

# BULLETIN

## OUR LADY OF MERCY

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September 10, 2017 • Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*We can't stress enough the mass schedule. We have it here in our bulletin and we have it now outside the building! We don't know what else to do if people will still keep calling the office to ask: "what time is mass?"*

### From the Desk of The Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy:



Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

This week we are commemorating the tragedy of September 11th, 2001. The whole world was shocked with that terrorist attack. But in particular, so many of us here on this side of the coast have been affected deeply because one of the attacks happened right here in our own backyard, the attack of the World Trade Center! I was just three months old in my priesthood when that

happened. I was newly ordained and have been assigned here at Our Lady of Mercy Church. It was the saddest moment of my life. It was also the hardest time to preach about forgiveness. The gospel readings following that day were about forgiving your enemies (similar to our gospel passage this weekend). Folks, I would like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to ponder on "forgiveness." I leave that to your personal reflection... "can we forgive our enemies?" Yes, it is not easy, but guess what? Jesus became one of us human beings and he did it. We, too, can do it, hard though it may be, with God's help. Amen!

Catechetical Sunday is next week. I am reminding those I mentioned in last weekend's bulletin letter about the commissioning. Also, I ask every one of you to keep in your prayers the

### Intentions of Pope Francis for September 2017



**Pope's Universal Intention: Parishes**

*That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.*

### 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."*

### Stewardship Reflection: September 10, 2017

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - EZEKIEL 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

### Scripture Passages: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Ez 33:7-9 / Responsorial: Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Reading 2: Rom 13:8-1 / Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every First Friday from 9:00am until 12 noon only in the Chapel.

children of our parish as they keep on knowing God and grow in faith. We also want to pray for all parents and guardians that God sustain them with wisdom and strength as they nurture and guide their children to live as good Christians, loving God and their neighbor.

On a personal note, September is my birthday month. I am aware that there are many among our community who are celebrating their birthdays as well. I will make a short trip back to the Philippines next week, for just a week, to celebrate it with my mother and family. This is the first time that I mention this occasion of my personal life and I do it because I am turning fifty this year. It is hard to believe it, but yes, this is my "golden" year (as they call it). So, I thought of thanking my mother, in a special way, for bringing me into this world. She doesn't know it yet that I am coming home, so hush, don't tell her! To all of us born in September... Happy Birthday!

I want to remind you of our mass with Cardinal Tobin at Saint Aloysius Church on West Side Avenue on September 28th. (I will be back then from the Philippines.) Please check out the announcements in this bulletin.

Lastly, mass schedule sign is up! It is under the sign of Our Lady Of Mercy Parish on Sullivan Drive. If you will not be able to see and read it, I don't know what else to do to keep you from calling the parish office and ask: "What Time Is Mass?"

Thank you all for your support and generosity. Keep it coming...

God bless you all!

Love,  
+Father Marty

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### Bus Transportation for September 28th

There will be a bus available from OLM to and from Saint Aloysius on September 28th to attend mass with Cardinal Tobin. Please sign up if you want to go for head counts. You can leave your car in OLM parking lot. See Hospitality ministers at the doors of the church. Thank you!

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Paul Calefati, Elaine Staltari, Othelia G. Laurena, Jean Karycinski, Dorothy Darcy, Erlinda Jacinto, Presentacion Sorio, Leonora Loyola, Eric Bautista, Lilian Kryczkowski, Ellen Iorio, Jessica Pavone, Ian Malesiewski, Ruben Catipon, Angela Salvador, Clarita Salvador, Teresita Cordon, Vincent MASTRIA, Maria Svaligmac, Bill Macchi, Craig Rutkowski, James Seaman, Makenzie Cadmus, Manuel J. Juson, MD, Gina Marquez, Rose Maschucci, Maurita Reyes, Daniel Tamayo Santos, Marie Ronzitti, Lucia Vanderburg, Betty Scerbo, Philip Scerbo, Alejandra Ancheta, Cindy Popolo, Mario Banaag, Oscar Alladin, Antonio Roldan, Ricardo Valdez, Erma Chidichimo, Esperanza Galarza, Carmen Tuazon, Nick DeBello, Susan Ranola Rivera, Conrado "Boy" Tanada, John Broderick, John Hnath, Joanne Diaz, Ligaya Tan, Concepcion Del Rosario, Leonarda DeCarlo, Dolores Steinhauer, Eugenio Cacananta, Austin Macalintal, Eduviges Ledesma, Carmine Scocco, Carolyn Taliaferro, Nonong Dava

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### Register Yourself In The Parish

To be a registered parishioner means that you really belong to the parish family. You enjoy all the benefits of being a family member. Those who are not registered are invited and encourage to do so. A Registration Form is available at the vestibule of the Church, in the Parish Office and Online at [www.olmnj.org](http://www.olmnj.org).

### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal 2017

The goal of Our Lady Of Mercy Parish this year is \$36,302.00. As of September 4th, we have achieved 73.56% (\$26,704.00) of our goal, so far. With humble heart, I am asking you to support our Archdiocese. If we go over our goal, the excess will be sent back to us (rebate) and we can add that to what we are trying to accomplish in our parish. Thank you in advance from the bottom of my heart. God bless you all!

### Update on Capital Campaign: "We Are Living Stones"

You may recall that the Case Items for Parish Portion are the following:

- Purchase and Installation of a gas generator
- Repointing of the Church
- Replacement of windows on the school's 3rd floor
- Repairing the boiler in the school
- Debt reduction

Last year we did the boiler repair at the school building that cost us \$10,075.00. But same boiler needs more repairs. There will be two different boiler jobs to be done and it will cost \$8,500.00 and \$16,000.00. It just never ends! (Speaking of boiler, we have replaced the boiler (of 1959) for the church and Maria Room. The cost of that replacement was \$38,000. It is not a case item for this capital campaign, though.) So far, our parish portion is a \$110,000.00. I will ask the Archdiocese to take off what we have spent for school boiler. We cannot start the 3rd floor window replacement until the school (Starting Point) starts their own window replacement. As to repointing of the church, I need to get the estimates. Then there are other items. Given what we have, I don't think we have enough fund. But keep heart and don't lose hope because little by little, with your cooperation, we will eventually get there. Thank you for your generosity!

### Stewardship of Treasure for September 3, 2017

Regular Collection ~ \$ 6,405.00

Thank you for your generosity and support to our community!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

We are rolling out a novel way of supporting Our Lady of Mercy Parish through your purchases at Amazon. Please note instructions prepared by Peachy Molina, a member of our Adult Music Ministry, which you can find at [www.olmnj.org](http://www.olmnj.org).

Please remember to:

- Use an internet browser, not a mobile app
- Log on to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
- Choose Our Lady of Mercy Jersey City as your charity

Vist [www.olmnj.org](http://www.olmnj.org) for more details.

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*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](mailto:dchameides@4Lpi.com). Thank you. – Fr. Marty*

## Hurricane Harvey Relief

If you did not have an opportunity to make a contribution to last weekend's collection to aid those affected by Hurricane Harvey, you can still do so. Bring your donation to the parish office. If you are writing out a check make the check payable to the ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK and memo your check, HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF. All donations will be forward by the Archdiocese to Catholic Charities USA. If you would like to donate online go to go to [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) and select "Donate Today."

## Archdiocese of Newark Filipino Apostolate

The 10th annual gathering of the Filipino Community and friends at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ will once again celebrate the feasts of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod of Cebu. His Excellency Bernardito Auza, D.D., Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United States, has graciously accepted the invitation to preside and preach at a con-celebrated mass on September 24, 2017 (Sunday) at three in the afternoon. There will be a simple "salu-salo" at the Archdiocesan Center after mass. All are invited!

## The Directory: 2017 Senior Services Guide

Copies of the Directory from Office of Aging of the Department of Health and Human Resources in Hudson County are available at the parish office. This Directory is an essential guide for all who may be seeking information on home and community services available to them, according to the Hudson County Executive. For those who want to help and reach out to our aging brothers and sisters please feel free to get your copy.

## Mark your calendar and save the dates

On **September 28th** there will be a celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Cardinal Joseph Tobin at Saint Aloysius Church on Westside Avenue, Jersey City at 7:30pm.

All of you are invited to participate. This is his visit to all churches in the Archdiocese of Newark but he does it by deanery. You will have a chance to interact with him because after mass light refreshments will be served in the parish hall and the Archbishop will be open to answer your questions and concerns. So please show up.

In **December 11th and 12th** there will be an advent parish mission. The Parish Advent Mission theme will be "Preparing for the Prince of Peace: Reflections on the Peace Prayer" and will be given by Father JohnPaul Cafiero, OFM. You may recall Father JohnPaul had been with us for a parish mission a few years ago and did "Reflections on the Wizard of Oz." There will be more information regarding the said events as we come closer to the dates.

## Junior High Ministry

Jr. High kicks off on September 15. All incoming Grades 6, 7 & 8 are encouraged to join our Jr. High Ministry. Meetings are held every other Friday, 5:30-7:00pm, in the Maria Room. Its objectives are:

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- 2) To empower the youth for leadership and service
- 3) To build a community of disciples who follow Jesus

For September 15, the topic will be: "All of us Together: Encountering Jesus in Community". The session would engage participants through games. After each game, participants will have an opportunity to identify hidden lessons found within the game. Lessons will revolve around communication, helping others, leadership, and teamwork.

## Music Ministry News

### Adult Choir Rehearsals Resume!

The Adult Choir have resumed rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:30PM -9:30PM in the church. We are looking for new members to join and lend their voices at the 12 Noon Mass every Sunday. The choir is open from age 14 onwards. NO AUDITION IS NEEDED. If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir and/or have any questions, please see Michael Rivera, our Music Director, after all Masses, or by calling the parish office at 201-434-7500 Ext.103, or e-mail at [musicministryolmjc@gmail.com](mailto:musicministryolmjc@gmail.com)

### New Mass Setting

Today we will begin a new Mass setting called Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations by Tony Alonso (you might be familiar with his other song Gather Us, In Mercy Lord we use during Lent.) We will begin with the Gloria and add the other parts of the Mass in the coming weeks.

### New 7PM Music Group

We are still looking for members to join our new 7PM Music group. We are looking for both singers and instrumentalists. If you are interested in joining this new group and/or have any questions, please see Michael Rivera, our Music Director, after all Masses, or by calling the parish office at 201-434-7500 Ext.103 or e-mail at [musicministryolmjc@gmail.com](mailto:musicministryolmjc@gmail.com). Thank you those who have inquired!

### OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

cordially invites you to a Novena in honor of

#### SAN LORENZO RUIZ

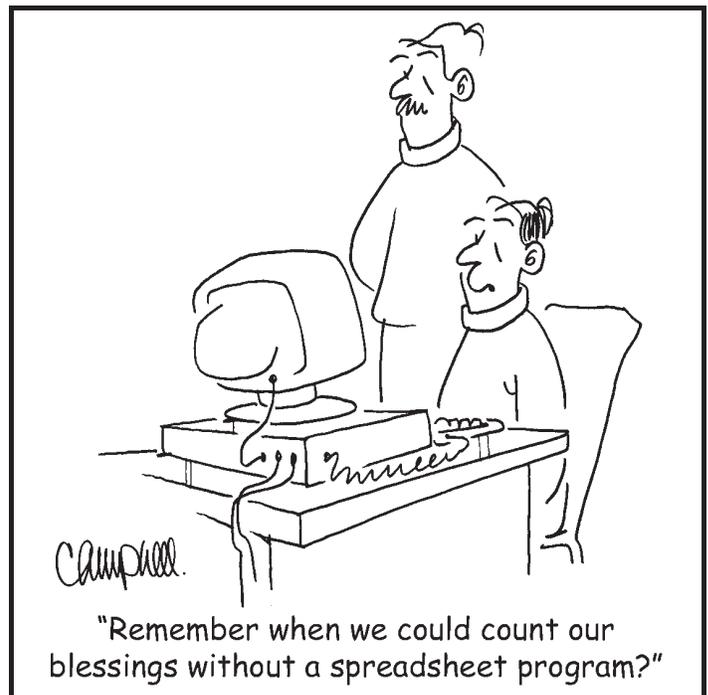
(First Filipino Saint)

and his Companion Martyrs

Wednesday, September 20 through Thursday, September 28  
at the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, September 24 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Potluck breakfast in the Maria Room after Mass on Thursday,  
September 28



## Mass Intentions



# AUTUMN

### SATURDAY, September 9

5:00pm Maria Rousseau (100th Birthday in Heaven)  
r/b Francine Rousseau

### SUNDAY, September 10

8:00am Theresa Ho (Death Anniversary)  
r/b Nguyen & Ho Family

10:00am Angelina N. Maranon r/b Flores Family

12:00pm For The People

7:00pm Rolando B. Moreno r/b Moreno Family

### MONDAY, September 11

7:00am Victoria Alao

8:30am Bernadette "Maya" Vibar r/b Family

### TUESDAY, September 12

7:00am Souls in Purgatory r/b Brenda Sainju

8:30am Leoncio & Josefina Balinos & Family r/b Yolly Batugan

### WEDNESDAY, September 13

7:00am Saturnina Rivera Maldonado r/b Brenda Sainju

8:30am Antoinette Fraraccio r/b Olga Fraraccio

### THURSDAY, September 14

7:00am Souls in Purgatory r/b Brenda Sainju

8:30am Zymund Kowalski r/b Family

### FRIDAY, September 15

7:00am Victoria Alao

8:30am Danilo & Evelyn Endaya (L)

### SATURDAY, September 16

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5:00pm Arthur Lavilla (L) (Birthday) r/b Oliver Family

### SUNDAY, September 17

8:00am Ramon Entrina, Sr. r/b Merlie Clarete

10:00am Ghiberti Family r/b Louise Savino

12:00pm For The People

7:00pm Concepcion Del Rosario (40th Day) r/b The Family

### BREAD & WINE:

The offering for the bread to be used this week at our Eucharistic Worship was given 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 **Gina Marquez**.

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

## Parish Offices

### Our Lady of Mercy Parish

40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Phone: 201-434-7500

Web: olmjnj.org | Email: olmjcnj@aol.com

### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

### Pastor:

Reverend Father Marty B. Jacinto

### Parochial Vicars:

Father Thomas Iwanowski

Father Ranulfo D. Docabo

### Sunday Associate:

Father Renato J. Bautista

### Permanent Deacon:

Deacon Nick Fargo (Emeritus)

Deacon Meynardo Espeleta

### Pastoral Associates:

#### For Faith Formation

Regina 'Jeng' Matias-Villa

### Director of Music Ministries:

Michael Rivera

### Youth/Young Adult Ministries

#### Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministries:

Regina 'Jeng' Matias-Villa

### Parish Trustees:

Presy Lorenzo

Renato Tuazon

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am / 10:00am / 12noon / 7:00pm

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Starting September 1st weekday masses schedule will be the following:

Monday – Friday at 7:00 am and 8:30 am

Saturday at 8:30 am

### Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Anytime 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 olmjcnj@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: Please contact any priest, deacon or pastoral associate or call the Parish Office at 201-434-7500.

Priests' Hospital Assignments: If you, a family member or neighbor are hospitalized and wish a visit from a Parish priest call or e-mail us at olmjcnj@aol.com.

## SAFETY SURVEY & MEETING



Sincere thanks to all those who took time after our Masses last weekend to fill out the Safety Perception Survey that was prepared by the OLM Chapter of Jersey City Together.

We received a very good response. The results are now being tabulated.

The results will be shared with Captain Nick Flora of the Jersey City Police Department. The Captain is the Commander of the South District that is responsible for policing the Greenville section of Jersey City.

We are happy to announce that Captain Flora has accepted our invitation to attend a special meeting here at Our Lady of Mercy Parish on Thursday, September 21, at 7 pm in the Maria Room below our church.

During the meeting, the Captain will respond to the survey, offer his insights, and help us to better understand the challenges and work of the Jersey City

Police Department, especially in our neighborhood. There will also be a time for your questions, comments, and suggestions. Like us, Captain Flora is interested in making our neighborhood a place where everyone will have a sense of safety.

It is the hope of the OLM Chapter of Jersey City Together that this meeting will lead to a closer relationship between the people of our community and the police officers who serve and protect us all.

We encourage you to attend this important meeting. Your presence will show your concern for public safety and your willingness to support efforts to make our neighborhood a safer place.

## MEETING ON PUBLIC SAFETY



**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 7 pm**  
**IN THE OLM MARIA ROOM**  
**Special Guest:**  
**Captain Nick Flora**  
**South District Commander,**  
**JCPD**



## JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

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*OLM Parish community welcomed Yuliana Kwega Natividad Te-itcheu into the Catholic faith at the 5pm mass presided by Fr. Tom Iwanowsky assisted by Deacon Meynard Espeleta*

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

*Meets every Friday, 7:00-8:30pm, Maria Room*

The high school youth group of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, T.O.R.C.H. (Teen Outreach in Response to Community Health), strives to live in accordance with Christ's message of love and peace through prayer, sacrament, fellowship and service. Torch members gather to foster one another's faith development within a loving peer community and as a community, they joyfully celebrate Christ's presence through service and witness to others.

All Grades 9-12 are invited to join Torch. First meeting is on September 15. Come & bring a friend!