



**JOIN US THIS SATURDAY  
JANUARY 26,  
IN WELCOMING  
CARDINAL TOBIN,  
ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK,  
TO OUR PARISH  
FOR THE CELEBRATION  
OF OUR 5 PM MASS!**

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy:



Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our Christmas celebrations are over but we have more coming up. Please take every effort to attend to all of them: Santo Nino or the Infant Jesus feast this weekend, Cardinal Tobin's visit this coming Saturday (January 26) and Parish Mission week (led by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM on January 28-30). Except this coming Saturday (of which Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist at Mass), Friar Johnpaul will be preaching at all Masses on that weekend, in preparation for the Parish Mission.

Also, the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd will be "Sharing God's Blessings" weekend. We will be showing the video from the Archdiocese and will encourage each one of you to make a pledge. Yes, this is this time of the year. I ask you, in advance, to be generous to our Archdiocese of Newark.

Our parish annual financial report will be out soon. I am happy to see the progress of our finances. You will see it soon. And in the name of our staff, I thank those who help prepare it, including the cost of printing (they want to remain anonymous.) Thank you so much from the bottom of our heart (you know who you are!)

I want to thank all of you, in the name of the parish staff, for your generous Christmas gifts to our parish. I cannot thank you

### 2019 SHARING GOD'S BLESSING ANNUAL APPEAL

*Dear Folks, It is this time of the year... it is annual appeal! You have been generous in helping the Archdiocese of Newark last year. In the name of Cardinal Tobin and the Archdiocese, I thank you all! This year the appeal will take place on the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd. Our parish goal is \$36,033.00. I encourage you to be generous again to help the various missions the Archdiocese of Newark. Thank you so much and God bless you all! Love, Father Marty*

### POPE'S JANUARY INTENTION:



#### **Evangelization – Young People**

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### 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, WORKSHIP AND SERVICE.*

enough. You really showed your great love to your parish. Find out how much it here.

In the Gospel passage this weekend, we hear how at the wedding at Cana the bridegroom served the best wine. Here at Our Lady of Mercy, we try to serve the “good wine,” too, that is to say, we try to give or offer you the best in what we do (liturgy, religious education program, different ministries, events and many others). And we can only do that with your help, cooperation and generosity of time, talent and treasure. So, once again, thank you and God bless you!

Love,

+Father Marty

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#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

Paul Calefati, Elaine Staltari, Jean Karycinski, Leonora Loyola, Enrique “Eric” Bautista, Ellen Iorio, Jessica Pavone, Ian Malesiewski, Craig Rutkowski, Gina Marquez, Daniel Tamayo Santos, Lucia Vanderburg, Betty Scerbo, Philip Scerbo, Alejandra Ancheta, John Broderick, Dolores Steinhauser, Eugenio Cacananta, Austin Macalintal, Eduviges Ledesma, Carolyn Taliaferro, Nonong Dava, John Gaito, Elsa Concepcion, James Leung, Genedina B. Mohan, Luke Dee, Rosario Bernabe, Renato Caguioa, Raquel Yapp, Roberto Yapp, Armando Gloria, Grace Arceo, Waddy Ancheta, Natale “Sonny” Infurna, Robert Andres, Dennis C. Reyes, Ninette Limpo, Minh Nguyen, Emmanuel Evangelista, Florentino Chanco, Lourdes Madlangbayan-Tiamsic, Jonel Teves, Jose Clemente, Jr., Romeo Vibar, Herminio Macalino, Guding Buhay, Cecille Herrera, Joel Rivera, Gerry Price, Charles Paloma, Ann Rutkowski, Leo and Josephine Collins, Esperanza Lorenzo, Susan Magno, Clemente Rodriguez, Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr, Henry Zanotti, Roumelia Alina-Balbastro, Rosana Chanco, Juliana Villa, Margarita Macalintal, Lowie Gamboa, Susana Flores, Mercedes Ereneta, Fran DeCesare, Adam Malewski, Linda Gilbert, Carmine Ciccone, Rosalina Cruz, Marcelita S. Fusco, Dionisio M. Solis Jr., Consolacion F. Acosta, Luzon V. Acosta.

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## THANK YOU!

*In the name of Our Lady of Mercy staff, thank you very much for your Christmas gifts to the parish. We have \$43,062.00! God bless your generous hearts and household!*

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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.

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#### HOST FAMILIES FOR JANUARY 2019 ROSARY CRUSADE:

	Our Lady of Mercy	Our Lady of Fatima
Jan. 13	Mariano Bustria	Norie Ramos
Jan. 20	Elsa Resurreccion	Pering Penaranda
Jan. 27	John Camaya	Monica Cruz

#### 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 (DONE)
- 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 100.32% of our goal (\$499,722.00) of which \$385,902.00 has been collected and \$168,127.14 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!

#### 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.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FOR JANUARY 13, 2019

Regular Collection	\$ 8,847.57
Maintenance	\$ 810.00

Thank you so much for the 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

*Update: OLM has been issued a \$71.98 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2018.*

#### 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

#### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN

*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*

# IMPORTANT MEETING AT OLM MONDAY, FEB. 4, 7:30PM PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES



The OLM Local Chapter of Jersey City Together invites you to attend a public meeting on Monday, February 4, at 7:30 pm in our Maria Room below

the church. We are happy to announce that Captain Peter Veltre, Captain of the South District of the Jersey City Police Department, will be attending, along with Mr. Richard Dwyer representing PSE&G.

The Captain will speak about policing and safety in our area of the city and listen to your concerns. Mr. Dwyer will inform us about the utility upgrades impacting our neighborhood, for example, the taller utility poles and the new electrical facility on 63rd Street. He will also address your questions and concerns about issues surrounding these energy upgrades.

We encourage you to be with us for this meeting especially arranged by the OLM Chapter of Jersey City Together. Let us show our concern for our neighborhood. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

## WARNING!

*My dear parishioners, Please be advised to make extra careful when you walk at our parking lot by Lembeck Avenue, especially by the ramp towards the main entrance of the Church. As you can see, the pavement is not even. I want to let you know that I have already addressed that to the Archdiocese and by spring time, after snow season, we will be doing the paving job. So please watch your steps carefully! Thank you for your cooperation. - Father Marty*

## EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Calling all moms who are expecting babies, please know that we have a team who takes care of celebrating your joy through a "Gathering To Rejoice!" Every month we have a scheduled event for that. The team is there to rejoice with you for the precious gift of your child and also will assist you towards baptism and beyond. Please let us know by stopping by or calling the parish office at 201-434-7500. We will be very happy to be with you!

**PUZZLE**

### A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

**DIRECTIONS:** Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

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to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

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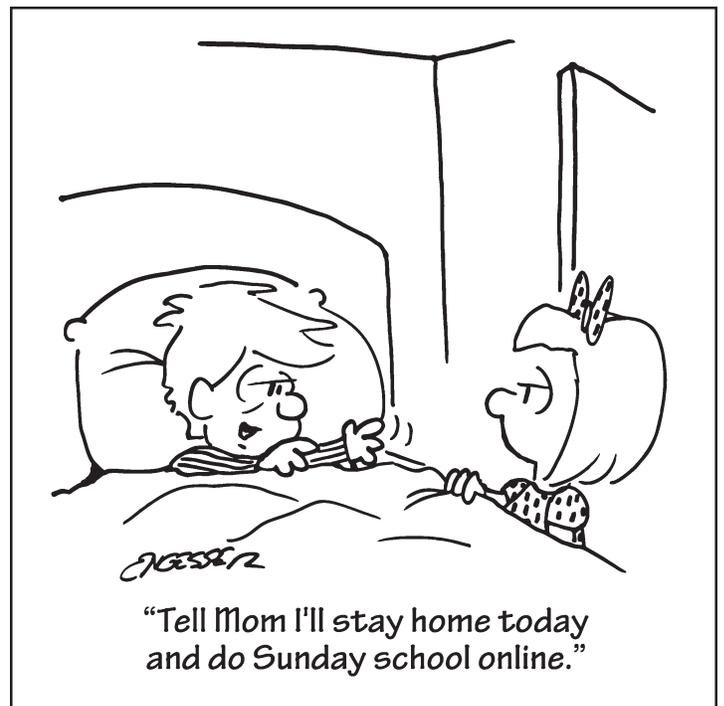
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1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.





## ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, January 19

5:00pm Joseph Paul Popovich (Birthday in Heaven)  
r/b Doyle & Popovich Families

#### SUNDAY, January 20

8:00am Beatrice Clemente r/b Tony & Lourdes Dabu  
10:00am Angelita Labudiong r/b Ben & Maria Aguila  
12:00pm Rosily & Leonardo Alina (L)(60th Wedding Anniv)  
r/b Romelia  
7:00pm For The People

#### MONDAY, January 21

7:00am NO MASS  
8:30am Jay Matti Devenecia r/b Carpen Family

#### TUESDAY, January 22

7:00am Gil Palasigui r/b (Jane Lim & Family)  
8:30am John Wodzanowski (Birthday in Heaven)  
r/b Leonard Wodzanowski

#### WEDNESDAY, January 23

7:00am Ma. Ruby Ibanez Polixa r/b Catuncan Family  
8:30am Noemi J. Yuzon (40th Day) r/b Susan Cailles

#### THURSDAY, January 24

7:00am Emmanuel Libunao r/b Rey & Donna Libunao  
8:30am Priscilla Matienzo r/b Rosario Arago

#### FRIDAY, January 25

7:00am Joy Devenecia r/b Ricky & Maru Lizares  
8:30am Lucia & Keith Patrick (L)(In Thanksgiving)

#### SATURDAY, January 26

8:30am Purgatorial Society  
5:00pm Loreto Matienzo r/b Rosario Arago

#### SUNDAY, January 27

8:00am Mario Rodriguez, In Thanksgiving for  
Blessings Received  
10:00am Margaret Rossi r/b Gilbert Rossi  
12:00pm Rosemary Wodzanowski (6 Years in Heaven)  
7:00pm For The People

#### BREAD & WINE:

The offering for the bread to be used this week at our Eucharistic Worship is offered for **The People**.

The offering for the wine to be used this week at our Eucharistic Worship is offered for **The People**.

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS:

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

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

*The 2019 Book of Mass Intentions is now open. Please stop by the parish office for your intentions. Thank you!*

### 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

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#### 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 9:00 am until 12 noon only in the Chapel.*

# COME TO THE MOUNTAIN: AN INVITATION TO MEET GOD

## OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH MISSION

January 28-30, 2019

(Monday – Wednesday at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

### WHAT is a Parish Mission?

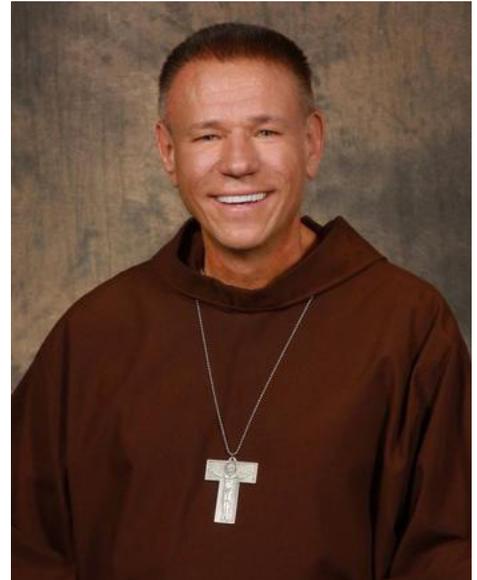
A mission is a special time to nourish our spirit and our relationship with God. Our parish mission will consist of a three-evening series of inspirational talks given within a service of prayer, scripture readings and song. The theme of the Mission will be "Come to the mountain: An Invitation to meet God"

### WHY are we having a Parish Mission?

- To renew our faith. To contribute to the spiritual life of our parish.
- To respond to God's invitation or call to draw ever closer to Him.
- To grow in our appreciation of God's marvelous love.
- To learn how to be better instruments of God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace in our troubled world.

### WHO will be leading the Mission?

Franciscan Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, a native of New York/New Jersey, will lead our Parish Mission. Father Johnpaul has doctorates in theology and psychology, and a Master's Degree in Counseling. He is a teacher and retreat director, international preacher, counselor and teacher on both the high school and university levels, and the former Vocation Director for his Order. He currently is a Chaplain of the Illinois State Police.



### WHO should attend the Mission?

Every adult parishioner, as well as family, friends, and neighbors, are encouraged to attend. This Mission will touch the heart of EVERYONE!

## PRAYING FOR UNITY



Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical "octave," or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers "may all be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn't

want to learn more about him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."

## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Please join with our Cardinal, Joseph W. Tobin, CSsr and the Church of Newark at an 11:00am Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, February 2, 2019 to celebrate those in consecrated life and in particular those Sisters, Brothers and Priests who are celebrating their anniversaries this year. This invitation is extended in a special way to the members of every parish as a means of supporting and thanking the consecrated men and women of our Archdiocese for their selfless gift of service to our local church. We hope you can be us.

*In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.*