

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH BULLETIN

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September 6, 2026 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:19-20



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

As we celebrate the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Word of God reminds us of something essential to being a Christian: we are responsible not only for our own spiritual lives, but we are also called to care for the spiritual well-being of one another.

In our First Reading, the Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel: “You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” A watchman cannot simply remain silent when danger approaches. Out of love, he must speak. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a similar responsibility: when a brother or sister has gone astray, we should not condemn, gossip about, or abandon that person. Instead, Jesus tells us to go to them personally and lovingly.

Saint Paul gives us the heart of it all: “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.” Christian correction must always come from love. We do not correct because we think we are better than others. We reach out because we care about one another’s salvation.

This is also an important reminder for us as a parish family. Sometimes people gradually become disconnected from the sacramental life of the Church. Perhaps life became busy. Perhaps circumstances became complicated. Perhaps many years have passed, and now they do not know where or how to begin again. Please know that the doors of the Church are open. Come and talk to us.

If you are an adult who has not yet received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, we would be happy to help you prepare. If you are a parent whose child still needs these Sacraments, please reach out to us. If you are a Catholic who is civilly married but your marriage has not yet been celebrated or blessed in the Catholic Church, please come and speak with me about Convalidation. Do not be embarrassed or afraid. Every situation is different,

and the first step is simply to have a conversation so that we can see how the Church can accompany you.

If you are preparing for Marriage, or if there are other Sacraments you or someone in your family still needs, please see me, your Pastor, or Jeng Villa, our Faith Formation Program Director. You can reach us by calling the parish office. We are here to help you, not to judge you.

And perhaps this Sunday’s readings are also asking those of us who are already practicing our faith to become loving “watchmen” for others. Maybe you have a child, grandchild, sibling, relative, godchild, or friend who still needs a Sacrament or has been away from the Church. Invite them. Encourage them. Accompany them. Sometimes one loving invitation is all that is needed to bring someone home.

Jesus ends today’s Gospel with a beautiful promise: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” We are not walking this journey alone. Christ is among us—in our families, in our parish community, and especially in the Sacraments.

Brothers and sisters, love does not simply watch someone walk away from God and say nothing. Love reaches out. Love invites. Love accompanies. Love desires heaven for the other person.

May Our Lady of Mercy teach us to love one another enough to help each other find our way closer to her Son.

God bless us all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*





CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

MARIAN CONCERT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AT 4 PM

FEAST DAY MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AT 5 PM

ROSARY WITH NOVENA PRAYERS

**Tuesday, September 15, to
Saturday, September 19,
after the 8:30 am Mass**

**Sunday, September 20,
after the 10 am Mass**

**Monday, September 21, to
Wednesday, September 23,
after the 8:30 am Mass**

*Join us in prayer as we celebrate
The Feast Day of our Parish!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept. 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The names of the sick are published for four Sundays.
Contact the parish office to add or remove a name.

WEEK TWO

Anne Kowalski Irma Escudero

WEEK THREE

Bernadette Lim

WEEK FOUR

Gaspar Andres, Jr.



Faith Formation Registration

**OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM BEGINS NEXT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, REGISTER TODAY!**

Our Faith Formation program is from Kinder to Eighth Grade. New students must submit a copy of their baptismal certificate. Returning students must register at the beginning of each school year. Registration for the 2026-2027 school year 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 Sundays from 9 am til 9:50 am at the 3rd floor of the school building. First day of class next Sunday, September 13. For more information, please contact Jeng Matias-Villa at 201-434-7500 ext. 102 or email reginavilla@olmnj.org

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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**AS WE REMEMBER THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS**

OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001,

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED,
THOSE INJURED, AND ALL PEOPLE WHOSE
LIVES WERE CHANGED FOREVER BY THE
EVENTS OF THAT TERRIBLE DAY.**



SATURDAY, September 5

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

SUNDAY September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am For the People of the Parish

10am Nicanor & Flora Baticulon (Death Anniversary)

r/b Manny Baticulon

12pm Susan Cailles (Birthday Blessing)

MONDAY, September 7, Labor Day

7am NO MASS

8:30am Julia Pina (Birthday Blessing)

TUESDAY, September 8

7am Briccio Dava, Sr. (Death Anniversary) r/b Edwin & Nora Dava

8:30am Remedios Laygo Villa (Death Anniversary) r/b Lydia Villa

WEDNESDAY, September 9

7am Cheryl Bongco (Birthday Blessing)

8:30am Caroline Serrano (Birthday in Heaven) r/b Annie Casino

THURSDAY, September 10

7am Fe Moste (Birthday Blessing) r/b Annjo Balbutin

8:30am Pedro Francisco, Sr. r/b Blanca Francisco

FRIDAY, September 11

7am Katherine Manansala (Birthday Blessing) r/b Gatchalian Family

8:30am Martin Mercado (Birthday in Heaven) r/b Manny Mercado

SATURDAY, September 12

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5pm Fiona Renee Villa (Birthday Blessing)

SUNDAY September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Jacky Beneche (Death Anniversary) r/b Marie Beneche

10am For the People of the Parish

12pm Lynoll Grado (Birthday Blessing) r/b Myrna Grado

OFFERING FOR THE BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Lyceal Cruz (Birthday Blessing)**.

The offering for the Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Dionisia S. Nable (Death Anniversary)**.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in church is offered **For Bernadette Vibar (Birthday in Heaven)**.

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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

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Meynardo Espeleta

Deacon Edwin Dava

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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.

AN ADDITIONAL HOUR OF FIRST FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Beginning this October, we will have an additional time of First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be every First Friday of the month from 7 pm to 8 pm in evening. This is in addition to our regular 9 am to 10 am time of adoration in the morning.



OLM PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, Sept. 19,
10 am to 3 pm
Liberty State Park
Pavilion A



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Fun Games, Bingo, Zumba, Line Dancing &
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POPE'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water,
a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



A SPECIAL AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION CELEBRATING AND HONORING GRANDPARENTS

Next Saturday, September 12,
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center
171 Clifton Ave. Newark
followed by Mass and Blessing of
Grandparents at 5 pm
with Cardinal Tobin
at the Cathedral Basilica
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register



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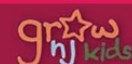


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