound Care, and Respiratory Services
- Respite, Hospice, and Palliative Care
- Adult Medical Day Care (Transportation Provided)
- Outpatient Rehabilitation Services

Peace Care St. Ann's
198 Old Bergen Road
Jersey City, NJ 07305

Peace Care St. Joseph's
537 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Exceptional Care. Dedicated People.

888.560.5995 | www.peacecarenj.org | @PeaceCareNJ



Let Go.
Let God.

Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!

Jim Marcinkiewicz

cinkiewicz@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x6417



Advertise Here!

Engage with consumers in your neighborhood.



Jeffrey J. Macanka
Director, N.J. Lic. No. 3863

Christian J. Baranok
Director, N.J. Lic. No. 5223

Greenville Memorial Home

374 Danforth Ave. | Jersey City, NJ 07305

(201) 333-8000

GreenvilleFuneral@gmail.com • GreenvilleMemorialHome.com

Margaret J. Sweeney
Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 3919



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, NJ

04-0032