



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to a celebration of the Feast of Sto. Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at the 1:15 p.m. mass. Come in festive attire! Bring your statue of Sto. Nino for blessing!

From the Desk of The Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady of Sorrows:



I hope all is well as we start this New Year, 2017.

First and foremost, it is official, with his installation the other day, January 6th... our new Archbishop is Cardinal Joseph Tobin! In the name of the communities of Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady of Sorrow, CONGRATULATIONS CARDINAL TOBIN!

Secondly, folks I am so grateful for all of you. Your generosity is overflowing. Last week I wasn't able to put out for you the amount of your Christmas gifts to OLM because we were understaffed the day after Christmas. It didn't make it to publication. And now you can find it in this issue of our bulletin. Check it out. The total of last week's collection and the Christmas gifts to the parish found here is \$32,000. We got more than last year's. And that is because of your generosity. So, to all of you who gave your very generous Christmas gifts to the church a BIG THANK YOU! May you will be blessed more with what you need.

As you are reading this I am in the air going to the Philippines for a very short visit. I left January 7th (just a few hours ago) and will be back on the 18th. Part of this trip is to attend to an episcopal ordination of one of the summer priests that served our communities, Msgr. Victor Bendico (I wrote something about him in the bulletin a few months ago,

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Intentions of Pope Francis for January 2017



Evangelization: Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Our Lady of Mercy Mission Statement

"We, the faith community of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, joyfully and humbly seek to make our Lord Jesus Christ ever more real in all our lives. We enliven our Mission by a commitment to Stewardship as a Way of Life. We strive to pursue our mission by being a welcoming community that provides a home for all and celebrates life, hope and reconciliation through Word, Worship and Service."

Our Lady of Sorrows Mission Statement

"We the family of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, accept as our special call the words of Psalm 89: "The Lord loves His City" – and so do we. We have been planted in the midst of the city to grow and bear the fruit of the gospel. We offer to God our gifts of time, talent and treasure that our city may be transformed by the power of God's love."

Scripture Passages

The Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

if you can remember). He became a Bishop of the Diocese of Baguio. For those of you who know the Philippine geography, Baguio is up in the North of Manila. Because of the travels from one place to another (which is not only by land but also by air), I have a limited time for an R & R. As a matter of fact, I will be seeing my mother and siblings for just one full day, then, I will be flying back here in the USA. Just thinking the travels, I feel like I am exhausted already. But I thank the understanding you give to us, your priests. We definitely need to rest our heads and bodies every once in a while to keep our sanity and recharge energy. Don't miss me much... I will only be out of your sight this weekend and the next. You are in good hands with Father Tom and Father Nol (who will be back on the 13th from his well-deserved R & R in the Philippines.)

There are upcoming events in our communities, especially the feast of Santo Nino at OLM this coming Sunday, the 15th. I thank in advance those who help make this possible under the leadership of Father Nol and a Bible Study that will start on the 16th. Check out our bulletin for more information.

My best regards and God bless us all!

Love,

+Father Marty

Maraming Salamat Po!

THANK YOU to the following supporters and donors of the Simbang Gabi Food Sale 2016: Femme Mabalo, Susan Cailles, Judy Bustria, Lulu Sychua, Fred Beyo, Elleth Villa, Presy & Connie Lorenzo, Vickie Figueras, Carmen Blanquera, Joanne Valencia, Babera/DeRama/Daus/Pastoril Families, Angelina Liao, Lilian Saldua, Shella Bautista, Baquiran Family, Gem Basan, Bing Latumbo, Koset Bernardo, Arboleda Family, Daisy Postrero, Norie Ramos, Joy Esteban, Vivian Santos, Janet Banaag, Geny Montecasto, Hilado Family, Lorna Mercado, May Del Castillo, Anamae Aldea, Edith Kurdy, Cyril Almuete, Jezz Villa-Mercado, Lanie Navarro, Zenny Rosales, Elvie Gabot, Gina Agcaoili, Gigi Macalintal, Reyes-Catuncan Families, Aurea Vallo, Villa Family.

The total amount raised for the Parish Youth Ministry is \$1,252. Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship of Treasure for January 1, 2017

Regular Collection	\$9,606.69
Christmas Gifts	\$20,040.00

Thank you for your generosity and support to our community!

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal 2016

We have reached our goal of \$38,356.00!

Thank you so very much for your generosity and God bless you all!

Update on Capital Campaign: "We Are Living Stones"

We did the boiler repair at the school building that cost us \$10,075.00. Besides this, we are replacing the boiler (of 1959) for the church and Maria Room. It will cost us another \$30,000 or so. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Lady of Sorrows Food Pantry

To our brothers and sisters at Our Lady of Mercy,

You all are so good. You really take the mandate to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for being our companions in ministry.

Sisters Alice and Elise

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

I appeal to those who want to advertise your company or your business to please do so. It will be a very big help to make our bulletin better (in color if possible) so we can give you more information and knowledge about all the goings-on or happenings in our communities. You can call Dave Chameides at 1-203-641-6051 or email: dchameides@4Lpi.com. - Fr. Marty

You Can Make A Difference!

Join Us This Thursday, January 12
7:30pm at Our Lady of Mercy (OLM)
For A Meeting Of
JERSEY CITY TOGETHER

Together
we
make the
difference

We urge you to show your interest in bettering our city by attending the First Annual Meeting of Jersey City Together. It will take place here at OLM this Thursday, January 12, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Maria Room, below the church. Our parish is certainly honored to be hosting this important meeting. Your attendance will show that the people of OLM support the work of this organization.

Jersey City Together is an organization made up of more than 30 religious and community groups. Our Lady of Mercy Parish and Our Lady of Sorrows are important members of this organization. In fact, there is a local chapter of Jersey City Together here at Our Lady of Mercy.

Jersey City Together has made a positive difference during the past year. It has urged Jersey City to upgrade its security cameras, pushed for a reevaluation of city properties, worked to improve after school programs, urged city and county officials to put more funds into affordable housing, worked with the Police Department and the Department of Public Works to address traffic issues particularly in Country Village and Society Hill, and it continues to work to improve public safety.

We encourage all members of OLM to join us Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 pm. Come support the work of Jersey City Together and show that the people of OLM care about their parish and about their city!

OLM Giving Tree Update

The "Giving Tree" gifts were delivered on December 21st to all the charities. An enormous thanks extended by each recipient and an expression of good tidings extended to each and everyone who gave. A joyful Merry Christmas was shouted by all, as we left your gifts for those in need.

Upwards of 400 individuals and families took the stars and left their gifts under the "Giving Tree" to be distributed to the following charities:

- Catholic Charities (Jersey City)
- Our Lady of Sorrows
- St. Ann's Day Care Center
- Covenant House (Newark)
- Broadway House (HIV/ AIDS Newark)
- Several Sources Shelters (Unwed Mothers)

The OLM Christmas tradition continues, always in an exemplary fashion. It is fitting to say "Thank You! Thank YOU! Thank You for your goodwill to others. (Len Wodzanowski)

Give Your All

There are plenty to follow our Lord halfway, but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends and honors, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves. ... Commit your lives in unreserved obedience to [God]. - Meister Eckhart

Feast of Sto. Nino, January 15, 2017



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Calling all Cebuanos - We need you to lead in praising the Holy Infant Jesus through GOZOS. Please contact Presy @ 201-332-2237 or preslorenzo@aol.com if you could help us out.

Young Adult Retreat

February 10-12, 2017
Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from your busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions. Eucharist and lots of fun.

Cost: \$130.00 per person, double occupancy.
Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org. Some financial aid is available.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Have you lived, worked, or attended schools in Hudson, Essex, or Union Counties for the past 4 years? You may be eligible for FREE Housing Counseling Services! Services include Foreclosure/ Homelessness Prevention, Fair Housing Education, Pre and Post Purchase Counseling and more! Services are immediately available in English and Spanish, and translation services for other languages are available as well.

Contact us for more information: Hudson 973-424-7616 / Essex 862-229-4464 / Union 862-229-4468

Adoption

Children in China need homes. There are more boys available than girls. Older parents and single women are welcome. For more information please call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

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www.olmnj.org

Follow us on Facebook at:

[ourladyofmercyjerseycity](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofmercyjerseycity)

OLM Liturgical Ministers

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

Time	Designation	Name
5:00pm	Lector 1	Lourdes Dabu
	Lector 2	Christian Resurreccion
	6 Extraordinary Ministers	Elvira Eva
		Benny Purificacion
		Claire Pormento
		Patricia Scanlon
Alicia Torres		
Tony Pormento		
7:30am	Lector 1	Joy Esteban
	Lector 2	Shirley Cu
	6 Extraordinary Ministers	Henry Zanotti
		Yoly Bantugan
		Tina Rivera
		Roberto Mirandilla
Jun Bantugan		
Dominic Rivera		
11:15am	Lector 1	Vincent Serra
	Lector 2	Bonnie Serra
	6 Extraordinary Ministers	Judy Bustria
		Patrizia Bustria
		Denise Bustria
		Mar Oller
Blanca Francisco		
Caring Oller		
1:15pm	Lector 1	Gigi Macalintal
	Lector 2	Mario Antonio
	6 Extraordinary Ministers	Guiz Macalintal
		Abelardo del Rosario
		Alex Duque
		Robi Banaag
Jonathan Teves		
Rose Duque		
7:00pm	Lector 1	Ryan Banaag
	Lector 2	Cristina Blanquera
	6 Extraordinary Ministers	Lita Alfaro
		Cecile Fabe
		Brien Latumbo
		Angela Wolleon
Lerie Reyes		
Chit de la Rama		

A Vow for the New Year

Making plans for your life in the new year? Could it be that God already has a plan for you and is patiently waiting for you to make that plan a reality?

When one considers how everything seems to have a purpose in nature (atoms, genes, plants, animals, etc.), it makes sense to believe that each of us has a purpose as well. On the other hand, if all of creation seems to have just happened without any reason, then this means our minds and spirits must have no reason or purpose as well. How can we trust them?

But believers trust that there is a great Intelligence that brought everything into existence.

There is a Mind and a Heart at the center of all creation. If that's the case, then life can only make sense when we seek what the Creator has in mind for us. Jesus, who knew the Mind and Heart of God better than anyone who ever lived on Earth, once said to the erring Peter: "You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Mark 8:33, NRSV).

Setting our minds on human things can get us into trouble. That's why it often seems we live in a crazy mixed-up world. How can life ever be fulfilling, without the purpose God has for that life?

To set one's mind on divine things leads us to consider the one vow we should take seriously for the new year. Your will, Lord. Your will and nothing else.



Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.

Fill A Jar

Need a new tradition to begin the new year? One way to reflect on your blessings as the days and months pass is to fill a Blessing Jar. Simply find a container (ideally with a lid) and place it in a prominent place in your home. Next to it, set slips of paper and writing utensils.

Encourage every family member to jot down one thing they're grateful for every day. If you have a large family, you may need one jar for each person. You can also use different-colored paper slips for each family member.

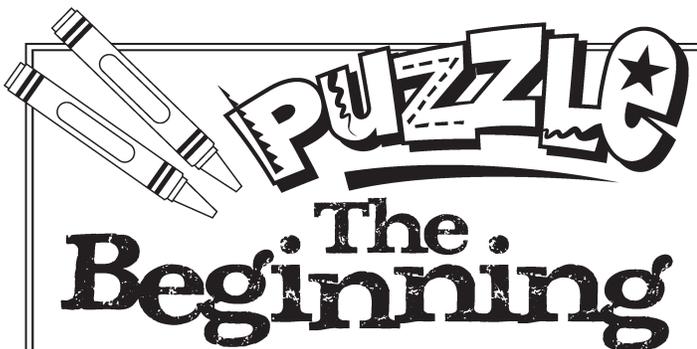
Every week, sit down together and review the many ways that God is present in your lives.

Resolutions

American theologian Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) became focused on his life's purpose at age 19. The result was 70 resolutions, or commitments, he wrote down and then read every week for 35 years until his death.

Some of those resolutions include:

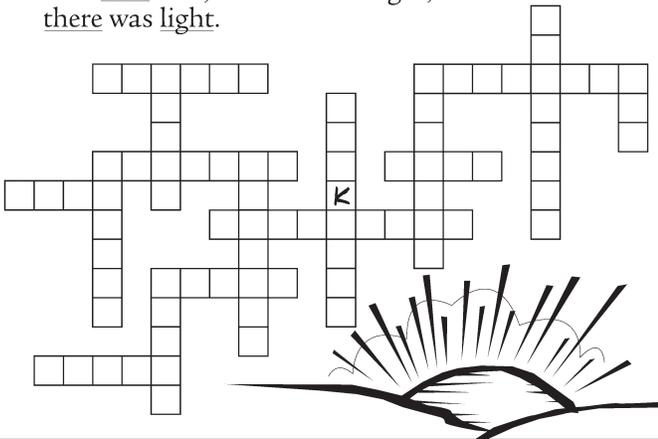
- To live with all my might while I do live.
- To study the Scriptures ... steadily, constantly and frequently.
- Never to lose one moment of time.
- Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- Never to do anything out of revenge.
- To let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.
- Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.



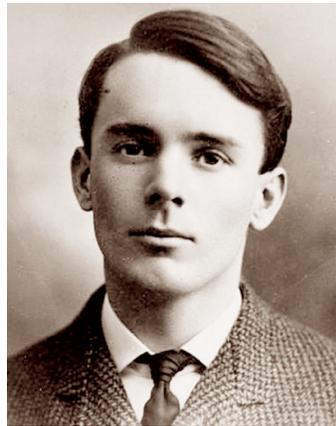
The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.



Passing The Test



Samuel Stokes, a missionary who worked with lepers in India in the early 1900s, walked through the Punjab region with only a water bottle and a blanket. He depended wholly on the hospitality of the region's residents.

In one village, Stokes received a particularly hostile reception. Village leaders sat in chairs in a circle, leaving Stokes sitting on the floor the entire evening. When he asked if he might teach them and nurse their sick, they hurled insults at him. Stokes offered no reply.

Finally, the men gave the missionary some stale bread crusts in a dirty bowl. Stokes thanked them and ate. This scene repeated itself for two days. But then on the third day, the top village official laid his turban at Stokes' feet as a sign of respect. "We'd heard that Jesus' disciples were commanded to love their enemies," the man said, "and we decided to put you to the test."

Having seen Jesus' love in action through Stokes, the amazed villagers found him credible. They served him a rich feast and listened eagerly to his teachings.

Mass Intentions



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Paul Calefati, Bernadette Vibar, Elaine Staltari, Othelia G. Laurena, John Ale-shunas, Jean Karycinski, Dorothy Darcy, Erlinda Jacinto, Presentacion Sorio, Leonora Loyola, Eric Bautista, Lilian Kryczkowski, Ellen Iorio, Jessica Pavone, Ian Malesiewski, Francisca Estallo, Ruben Catipon, Angela Salvador, Mary A. Mullins, Henry N. Bolante, Sr., Clarita Salvador, Teresita Cordon, Vincent Mastria, Maria Svaligmac, Bill Macchi, Craig Rutkowski, James Seaman, Makenzie Cadmus, Manuel J. Juson, MD, Francisco Llanes, Mita Arbolante, Antonio Verano.

BREAD & WINE:

The offering for the bread to be used this week at our Eucharistic Worship was in memory of **The People**.

The offering for the wine to be used this week at our Eucharistic Worship was given in memory of **The People**.

SANCTUARY LAMPS:

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the Church this week is offered for **The People**.

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the Chapel this week is offered for **The People**.

SATURDAY, January 7

5:00pm George L. Medina r/b Carmen & Renato Tuazon

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 8

7:30am For The People

11:15am Eduardo Ongpin r/b Rene & Olive Baccaray

1:15pm Manuel Dionela r/b Rene & Olive Baccaray

7:00pm Ernesto Manalac r/b Abis Family

MONDAY, January 9

7:00am Avel Hong r/b Ursula Kim

8:45am Mila Lesaca r/b Julieta M. Bantilan

TUESDAY, January 10

7:00am Open Intention

8:45am Mary Lavilla r/b Kathy Oliver

WEDNESDAY, January 11

7:00am Hermenegildo Lorenzo (Death Anniv.)
r/b Presy & Connie Lorenzo

8:45am Joan Fraraccio r/b Olga Fraraccio

THURSDAY, January 12

7:00am Gil Estropia, Sr. r/b Gil Estropia, Jr.

8:45am Christine & Ely Cailles Porch r/b Cailles Family

FRIDAY, January 13

7:00am Open Intention

8:45am Zygmund Kowalski, r/b Kowalski Family

SATURDAY, January 14

8:45am Purgatorial Society

5:00pm Norma C. Galan r/b Pat Serafin

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 15

7:30am Open Intention

11:15am Joseph Paul Popovich r/b Popovich Family

1:15pm For the People

7:00pm Open Intention

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Deacon Nick Fargo (Emeritus)

Deacon Meynardo Espeleta

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Regina 'Jeng' Matias-Villa

For Pastoral Life (OLS)

Sister Alice McCoy, OP

Sister Elise Redmerski, OP

Director of Music Ministries:

Doris Ellen L. Estallo (OLM)

Michael Rivera (OLS)

Youth/Young Adult Ministries

Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministries:

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Michelle Bodden (OLS)

John Taylor (OLS)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	:	5:00pm
Sunday	:	7:30am, 11:15am, 1:15pm and 7:00pm
Monday - Friday	:	7:00am and 8:45am
Saturday	:	8:45am

Reconciliation

OLM ~ Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Any time by appointment

OLS ~ Any time by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you, a family member or neighbor is hospitalized and wish a visit from a Parish priest, call the Parish Office or email us at olmjcnpj@aol.com. The Sacrament of the Sick: Any homebound or hospitalized parishioner may request this Sacrament by calling 201-434-7500.

Visitation of the Sick:

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