

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH BULLETIN

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August 2, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



THESE FOUR CHILDREN WERE BAPTIZED AT OUR PARISH, LAST SUNDAY, JULY 26



GIANNA CARULLO MASINDO
CHILD OF DEXTER & DENEMAE



SANTINO JAMES MARTINEZ
CHILD OF SANTIAGO & SARAH



ASTRID GRACE PINTOR MAGLAQUE
CHILD OF ALEXIS & ELAINE



ARIA BELLA SANTANDER
CHILD OF JASON & ASHLEY



Dear Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family and Friends,
Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

BAPTISMS

Our parish family was blessed with a beautiful celebration last weekend as we welcomed four precious children into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. On behalf of our entire Our Lady of Mercy Parish family, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to: Santiago and Sarah on the Baptism of their son, Santino James Martinez; Jason and Ashley on the Baptism of their daughter, Aria Bella Santander; Alexis and Elaine on the Baptism of their daughter, Astrid Grace Pintor Maglaque; Dexter and Denemae on the Baptism of their daughter, Gianna Carullo Masindo. (Their pictures are on the front page of this bulletin.)

Congratulations also to the godparents, who have generously accepted the sacred responsibility of helping these children grow in the Catholic faith. Dear parents and godparents, your mission did not end at the Baptismal font—it began there. May your children see Jesus first in your lives: in your prayers at home, your love for one another, your forgiveness, your faithful participation at Sunday Mass, and your joyful witness to the Gospel. The greatest inheritance you can leave your children is not wealth or success, but a living faith in Jesus Christ.

OUR READINGS

The readings for this Sunday remind us of God's incredible generosity. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord invites everyone: "Come to the water... Come, receive grain and eat." God offers Himself freely because He knows that the deepest hunger of the human heart cannot be satisfied by money, possessions, achievements, or pleasures. Our hearts will always remain restless until they rest in Him.

The Gospel beautifully illustrates this truth. Faced with a hungry crowd of more than five thousand

people, Jesus did not send them away. Instead, moved with compassion, He took five loaves and two fish, blessed them, broke them, and gave them to the people until everyone had enough to eat with twelve baskets left over.

This miracle is more than a story about feeding hungry people. It points us to the greatest miracle that continues at every Mass: the Holy Eucharist.

THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST

Last weekend, I wrote about preparing ourselves spiritually before receiving Holy Communion. Today, I would like to deepen that reflection by reminding us of the priceless gift we receive every time we approach the altar.

The Eucharist is not simply blessed bread. It is Jesus Himself—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. At every Mass, the Lord continues to say to us what He said to the disciples: "Give them some food yourselves." He first feeds us with His Word and then nourishes us with His own Body so that we, in turn, may become His presence in the world.

Because the Eucharist is truly Jesus, we should never receive Holy Communion casually or merely out of habit. Every "Amen" we say before receiving the Sacred Host is a profession of faith. It means: "Yes, Lord, I believe You are truly here, and I desire to live as Your faithful disciple."

That is why the Church lovingly teaches us to prepare our hearts well. We come with reverence. We strive to be free from grave sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We observe the Eucharistic fast.

Above all, we come with humble hearts that sincerely desire to be transformed by Christ. Receiving Holy Communion is not simply about walking in the Communion procession; it is about entering into communion with Jesus and allowing Him to change our lives.

Sadly, we sometimes become so familiar with the Eucharist that we forget the greatness of the gift before us. We can stand before the King of Kings and yet receive Him distractedly, routinely, or without gratitude. May that never happen to us. Every Holy Communion is a personal encounter with the living Christ. Every Mass is Heaven touching earth. *(continued on the following page)*



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Saint Paul reminds us in this weekend's Second Reading that nothing—not hardship, distress, persecution, famine, danger, nor even death—can separate us from the love of Christ. Where do we experience that faithful love most intimately? Here at the altar. Here Jesus gives Himself completely to us. Here He strengthens the weak, forgives the repentant, comforts the sorrowful, and nourishes those who hunger for Him.

COMING TO MASS

My dear parish family, whenever you come to Mass, do not come merely because it is Sunday. Come because Jesus is waiting for you. Come hungry for His Word. Come thirsty for His grace. Come ready to receive the Bread of Life with faith, reverence, and love.

Then, after being nourished by Christ, go forth and become bread for others. Feed the hungry with your generosity, the lonely with your friendship, the discouraged with your kindness, and those searching for hope with your joyful witness. The miracle of the loaves continues whenever those who have been fed by Christ become His hands and heart in the world.

May Our Lady of Mercy teach us always to hunger for her Son and to receive Him with worthy and grateful hearts.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. May God continue to richly bless you and our parish family.

Love,
+ *Father Marty*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Names of the sick are published for four Sundays.

WEEK TWO

Patty Daus

Today, 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 Eighth 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

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

I am happy to share with you that our parish has surpassed our Regular Goal for the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! Our parish goal was \$44,556 and through your generosity, we have reached a total Donor Pledge of \$61,880. As of this time, the Archdiocese has already received \$50,778 in donations and payments. We have reached our Stretched Goal of \$57,923.

With gratitude and prayers,

Father Marty

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY JULY 26

Regular Collection \$4,680

Assessment \$1,100

We Share (Online) \$1,025

Candle \$294

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



SATURDAY, August 1

5pm Alejandro & Reynaldo Clemente (Death Anniversary)

SUNDAY August 2, The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Evangelina Cortez r/b Robert & Nancy Cortez

10am Alexis Bianzon

12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, August 3

7am Pedrito D. Flores r/b Deacon Edwin & Nora Dava

8:30am Emelia Garcia r/b Susan Cailles

TUESDAY, August 4

7am Virgilio Lumanglas (Birthday in Heaven)

r/b Lumanglas & Ramos Families

8:30am Leonisa Gonzales r/b Margie Claricia

WEDNESDAY, August 5

7am Robert Andrew Kelly r/b Brent Nuyda

8:30am Emelia Garcia r/b Margie Claricia

THURSDAY, August 6

7am Ronald Oliver (Birthday Blessing) r/b Kathy Oliver

8:30am Leonisa Gonzales r/b Susan Cailles

FRIDAY, August 7

7am Vincent Longo r/b The Late Olga Fraraccio

8:30am For the Repose Soul of Concepcion Del Rosario
r/b Bobby & Hanelli Del Rosario

SATURDAY, August 8

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5pm Peter That Nguyen r/b Thu & Julie Nguyen

SUNDAY August 9, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish

10am Jeng Villa (Birthday Blessing)

12pm Jineah Banaag r/b Janet Banaag

OFFERING FOR THE BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Michele Meluso Birthday Blessing**
r/b Patricia, Michael & Bobby Meluso.

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.

OFFERING FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle is offered
For Marcelo Portuguese Esquibel.

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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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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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIS FRIDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at our parish every First Friday of the month. It will take place this coming Friday, August 7, from 9 am to 10 am.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



OLM's New Online Giving Platform

On August 12, 2026, OLM's online giving platform, WeShare, will be rebranded as Parishsoft.

The updated platform will add multi-factor authentication for enhanced security, similar to the sign-in verification process used for credit cards.

To support this transition, donors are asked to:

- 1 – Sign in to WeShare before August 10 to confirm that you can log in successfully.
- 2 – Your existing WeShare email address and password will also be used for Parishsoft, so please keep them handy.
- 3 – Parishioners with scheduled recurring donations will not be affected.
All others will need to create a new account.
- 4 – Always sign in through the Online Giving tab on OLM's website, OLMNJ.org.
Existing WeShare bookmarks will no longer work, but you may create a new bookmark later.
- 5 – Adding your mobile number will help support sign-in authentication.
- 6 – If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at olmjcteam@olmnj.org

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