

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH BULLETIN

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August 9, 2026 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31



Dear Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made our Seniors Café gathering this past Sunday such a beautiful success. Our program, “Summer Wellness: Cool Tips for Hot Days,” was both informative and enjoyable for our “once young” brothers and sisters in our parish family.

A special word of thanks to Dr. Leonor Ramos for generously sharing her knowledge and practical advice on staying healthy and safe during these warm summer months. Thank you also to all who worked behind the scenes—those who planned and set up the event, our generous food donors, our volunteers who prepared and served the refreshments, and everyone who attended. Your presence, generosity, and joyful spirit made the morning a wonderful celebration of faith, friendship, and community. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.

As you read this week’s bulletin, I also invite you to take a moment to read the heartfelt Thank You Message from Father Martin Adu Gyamfi, who was with us two weekends ago for the Mission Appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong in Ghana. Your kindness, hospitality, prayers, and generosity are deeply appreciated. Thank you for once again demonstrating the loving and missionary spirit of Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

OUR READINGS & OUR ARCHDIOCESE

The readings for this Sunday speak powerfully to our lives today.

The Prophet Elijah expected God to appear in dramatic and overwhelming ways but instead encountered Him in a tiny whispering sound. Saint Peter, seeing the strong wind and rough waves, became frightened and began to sink until he cried out, “Lord, save me!” In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us of his deep love and concern for God’s people, teaching us never to lose hope in God’s plan, even when we do not fully understand it.

These readings speak directly to where we find ourselves as a Church.

Many have asked questions and expressed concerns about the “We Are His Witnesses” pastoral initiative of our Archdiocese under the leadership of our shepherd, Cardinal Joseph Tobin. Change can naturally make us anxious. We wonder what lies ahead. We worry about what may happen to our parishes, our ministries, and our traditions.

Yet today’s Gospel reminds us that whenever we take our eyes off Jesus and focus only on the winds and waves around us, fear begins to overwhelm us. But when we keep our eyes on Christ, we discover that He has never stopped reaching out His hand to us.

The reality is that our Archdiocese, like many dioceses throughout the country, faces the growing challenge of fewer priests to serve an increasing number of pastoral needs. This initiative is not simply about restructuring buildings or administrative changes. More importantly, it is about strengthening our mission, collaborating more closely with neighboring parishes, sharing resources wisely, and ensuring that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed effectively for generations to come.

Like Elijah, perhaps God is inviting us not to search for Him only in dramatic events, but to recognize His gentle guidance through prayer, discernment, and the quiet work of the Holy Spirit. Rather than allowing fear to guide our hearts, let us allow the Holy Spirit to lead us with faith, trust, and hope.

As your pastor, I ask you to continue praying for Cardinal Tobin, our bishops, priests, deacons, religious, parish leaders, and all those entrusted with helping guide this important process. Pray also for our parish, that we may always remain united, welcoming, faithful, and open to wherever God leads us.

Finally, despite the many challenges each of us carries, and every family has its own, we must never forget that life itself remains one of God’s greatest gifts.

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There will always be storms. There will always be uncertainties. But there will also always be God's faithful presence.

So let us continue to enjoy the gift of each new day. Let us continue to laugh with one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, forgive one another, and build one another up. Let us become instruments of hope in a world that often seems overwhelmed by fear. Together, with Christ in our midst, we can face every storm with confidence.

May Our Lady of Mercy continue to intercede for us, keeping us close to her Son and teaching us always to trust in His loving care.

God bless us all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

The names of the sick are published for four Sundays.

Contact the parish office to add or delete a name.

WEEK ONE

Hermie Macalino

Romeo Vibar

Medardo Alonzo

Rogelio Velasco

WEEK THREE

Patty Daus



Register Today - Faith Formation REGISTER 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 9, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August 16, The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28



This Wednesday, August 12, 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



SATURDAY, August 8

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

MONDAY, August 10

7am Jane Jun (Birthday Blessing) r/b Agatha Jun

8:30am Felicidad Gonzales (Death Anniversary) r/b Mila Afable

TUESDAY, August 11

7am Jean Scibetta r/b Joseph Scibetta

8:30am Conchita Palanca (Death Anniversary)

r/b Tony & Claire Pormento

WEDNESDAY, August 12

7am Julio Ramirez (Death Anniversary) r/b Kathy Oliver

8:30am Emelia Garcia r/b Oscar & Lulu Sychua

THURSDAY, August 13

7am Bharrat Persaud r/b Karrandath & Mary Persaud

8:30am Leonisa Gonzales r/b Ely Gonzalez

FRIDAY, August 14

7am Teresita Sychua (Death Anniversary)

r/b Oscar & Lulu Sychua

8:30am Francisca Escarez (Death Anniversary)

r/b Gatchalian Family

SATURDAY, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5pm Consuela Deladisma (Death Anniversary)

r/b Brenda Deladisma

SUNDAY August 16, The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish

10am Macario Monserate, Jr. r/b Jing & Boy Adao

12pm In Memory of Peter Burke r/b Ely Gonzalez

OFFERING FOR THE BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread and Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Conrado Tan**

(Birthday Blessings)

OFFERING FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle is offered **For Kay Christel Cruz (Birthday Blessing)**

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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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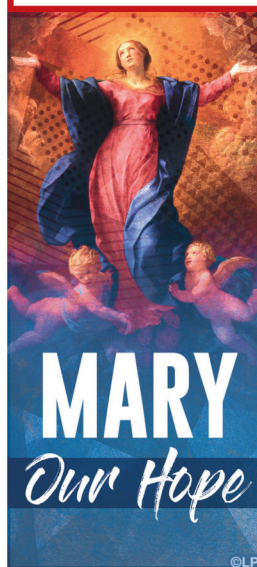
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

This Saturday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption. It celebrates our belief that Mary was lifted body and soul into the glory of heaven at the end of her life. Since it falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. But we encourage you to join us for Mass this Saturday morning at 8:30 am, if you are able.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

Regular Collection \$5,975

Assessment \$1,100

We Share (Online) \$1,595

Candle \$340

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

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 \$53,052 in donations and payments. We have reached our Stretched Goal of \$57,923.

With gratitude and prayers,

Father Marty



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM FATHER MARTIN

THANK
YOU

Dear Father Marty, Fr. Jack, and Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church,

On behalf of my Bishop, The Most Rev. John Opoku-Agyemang, the Catholic Bishop of Konongo-Mampong Diocese, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all of you for your hospitality to me and generous donations towards the mission in Ghana.

May you receive in abundance the love and kindness you have generously given. I'm praying for you with Psalm 20:4, "May the Lord remember your every offering, graciously accept your burnt offering."

May God bless you all.

Fr. Martin Adu Gyamfi

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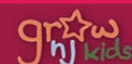


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