

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH BULLETIN

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July 26, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and
sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44



Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family and Friends,
I hope this letter finds you well!

This weekend, we are blessed to welcome Father Martin, who joins us for the Mission Appeal on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong in Ghana. We thank him for sharing with us the faith, hopes, and needs of his local Church. As members of the one universal Catholic Church, we are called not only to pray for one another but also to support one another. I encourage you to listen with open hearts and, as you are able, to respond generously to this appeal. Your kindness becomes a true expression of Christ's love reaching beyond our own parish and nation.

As a parish family, we also extend our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to Levon and Serena, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here at Our Lady of Mercy on Saturday, July 18. May the Lord, who united them in love, continue to strengthen their commitment to one another and bless their home with faith, joy, peace, and abundant grace. Let us keep them in our prayers as they begin this beautiful journey together. (Their picture is on the next page.)

This week I would also like to take the opportunity to offer a brief but important reminder about our reverence for the Holy Eucharist.

As Catholics, we believe that the Holy Eucharist is not merely a symbol but the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Because of this great mystery, the Church asks us to prepare ourselves spiritually and physically before receiving Holy Communion.

A few simple reminders are worth recalling:

- We should observe the one-hour Eucharistic fast before receiving Holy Communion. During that hour, we should not eat food, chew gum, drink coffee, juice, soda, or other beverages, with the exception of water and necessary medicine.

- We should come to Mass with hearts prepared for prayer, avoiding distractions whenever possible and arriving on time so that we may participate fully in the sacred liturgy.
- Most importantly, we should receive Holy Communion only when we are in the state of grace. If we are conscious of having committed a mortal sin, the loving invitation of the Church is first to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before approaching the altar to receive the Lord sacramentally.

These are not simply rules. They are expressions of our love and reverence for Jesus Christ, who gives Himself completely to us in the Eucharist. When we prepare ourselves well, our Holy Communion becomes a deeper encounter with the Lord who nourishes our souls and transforms our lives.

Sadly, many adults have forgotten these basic teachings, while many of our children and young people have never had the opportunity to learn them well. As parents, grandparents, godparents, and parishioners, we all share the responsibility of passing on the beauty of our Catholic faith. The strongest catechism is not only what we teach with our words, but what we demonstrate by our example.

I also invite our senior parishioners to our upcoming Seniors Café, next Sunday, August 2, at 9 am in the Maria Room for "Summer Wellness: Cool Tips for Hot Days, featuring Dr. Leonor Ramos. It promises to be an informative and enjoyable gathering focused on staying healthy and safe during the summer months. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally, I am happy to announce that registration for our Religious Education Program is now open for children in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Parents are encouraged to register early. Registration may be completed in the parish office or conveniently online through our parish website at **www.olmnj.org** Faith formation is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Together, let us help them know, love, and follow Jesus Christ throughout their lives.

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May the Lord continue to bless you and your families. Thank you for your faithful witness, your generosity, and your love for Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Let us continue to grow together as a community rooted in the Eucharist, formed by God's Word, and united in His love.

May Our Lady of Mercy intercede for us always.

God bless us all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL GOOD NEWS!

With a grateful heart, I am happy to share with you 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 \$59,107.00. As of this time, the Archdiocese has already received \$50,778.70 in donations and payments. We have reached our Stretched 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.

With gratitude and prayers,

Father Marty

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, JULY 26

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

WEEK ONE

Patty Daus

WEEK FOUR

Irma Escudero



WEDDING AT OUR PARISH



Levon Rodriguez and Serena DiLiberti are pictured with Father Marty after celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage, Saturday, July 18.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY JULY 19

Regular Collection \$6,325

Assessment \$1,100

We Share (Online) \$1,615

Candle \$ 303

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

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND Saturday and Sunday, July 25 & 26



Catholic Diocese of
Konongo-Mampong

A gift to this weekend's Diocesan Mission Appeals Fund helps support evangelization, faith formation, and pastoral outreach across the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong in the nation of Ghana, located in West Africa. Every act of charity strengthens the Church's mission and brings Christ's love to those in need. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Diocesan Mission Appeals Fund as an act of faith and a reflection of God's unending love.



SATURDAY, July 25

5pm Carmelo & Darlene Lisotta (45th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish

10am Nazario Macalintal, Sr. (Birthday in Heaven)

r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal

12pm Dionisio & Merenciana Reyes r/b Rey Reyes & Chris Miller

MONDAY, July 27

7am Tomas Clara Jun (Death Anniversary) r/b Agatha Jun

8:30am Elaine Koo (Birthday Blessing) r/b Eileen

TUESDAY, July 28

7am Eric Liao (Birthday Blessing) r/b Angie Liao

8:30am Celso Amanonce (Birthday Blessing) r/b Virna Amanonce

WEDNESDAY, July 29

7am Bobby Del Rosario (In Thanksgiving for God's Blessing)

r/b Hanelli Del Rosario

8:30am Joselito Bongco (Death Anniversary) r/b Cheryl Bongco

THURSDAY, July 30

7am Milagros Afable r/b Ely Gonzalez

8:30am Mauro Lanting (Death Anniversary)

FRIDAY, July 31

7am Fely, Janeisha & Aesha Bautista (Birthday Blessing)

8:30am Kris Baal (Birthday Blessing) r/b Ofie & Sev Baal

SATURDAY, August 1

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5pm Alejandro & Reynaldo Clemente (Death Anniversary)

SUNDAY August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Evangelina Cortez r/b Robert & Nancy Cortez

10am Alexis Bianzon

12pm For the People of the Parish

OFFERING FOR

THE BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread to be used this week at our Masses is given **In Memory of Ruben Gregorio (40th Day of Death)** r/b Nina Gregorio & Family.

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

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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

STAFF

Pastor

Reverend Marty B. Jacinto

Sunday Associates

Reverend Jack Cryan

Reverend Renato J. Bautista

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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.

OFFERING FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle is offered
In Loving Memory of Reynaldo Gonzales
(Death Anniversary).

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 our Masses during the week, or for the candle that burns by the tabernacle, please stop by the parish office during business hours.

All Intentions are listed in our Sunday Bulletin.

**Next Sunday
August 2,
at 9 am
in the Maria Room
The Seniors Café
presents
SUMMER WELLNESS
Cool Tips
for Hot Days
Speaker: Dr. Leonor Ramos**



**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

Faith Formation is lifelong! It is necessary to provide children with the foundations of our Catholic Faith. Our parish faith formation informs, forms, and transforms the person and the community. The OLM Faith Formation program is from Kinder to Eight Grade. New students must submit a copy of the baptismal certificate.

Returning students must register at the beginning of each school year. Registration may be completed conveniently online through our parish website www.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 scroll down to Faith Formation Fee. This fee must be paid upon registration or by December 2026.

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:00 am til 9:50 am at the 3rd floor of the school building. Families are encouraged to attend the 10 am Mass. First day of class is on September 13, 2026. For more information, please contact Jeng Matias-Villa at 201-434-7500 ext. 102 or email reginavilla@olmnj.org

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