

# BULLETIN OUR LADY OF MERCY

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February 25, 2018 • Second Sunday of Lent

## A PARISH LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION THREE ENCOUNTERS WITH LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
9 am to 1 pm / Maria Room

*The Lord encounters us in a powerful way during the celebration of liturgy. That is especially true of the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This Lenten Day of Reflection will help us to better appreciate, experience, and celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week. The program will take place in the Maria Room. It will be directed by Fr. Tom Iwanowski. No pre-registration is necessary. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to nourish your faith.*

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy:



Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

First of all, I want to thank the Wellness Ministry for another wonderful service to our community this past weekend. Father Tom gave an enlightening talk about the importance of taking care of our bodies based on the Scriptures. Then there were few important

information on this matter given by Physical Therapists Ben and Concie Aguila and a Zumba workout given by Rowena Cayetano. Thanks to Kathleen Pormento who chair this ministry here at our parish. I encourage each one of you to attend to the next event that will be announced once the date is determined because just like we take care of our soul and spirit we also have to take care of our body.

Brothers and sisters, we are in the Second Sunday of Lenten Season and we are being reminded that we have to continue to work on cleaning up our soul and spirit. The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel is a call for us to do so. God sent His Son Jesus to show us the way that leads to eternal happiness. God asks us to "listen to Him (Jesus)." God knows us so well and that temptations to sin are around us. Even Abraham had been tempted but

### 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 25, 2018

*"Here I am!" he answered.* - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading 1: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Responsorial: Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 / Reading 2: Rom 8:31b-34 / Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

### 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.*

because of his faithfulness to God he was spared to do the wrong thing. Weak, though, we may be, God gave us the power when we were baptized to resist temptations. Let us not forget that moment, in our baptism, when Christ (in the person of the priest) anointed us with the oils of catechumen and the chrism of salvation. They are signs given to us, claiming us as God's children. Let us turn to God and live life under His guidance and direction. We will never go wrong if we pattern our life with that of Jesus, our quintessential model in living good and holy life.

And speaking of living a holy life, there are two conferences coming up in our Archdiocese of Newark: Women and Men's Conference. Women's conference will be next Saturday, March 3rd and Men's will be March 10th. For information on how to register please see flyers at both entrances of the Church. Also, here at Our Lady of Mercy, there will be a Lenten reflection or retreat for everybody. Check out the announcements in this bulletin (Parents and guardians: pay attention to the announcement regarding a session on the dangers our children and youth face when they use modern technology. That session will be next Sunday, February 4th. I urge you to attend it for your children.)

Last but not the least, I ask you to excuse our appearance in our church. As you can see, we started doing some aesthetic work by painting the walls. With Jojo Paloma and the maintenance crew, we are trying to finish it before Holy Week. Those dark stripes have gotten worse during Hurricane Sandy, a few years back. As you well know, I am trying to make our worship space a nice place with what we can afford. Thanks to some of you who, with the extra you give, we can do some aesthetic jobs. I continue to appeal to you all to continue your support to the church. Increasing your weekly contribution a little bit will definitely make a big difference and will be able to do more. With regards to the ceiling, it will take a little time before we do it. A contractor came over and took a look at it and his estimate was over \$75,000.00. That is more than we expected. So, we will wait for a while. I am hoping and praying that in due time a fund will come along the way. Keep praying brothers and sisters and if you are compelled by the Holy Spirit to lend a hand with your financial resources please approach me.

Thank you and God bless you all!

Love,

+Father Marty

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN BY ADVERTISING 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. – Fr. Marty

## 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. Visit our website: olmnj.org.

## 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. 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. 18, 2018

Regular Collection ~ \$ 10,407.00

Maintenance Collection ~ \$ 1,026.00

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

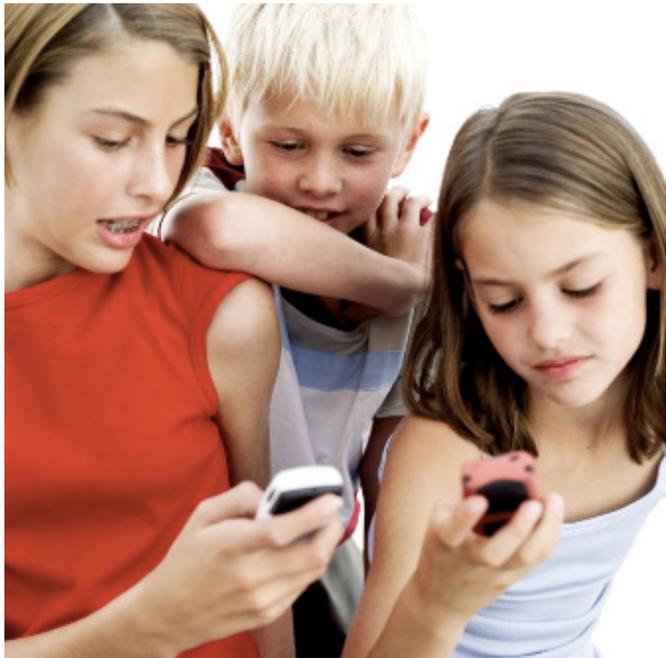
## OUR LADY OF MERCY AND AMAZON SMILE

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

## 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 Matria, 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 Steinhauer, Eugenio Cacananta, Austin Macalintal, 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, Luke Dee, Rosario Bernabe, Renato Caguioa, Raquel Yapp, Roberto Yapp, Armando Gloria.*



## **It's Lent – have your children given up their smartphones? No? Then you should come to this session.**

- Do you know the most dangerous apps that kids are using?
- Do you know the three questions that must be asked when figuring out how safe an app is?
- Do you know the average age that a child first sees sexual content on the internet?

The Archdiocese of Newark Office of Child and Youth Protection will offer a 90-minute session to update us on the dangers our children & youth face when they use modern technology. Parents/Guardians & Adults are highly encouraged to attend this free session.

*\* This will also be presented to children in 5th-8th Grade.*

DATE: March 4  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
VENUE: Maria Room

## **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.

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## **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. For those who want to pay by Credit Card please take a form at the parish office and give it to Father Marty.

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## **BEREAVEMENT TEAM**

We are in need of volunteers to be part of Bereavement Team. For those of you who feel like you have a gift to console those who are grieving due to loss of loved ones, please step up. See Father Marty or Mr. Edwin Dava.

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## **IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?**

If you were married civilly, that is, not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.) We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

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## **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.



# LENT

## INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00pm Ester Vega (Death Anniv) r/b Gatchalian Family

### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 25

8:00am Reina Roxas (L) (2nd Bday) r/b Romelia

10:00am Alberto Pormento r/b Tony & Claire Pormento

12:00pm Gonzalo Maceda r/b Gatchalian Family

7:00pm For The People

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am Rosalina Antonio (Death Anniv)  
r/b Gee & Rosel Antonio

8:30am Angela Cabrera (Bday in Heaven) r/b Analyn Rivera

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

8:30am Isidro Jardin, Sr. (40th Death Anniv)

r/b Paulo, Rachelle & Elija Maderazo

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

8:30am Joseph Le Kiong Ge & Juvella Canlas Huang

r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

7:00am Panfilo Lucela, Jr r/b Felisa Lucela

8:30am Gerard B. Josue (L) In Thanksgiving for Blessings  
Received r/b Teresita Josue

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

7:00am Maria Choi r/b Ursula Kim

8:30am Anita Kyamko r/b Katrina Enad

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5:00pm Juanita Dabu r/b Rowena & Alexander Dabu

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 4

8:00am Leonardo & Rosily Alina (L) (59th Wedding Anniv)  
r/b Romelia

10:00am Tony Honrado (B-Day in Heaven) r/b Jo Honrado

12:00pm Gina Marquez, In Thanksgiving for All Blessings  
Received

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 **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

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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 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.

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

# PROPERTY TAX WORKSHOP BRINGS OUT 125 PEOPLE!

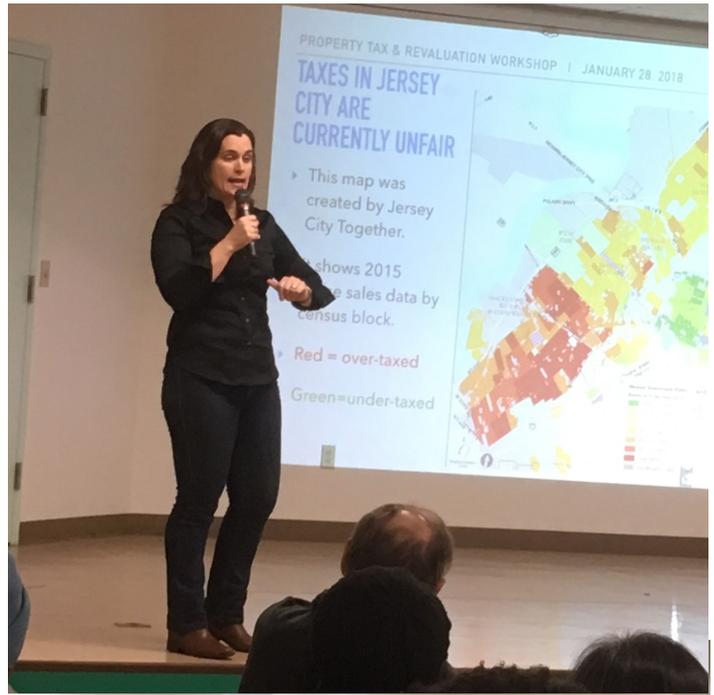
Monday, February 19, a total of 125 concerned residents attended the Property Tax Workshop sponsored by the OLM Chapter of Jersey City Together. The workshop, which took place in our parish's Maria Room, helped those present to better understand the implications of the Property Revaluation that was recently completed in Jersey City.

Brigid D'Souza, a recognized expert in the field of property taxes, explained that the revaluation was designed to assess the true, market value of homes in Jersey City. Such a revaluation has not taken place for some thirty years, and as we know during that time property values have changed dramatically, especially downtown.

Brigid explained that the Greenville area of city, including Country Village and Society Hill, would most likely see a decrease in property taxes. She said that this area of the city has been over-taxed for many years.

Ms. D'Souza also showed residents how they can determine if the new assessment of their property is fair and in line with comparable properties.

All present agreed the program was well worth attending. Brigid D'Souza has two websites that have additional information and a summary of the information presented. We encourage you to visit these sites: [JerseyCityRevaluation.org](http://JerseyCityRevaluation.org) and [CivicParent.org](http://CivicParent.org)



## ROSARY CRUSADE HOST FAMILIES SCHEDULE

Date	OLMercy	OLFatima
Feb. 18	Florence Ria Villa	Jose Villamaria
Feb. 25	Mely Cruz	Dante Balcos
Mar. 4	Marivic Garcia	Emy Magdaraog
Mar. 11	Wilma Gonzalez	Rose Duque
Mar. 18	Emy Magdaraog	Elvira Gabot
Mar. 25	Letty Cabantog	Mely Cruz

*“The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you’ll be amazed at the results.” -St. Josemaria Escriva*

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS: JOIN THE 7PM CHOIR



If you have been at the 7PM Mass the past few weeks, you may have noticed our new 7PM Choir. We are currently looking for new members to join us- NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! If you are a singer and/or play an instrument (guitar, drums, flute, etc.), then please consider joining this new group.

Rehearsals are held on Sunday nights at 5:45PM in the church followed by the 7PM Mass. If you are interested and/or have any questions, please see Michael Rivera, our Music Director, after Mass or E-Mail at [musicministryolmjc@gmail.com](mailto:musicministryolmjc@gmail.com).