



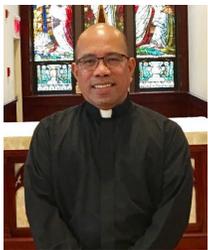
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY

Let us journey with Jesus Christ this Lenten season. The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Jesus as we meditate on the great love He showed us in His most sorrowful Passion!

7:00 p.m. on the following Fridays:
February 16, 2018
February 23, 2018
March 2, 2018
March 9, 2018
March 16, 2018
March 23, 2018

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy:



Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

This is the last weekend of Ordinary Time and Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lenten Season. This weekend's Scripture readings are calling us to cleanse ourselves from sin. Our celebration today is setting up the stage for Lenten practices, beginning with purifying ourselves from impurity brought by sins. On Wednesday we will be asked to "repent and believe in the Gospel," or to be reminded that we are "dust and to dust we shall return." Let us listen to God's voice brothers and sisters and try to make it a habit of living our lives according to God's directives or commandments. Bear in mind that He is always there to help us in every way and to forgive us if we ask for His forgiveness.

In your personal prayer I have a few requests: I would like you to keep in mind our parish community by praying for our spiritual growth. God wants us, His children, to do His will and by doing so, we become evangelizers to others. Pray for our children who are preparing for the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation and for the children in our School of Religion and their catechists. Our children are

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Pope's Universal Intentions: Say "No" to Corruption



That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: FEBRUARY 11, 2018

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / Responsorial: Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 /
Reading 2: 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 / Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

OUR LADY OF MERCY'S 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.

not only being helped to grow as good Christians but that they will be the ones to pass on the catholic faith they are learning to their generation and the next. Your support is very important.

I want to take this opportunity to thank a few groups of people. First, I thank the Wellness ministry for a successful Blood Drive. Your love and effort in sparing your time in doing this is highly appreciated. Many thanks especially to those who donated blood. God bless you for saving other people's lives. Secondly, I thank the Jersey City Together group who are participating in trying to make our area great again. We pray that the plans will be materialized in order to help those who are in need and also because we are beginning to get tired with vandalisms and other crimes going on around us. I also thank Guiz Macalintal and Michael Rivera for manning the video showing of Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

I want to follow up what the Archbishop, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, asks us to do: to make a pledge for Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. Please consider sharing some of your financial resources so that the Church's missions will flourish.

Thank you so much and God bless you all!

Love,

+Father Marty

FROM CHAPEL TO CHURCH

Starting Ash Wednesday, our 8:30 am Mass, Monday through Saturday, will be celebrated in the main church. The 7 am Mass will continue to be celebrated in the chapel. Moving the 8:30 am Mass to the church will provide more space for the number of people coming to Mass at that time.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

Paul Calefati, Elaine Staltari, Othelia G. Laurena, Jean Karycinski, Dorothy Darcy, Erlinda Jacinto, Leonora Loyola, Eric Bautista, Lilian Kryczkowski, Ellen Iorio, Jessica Pavone, Ian Malesiewski, Ruben Catipon, Angela Salvador, Clarita Salvador, Teresita Cordon, Vincent Mastria, Maria Svaligma, Bill Macchi, Craig Rutkowski, James Seaman, Makenzie Cadmus, Manuel J. Juson, MD, Gina Marquez, Daniel Tamayo Santos, Marie Ronzitti, Lucia Vanderburg, Betty Scerbo, Philip Scerbo, Alejandra Ancheta, Cindy Popolo, Mario Banaag, Oscar Alladin, Antonio Roldan, Esperanza Galarza, Carmen Tuazon, Susan Ranola Rivera, Conrado "Boy" Tanada, John Broderick, Joanne Diaz, Ligaya Tan, Leonarda DeCarlo, Dolores Steinhauser, Eugenio Cacananta, Austin Macalintal, Eduviges Ledesma, Carolyn Taliaferro, Nonong Dava, John Gaito, Elsa Concepcion, Ricardo Vales, Virginia T. Mercurio, James Leung, Tran Phouc, Sophia Gonzalez, Jocelyn Tuazon, Florentino Chanco, Edgardo Cruz, Luchie Vivas, Deacon Nick Fargo, Mark Dudek, Eugene Manlongat, Sandra M. Escoto, Marcelita S. Fusco, Clement Rodriguez, Genedina B. Mohan, Walter Wasinewski.

ADVERTISE YOUR COMPANY

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.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL 2018

The goal for Our Lady of Mercy Parish for this year's Annual Appeal, also called as "Sharing God's Blessings" is \$34,769.00. Please try to help our Archdiocese in their appeal by making a pledge. If we exceed our goal it is for our advantage because we will get a rebate. We will use the rebate for our parish needs. Thank you for your generous support.

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

As far as the school boiler repair is concerned, we have spent a total of \$41,675.00 for the three repairs we have done. This figure is disbursed from the Capital Campaign. Pray, dear brothers and sisters, that there will be no more school boiler repairs in the near future. As of present, we have reached 100.19% of our goal (\$499,095.00) of which \$348,162.00 has been collected and \$147,045.16 disbursed to parish. We deduct what we paid for the boiler repair (\$41,675.00) and the difference is what we have for now. Soon, we will be replacing the third floor school windows and the fund will be taken from the balance of WALs rebate. I am gently reminding those who have not fully paid the pledge (myself included) to continue sending your payment to WALs office. God bless your cooperation and generosity. Thank you so much!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FOR FEB. 4, 2018

Regular Collection ~ \$ 7,603.00

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

OUR LADY OF MERCY AND AMAZON SMILE

We are rolling out a novel way of supporting Our Lady of Mercy Parish through your purchases. Please note instructions prepared by Peachy Molina, a member of our Adult Music Ministry. Please remember to:

1. Use an internet browser, not a mobile app
2. Log on to smile.amazon.com
3. Choose Our Lady of Mercy Jersey City as your charity



Tuesday, February 13

Festivities

Pancake Supper at 6:00pm

Cost \$5.00

Followed by The Jazz Service
(free will offering)

Father Mino Chica
Preacher

Featuring:

The Wooster Street Trolley
Jazz Band and Our Lady of
Sorrows Youth Group

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY!

This Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday. On this day Christians are marked with ashes as a sign of our desire to make good use of the season of Lent to turn from sin and to grow in our faithfulness to the Gospel. Ashes will be distributed on Wednesday, February 14, during the Masses and Prayer Service listed below.

7:00 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
3:00 pm Scripture Service
7:00 pm Mass

2018 LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and charity as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. The practice of penance forms a necessary part of this preparation. The Church gives us the following regulations to help us make the season of Lent a particular time of penance and preparation for Easter.

1. Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30) are days of Fast and Abstinence.
2. All the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
3. A Day of Fast means that only one full meal is permitted. Two smaller meals may be eaten. There is no food taken between meals. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast, though others are encouraged to fast. The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
4. On a Day of Abstinence no meat may be eaten. Those 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat. For a serious reason, the Code of Canon Law allows the pastor to dispense an individual from refraining from meat on a Friday during the Lenten Season.
5. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially" or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
6. Catholics should go to Holy Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) and Trinity Sunday (May 27). If necessary, they should celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

WHERE'S THE BULLETIN?

If you usually pick up a bulletin as you come into church, you will notice something different next weekend, February 17 and 18. Starting next weekend, our Sunday bulletins will not be available before Mass. The bulletins will be available at the tables at the doors of the church and from the liturgical ministers as you leave Mass.

We are making this adjustment for several reasons.

1. *Some people take a bulletin and then read it as they wait for the start of Mass. We encourage you to use the time before Mass for prayer. When we visit a friend, we talk to that person. We do not ignore the person as we read the paper or check our text messages. Before Mass, we should talk to the Lord in prayer. We have come to visit Him!*
2. *Sometimes people take the bulletin, read it, and then leave the bulletin in the pew. When we take the bulletin and read it at home, we then have the bulletin with us to remind us of coming events.*
3. *Having the bulletin available after the liturgy, will also help to keep our church looking neat and clean.*

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the vestibule of the church after all masses next weekend February 17 and 18, 2018. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION WORKSHOP AT OLM,

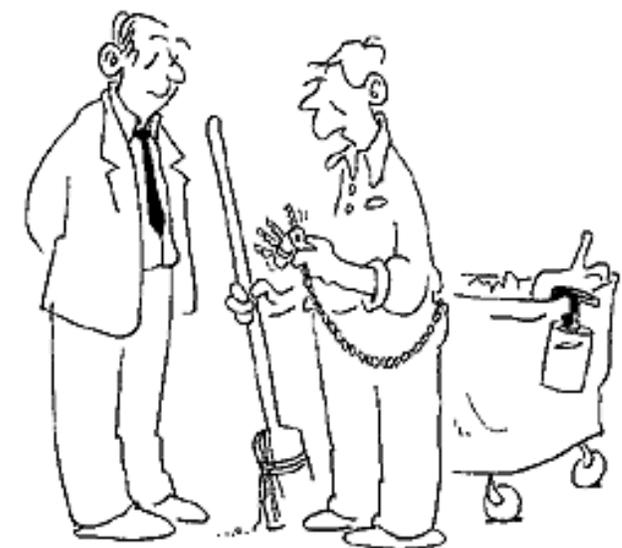
The OLM Chapter of Jersey City Together is sponsoring a TAX REVALUATION WORKSHOP here at our parish. It will take place Monday, Feb. 19, at OLM at 7:30 pm in the Maria Room. This free workshop is open to all members of OLM and to all residents of our area. The workshop will be presented by Brigid D'Souza, a licensed CPA with a MBA in accounting. She is adjunct accountancy and taxation professor at Saint Peter's University. She writes Civic Parent, a financial literacy blog focused on the public sector in Jersey City and NJ. This workshop will help residents understand the recent property revaluation (the first is some 30 years); the new assessments and new tax obligations based on that assessment; and ways that residents can determine if their new tax bill is fair.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There will be a trip to the Holy Land in November 4-15, 2018 with Father Marty. Father Marty is thrilled to go back for another spirit-filled experience by walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. For those interested please see flyers at the vestibule of the church for details. Payment schedule: \$ 500.00 due immediately (for Reservation); \$ 1,445.00 due in May and \$ 1,445.00 due in July.

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 encouraged to do so. A Registration Form is available at the vestibule of the Church, in the Parish Office and Online.



Campbell

"Key to the sanctuary. Key to the kitchen.
Key to the office. Nops. no key to the kingdom."



ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:00pm Juanita Dabu r/b Tony & Lourdes Dabu & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00am Presentacion Sorio r/b Rene & Cathy Garcia

10:00am Ronald Figueras (L)(Bday)
r/b Vickie Figueras

12:00pm Stella Rue L. Benito (L)(2nd Bday)
r/b Edna Lorete

7:00pm For The People

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

8:30am William Dop r/b Emma & Redentor Barreto

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

8:30am Joseph Joshua Ang r/b Chona Estamatouras & Family

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00am Irene Tolentino r/b June Tolentino

8:30am Sarah Fargo r/b Nick Fargo

3:00pm Prayer Service

7:00pm Anita Kyamko r/b Katrina Enad

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00am Oniths Villa (L)(Bday) r/b Villa Family

8:30am Tristan & Tyler Oliver (L) r/b Kathy Oliver

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00am Imelda Austria (L)

8:30am Consolacion Coronel r/b Trinidad Reyes

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5:00pm Marichu Saraspi-Tan (Death Anniv)
r/b Linda Saraspi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00am Alvin & Romelia (L) (7th Wedding Anniv)

10:00am Presentacion Sorio

r/b James, Lourdes & Caitlin Keating

12:00pm Jeffrey Tuazon (L) (Bday)

7:00pm For The People

BREAD & WINE:

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

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS:

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

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

Parish Offices

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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

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 olmncj@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 olmncj@aol.com.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be every First Friday from 9:00am until 12noon only in the Chapel.

TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY

With the current flu epidemic and predictions for a longer flu season from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the members of the OLM Wellness Ministry recommend the following tips in order to stay healthy.

1. Get adequate rest.
2. Drink plenty of fluids.
3. Hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
4. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.
5. Take time to get a flu vaccine. The CDC has advised that it is not too late.
6. See your health care provider if you develop flu symptoms, which can include: cough, sore throat, fatigue, fever or feeling feverish/chills, muscle aches/body aches, and runny or stuffy nose.

For more detailed information, check out www.cdc.gov/flu

Remember to take these steps toward a healthier you.



The OLM Wellness Ministry would like to thank all those who donated blood during the Winter Blood Drive. Shown in photo are the members of the OLM Wellness Ministry.

Next Sunday, February 18
at 1 pm in the Maria Room

THE OLM WELLNESS MINISTRY
invites you to attend

HEALTHY MOVES FOR A BETTER YOU SIMPLE EXERCISES YOU CAN DO

Hear what the Bible has to say about Exercise!
Learn some basic, simple exercises.

Watch demonstrations.

**CHAIR AEROBICS • YOGA • ZUMBA
WALKING • TAI CHI**

No previous experience required.
All are welcome. Free.

Healthy Refreshments and Beverages
will be provided.

In December the OLM Wellness Ministry sponsored a program on Nutrition. This program on Exercise continues a series of short workshops designed to help all of us here at OLM take better care of our health. The Lord wants us not only to be spiritually healthy, but physically healthy as well. Wellness is matter of body, mind, and spirit! Lent is the perfect season to take a step forward in health.