

# Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

## CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Bob Ulak  
50 Years of Priesthood



## Thank You for Your Faithful Service

Rev. Patrick J. Seo, Temporary Administrator  
Rev. Charles P. Granstrand, Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Robert T. Ulak, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Msgr. James C. Turro (Weekends)  
Rev. Mr. Jae Joo, Transitional Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Joseph S. Romano, Permanent Deacon

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)

Daily: 6:30AM, 8:30AM

Saturday: 8:30AM

### ADORATION

Every Thursday 9AM—10AM

### BAPTISM

The Sacrament is celebrated one Sunday every month. Parents should contact the rectory or visit OLM website for dates of Baptism and Preparation Sessions.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the rectory at least ONE YEAR PRIOR to the wedding date.

John Rokoszak, Pastoral Associate  
Debra Wyka, Minister of Music  
Evelyn Paglieri, Director of Religious Education  
Jennifer Kavanagh, Youth Minister  
Donna Quinn, Finance Manager  
Maria Kistler, Rectory Office & Communications Mgr.  
Maureen Giaccio, Religious Education Office Manager

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9-9:30AM & 1-1:30PM

Monday: 7PM

### SCHOOL

Our Lady of Mercy Academy

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

25 Fremont Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656

Laraine Meehan, Principal

### CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Grades K-6: 4-5PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Grades 7-8: 3:45-5:15PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

#### **Rectory**

201-391-5315

[www.UROLM.org](http://www.UROLM.org)

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201-358-2994

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25 Fremont Ave

## OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Lady of Mercy Parish is a Catholic community that worships God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, celebrating Mass, proclaiming the Gospel Message and uniting in prayer. We strive to welcome all and to educate ourselves and others in the Good News of Jesus Christ. We support one another in times of joy and sadness and attempt to serve each other by reaching out to those in need in our community and beyond. We are imperfect people on a journey. Our goal is that the life of each person leads to the Lord.*

### MASS SCHEDULE—

Mass intentions are being fulfilled privately.

The 2021 Mass book for intentions is temporarily closed.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 30

5:30 People of the Parish

*Pentecost Sunday*

#### SUNDAY, MAY 31

Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

7:30 Marie Pansini

9:30 Bernadette & Walter Zeng

11:00 Filomena Tudisco

12:30 Tadeusz Sztelig

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

#### MONDAY, JUNE 1

Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Jn 19:25-34

6:30 Frederick Freda

8:30 Christian Blinn

*Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs*

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Mk 12:13-17

6:30 Rosemarie Grasso

8:30 Regina Piccini

*Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Mk 12:18-27

6:30 Adolfo Tarabocchia

8:30 Margaret & David Wittman

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

2 Tm 2:8-15/ Mk 12:28-34

6:30 Catherine Tierney

8:30 Pablo Rosales

*Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

2 Tm 3:10-17/ Mk 12:35-37

6:30 Kenneth Lombardi

8:30 Charlotte Kaczala

*Saint Norbert, Bishop*

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

2 Tm 4:1-8/ Mk 12:38-44

8:30 Ellen McCullough

5:30 Joseph Canney, Sr.

*The Most Holy Trinity*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18

7:30 Marie Pansini

9:30 Lillian Corcoran

11:00 Joseph Cargulia

12:30 People of the Parish



### LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Sue Lemba, Michael Savianeso, Quinn McVeigh, Anthony Giudicissi, Norma Long, and for the intentions you hold in your heart.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish especially: Sabino Maffeo, Elizabeth Aybar, Maggie McVeigh, Rose DiCapua, Donna Lacoste., Kelly Mazzarella, Tara McKeegan, Charles "Richie" Broderick, Joan of Arc Dougherty, Marion Cassata, and Charles Sayer.

**Please join with us in praying one OUR FATHER per day for all those who have no one to pray for them.**



### LIGHT AN ONLINE CANDLE

We know that Our Lord, Our Lady, and all the Saints hear and respond to our prayers. Light an online candle and share your prayer intention so we can pray with you as well. [Click here](#) to add your intention.

### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING –

May 24 Collection: \$13,846

Easter Collection to date: \$49,816



### ONLINE PARISH GIVING

Our individual gifts may sometimes seem humble, but when raised to God and blessed by God they will be multiplied in ways we cannot foresee or imagine. OLM is excited to offer online giving! On the Parish Giving website you can make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card. You will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to our parish and other initiatives. The following is an overview of some of the features:

- Ability to make one-time contributions
- Ability to make recurring contributions
- Ability to select your billing date
- Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer
- Ability to access end of year contribution reports

**Make sure you include your envelope ID number when you create your account.**

CLICK BELOW TO ENROLL OR LOGIN

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index...>

Video on how to set up an account

<https://youtu.be/HQQ23eTtlfA>

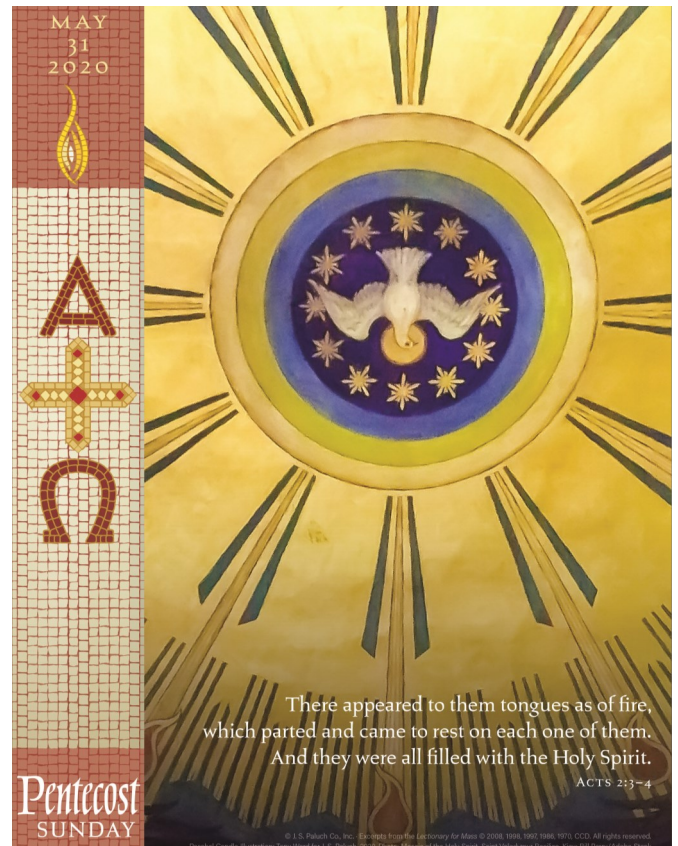
**You may continue to use your church envelopes if you prefer. They can be mailed or dropped off in the Rectory interior door mail slot.**

## A Message from Deacon Jae

It has been several months since the quarantine and it is horrible to say, but I am getting used to the lifestyle. Shops not being open, not having large gatherings, social distancing, wearing a mask, and seeing an empty Church do not feel special anymore. They have become somewhat ordinary, and it seems like this is the normal way of life now. As these things are being transitioned to the ordinary part of our lives, the Church is also transitioning to the season of Ordinary Time. Today, the Church celebrates Pentecost, known as the birthday of the Church, it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, and it marks the end of the extraordinary season of Easter and the resuming of Ordinary time. The priests and deacons will be wearing green vestments again and, following the three-year cycle, the Gospel on Sunday will be taken from Matthew (excluding major solemnities and feasts). There won't be any obligation to fast diligently like in Lent or Advent, nor will there be any obligation to feast like in Easter and Christmas. And it may seem like the Church is entering into a time that is not special or distinctive, a time that is "less" important than the other seasons.

However, the word "ordinary" here does not mean "not special" or "less important". Although Ordinary Time does not commemorate the major events in the life of Jesus Christ, such as His birth, death, and resurrection, it focuses on the time of His public ministry, it focuses on how He lived in this world. It encompasses the three years that the disciples spent with Jesus in this world, watching Him, following Him and learning from Him. And just as the disciples grew during this time, the season of Ordinary time is also a season for us to grow and mature in our faith by entering deeper into the daily life of Jesus Christ. This season reminds us that the normal lifestyle we live in this world, the ordinary life we are called to live must be how Jesus Christ lived in his world. The extraordinary life that Jesus lived in this world must become the ordinary for us who have received His spirit.

At Pentecost, the disciples received the Holy Spirit, and they went out to the world and handed on the faith to others. And that same faith, the same Holy Spirit now dwells in us through our baptism. And because the Holy Spirit is living in us, because we have become the members of the Body of Christ, we can live the life of Christ. The extraordinary life of calling God our Father, the extraordinary life of loving our enemies, the extraordinary life of freedom from all worldly attachments are now the norms, that is the ordinary, because we are united to Christ for whom all these things are ordinary. The season of Ordinary Time calls us to truly be who we are called to be: Jesus, He is the new norm, He is the ordinary.



### MSGR. TURRO REFLECTION



God's love stays constant through the thick and thin contingencies of life. Even in the bleak and trying moments of our existence God's love is alive and beaming. It is like a star: in bright sunlight, though invisible, it is nonetheless there, strongly there; in turbulent weather, in cloudiness and fog, it remains fixed and firm and shining. The only response that one can make to such unfaltering love is to say with the Psalmist: "I look to no one else in Heaven, I delight in nothing else on earth. My heart's Rock, my own, God for ever!"

(Psalm 73:25-26)

To read Msgr. Turro's homilies go to:  
<https://urolm.org/homilies>

### OUR LADY OF MERCY VIDEO LIBRARY

Visit our [Video Library Page](#) or our [YouTube Channel](#)  
Mass Media On Monday  
Tuesday Tea With Turro  
Worthy And Wicked On Wednesday  
Thirsting For Theology On Thursday  
Free For All Fridays  
Saints On Saturday



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from the Archdiocese of Newark**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### ATTENTION - Parents of Children Receiving First Reconciliation & First Eucharist in 2020-2021

There will be an online virtual Google Meeting on Monday, June 1st at 7PM for all parents of children who are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist next year. In order for your child to be eligible to receive these sacraments, he/she must have received the Sacrament of Baptism and successfully completed one year of Religious Education. During the meeting we will outline the program requirements, as well as the registration process. Please use the link below to complete the meeting enrollment process and a Passcode will be sent to you no later than May 30th to join the video conference. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Paglieri at: [evelyn.paglieri@urolm.org](mailto:evelyn.paglieri@urolm.org)  
<https://urolm.org/first-eucharist-program>

## FAITH FORMATION

**IS RCIA FOR YOU?** There are many reasons why you may want to become involved in the RCIA. Do any of these fit you?

- I have never been baptized.
- I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step may be.
- I have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic.
- I have been baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments.

Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step! For more info, email John Rokoszak at [john.rokoszak@urolm.org](mailto:john.rokoszak@urolm.org)  
<https://urolm.org/rcia>

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Fears about the Coronavirus can take an emotional toll. It's a very frightening time. **[CLICK HERE for Counseling and Mental Health Resources.](#)**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES BINS ARE OPEN AGAIN



Needed: clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knick-knacks, and children's books. Bins are located in the parking area on side of Parish Center.

## STAY CONNECTED

### Sunday Mass 10AM

[watch on our website](#)

or

[watch on Facebook page](#)

-Our website now archives all recorded masses and prayers, to be viewed at anytime.

-We can always be reached by email:  
[olm.church@gmail.com](mailto:olm.church@gmail.com)

-Or call us 201-391-5315, our answering service will take messages that we retrieve throughout the day.

## LINKS FOR MASS & ONLINE DAILY READINGS

### Daily Mass at Saint Andrew's

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-FiSQMML\\_gB2wnhZ7Whj5g/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-FiSQMML_gB2wnhZ7Whj5g/videos?view_as=subscriber)

### Daily Mass from Bishop Barron's chapel

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

### United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Daily Readings & Podcasts

<http://www.usccb.org/media/audio/index.cfm>

### The Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington DC will have Live Streaming of Sunday Masses

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>



**Divine Mercy Chaplet**—follow-along visual of Rosary beads and the words to the prayer. Join us everyday at 3PM to pray along with us.

<https://vimeo.com/412725178>



### A CALL FOR PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY digital prayer cards.

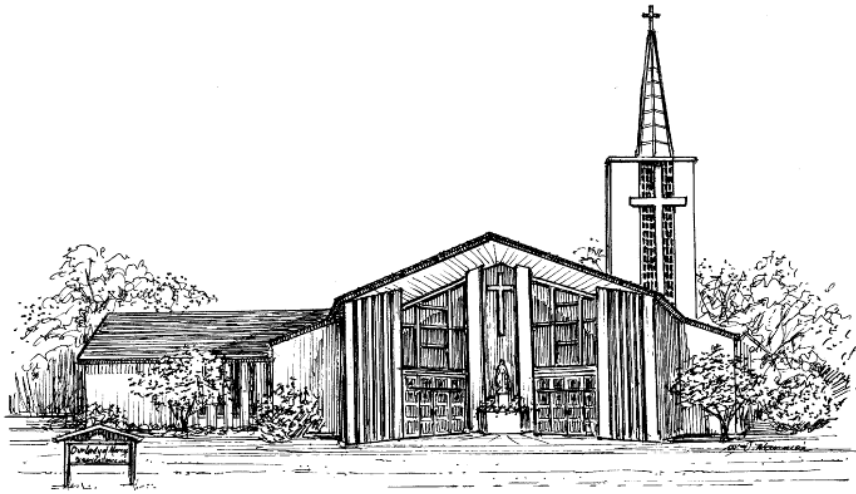
<https://www.catholicextension.org/stories/digital-prayer-cards-covid-19>

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.



***Our Lady of Mercy Pray For Us***



**Our Lady of Mercy Church will offer  
daily Individual Prayer hours.  
The same directives from our test re-opening remain in place.**

**Individual Prayer  
7 days a week 12Noon-2PM**

**Social Distancing Confession  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 1PM- 1:30PM**

- All parish priests, deacons and staff members must wear a mask in the presence of others
- All parishioners and visitors are required to provide their own mask, hand sanitizer and Clorox/Lysol wipes (not baby wipes)
- A priest or deacon will greet each visitor to ensure compliance of mask, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes

### **Please Read the Compliance Guidelines**

**It is important for everyone to accept that things will not immediately go back to life before the Corona virus.**

*Anyone at high risk due to age, ongoing health concerns, with fever or exhibiting signs of any illness, should not consider visiting any church.*

*In the interest of the common good and compliance with state & local authorities, all parish priests, deacons, staff members, parishioners and visitors must follow the OLM Parish Guidelines or we will not be able to continue opening the church.*

***Compliance Guidelines on page 6***

## ***Our Lady of Mercy Church Guidelines***

### ***Social Distancing Confession***

***Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 1PM-1:30PM***

- Cars are to enter single file into the right lane in front of the church
- Do not leave your car. You will drive up to the priest where confessions will be heard through your driver's side window
- Fr Patrick will be waiting in his car in the far left lane
- Follow instructions to remain at a considerate distance
- Only one person per car

### ***Individual Prayer***

***Daily from 12Noon-2PM***

- Access to the church will be from the Pascack Rd front doors ONLY. We suggest parking on the south side of the church
- Waiting will be OUTSIDE the church doors with 6ft markings indicated on the ground, similar to the grocery store
- All parish priests, deacons and staff members must wear a mask in the presence of others**
- All parishioners and visitors are required to provide their own mask, hand sanitizer and Clorox/Lysol wipes (not baby wipes)**
- A priest or deacon will greet each visitor to ensure compliance of mask, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes**
- A maximum of 10 individuals will be admitted into the church at one time in compliance with state & CDC restrictions. Children will be included in the 10 person limit
- Designated seating with social distancing is mandatory. Please adhere to the signs posted
- As a courtesy to others, **your visit will be limited to 20 minutes**
- Visitors are required to clean their designated pew before and after their time of prayer
- At the conclusion of your visit, you are asked to proceed directly to your car from the same door you entered. Socializing and gathering will not be permitted
- Walking stations of the cross, kneeling in the aisles, approaching the Altar and tabernacle will not be allowed
- There will be no access to the Chapel, saints room, gathering space or balcony
- Bathrooms will not be available



Over the past three years, many parishioners have discovered our parish courtyard/garden. Nestled between the back of the gathering space and our Parish Center, it provides a quiet place to pray, take family photos after Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, weddings, not to mention a convenient cut through to church, from parts of the parking lot. It is where we gather to light the “new fire” for the Easter Vigil, and celebrate an outdoor mass before our parish picnic.

This past fall, it's most frequent visitor was Msgr. Turro. Accompanied by a caregiver, or Kathy McCabe, Msgr. was able to walk to and from the courtyard, enjoy the beautiful plants and solitude, only happily interrupted on “Tuesday” afternoons, where he met with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from OLMA, who joined him in saying the Rosary. It was late fall when we sadly discovered, the 3 trees originally planted to provide shade, were infected with a blight. In spite

of the best efforts of parishioner, Bill Koenig, a landscape architect and designer of the courtyard, and Pete Jacobson whose landscape company installed the courtyard/garden, the trees did not survive the winter.

Over the last few weeks of Lent, a plan to replace the trees came together. Through the generosity of Bill and Marlene Koenig, Pete Jacobsen and his landscape company, and recent gifts to the OLM Courtyard/ garden fund, from Marianne Coche in memory of her husband, Walter, and Peter and Kathy Bowen in honor of their grandson Jared, the **trees have been replaced**. We also wish to acknowledge the original donors of the trees, the Jordan and Ballanco families, the Lange family, and an anonymous donor who planted a tree to honor Msgr. Turro for 65 plus years of priestly care to our parish.

In the midst of the darkness Covid -19 has cast over the entire earth, signs of new life and the promised hope of Resurrection are manifesting themselves too, even in our courtyard/garden! We hope that when we are able to come together again as a faith community, we will be able to share with a renewed sense the intention of our courtyard/garden; **a place to gather, pray and reflect** on the collective experiences these painful and difficult times have brought to so many in varied ways. As people of faith, we are mindful that the agony and despair experienced by our Lord in the garden of Gethsemane, is transformed for all eternity in another gardens' empty tomb, Easter morning.

***“Jesus’ hope is different. He plants in our hearts, the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave He brings life”.*** (Pope Francis, Easter Vigil 2020)

While we wait, take inspiration in the words of Pope Francis, ***“As stewards of God’s creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.”***

***Click link below to view the beautiful video***

***[https://youtu.be/Q\\_ujRpwP8\\_k](https://youtu.be/Q_ujRpwP8_k)***

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