

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK DIOCESE OF PATERSON

March 31, 2021

The 500 Anniversary of the First Mass in the Philippines on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1521 COMMEMORATION MASS BLESSING OF THE JUBILEE PILGRIM CROSS 7:00 PM St. Joseph Church 40 Spring St Lodi, NJ 07644

April 7, 2021

JUBILEE MASS The Commencement of a year-long celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines 7:00 PM Most Rev. Michael Saporito, D.D. St. Aloysius Church 691 West Side Ave Jersey City, NJ 07304

It is suggested that women wear Filipiniana Dress and men wear Barong Tagalog.
Bring Alb, Chasubles will be provided

THE YEAR-LONG JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2021-2022

• THE JUBILEE CROSS, SANTO NINO DE CEBU AND OUR LADY OF MANAOAG

The Jubilee Cross is a copy of the cross that was erected by Ferdinand Magellan during the First Mass in Limasawa Island in the Southern Philippines. Along with the Jubilee Cross will be the statues of Santo Nino and Our Lady of Manaoag. These objects of our devotion will travel to the 12 different parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson where there are large number of Filipinos. For questions, please call Fr. Ralph Siendo – 201-888-6568

• THE JUBILEE CHURCHES

These churches within the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson were pre-selected to be centers of celebration during the pilgrimage of the Jubilee Cross. The title "Jubilee Church" is not in any way equal to the designated Jubilee Churches in the Philippines as these churches grant "Plenary Indulgences" to the faithful who visit these churches. These churches are the following:

SCHEDULE OF THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE JUBILEE CROSS

APRIL 11, Divine Mercy Sunday

DIVINE MERCY CHURCH 232 Central Ave, Rahway, NJ 07065 Fr. Alex Cruz, Pastor

• DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

MAY 2

ST. HENRY CHURCH 82 W 29th St, Bayonne, NJ 07002 Fr. Raul Gaviola, Pastor

• FLORES DE MAYO / SANTACRUZAN

JUNE 6

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH 346 E Mt Pleasant Ave, Livingston, NJ 07039 Fr. Erlito Ebron, Pastor

• BARANGAY SANG BIRHEN

JULY 4

HOLY TRINITY CHRUCH 2367 Lemoine Ave, Fort Lee, NJ 07024 Fr. Edmondo Sombilon, Pastor

• SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD

AUGUST 1

SACRED HEART CHURCH 63 E Main St., Rockaway, NJ 07866 Fr. Pawela Bala, Pastor

• OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA

SEPTEMBER 5

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH 120 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110 Fr. Alex Barbieto, Pastor

• SAN LORENZO RUIZ

OCTOBER 3

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 220 E Blancke St, Linden, NJ 07036 Fr. Edgardo Jocson, Pastor

• OUR LADY OF MANAOAG

NOVEMBER 7

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH 40 Sullivan Dr, Jersey City, NJ 07305 Fr. Marty Jacinto, Pastor

• MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

• FESTIVAL OF GRACE

Gathering of Filipino Charismatic Prayer Groups CFC / MFC / BLD / EL SHADAI / FOP

DECEMBER 5

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH 29 N Washington Ave, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 Fr. Richard Arnhols, Pastor

• SIMBANG GABI

JANUARY 2

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH 1212 Kelly St, Union, NJ 07083 Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Pastor

• SANTO NINO

FEBRUARY 6

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH 101-103 Myrtle Ave., Passaic, NJ 07055 Fr. Hernan Cely, Pastor

• NAZARENO

MARCH 6

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 40 Spring St, Lodi, NJ 07644 Fr. Ryan dela Pena, Pastor -Lent / Holy Week Devotions Living Stations/ Pabasa

• FAITH TRADITIONS / POPULAR DEVOTIONS

Ever Since Magellan landed in the Philippines, we had all turned to the light. The Filipinos, who at that time were participating in polytheistic religions, quickly turned to the light of Christianity. The Filipino people were unique thanks to their rich cultural background and this had made the Filipino Catholics unique.

Filipinos stand out for their devotional fervor. Filipino Catholic practice is unusually material and physical, even among Catholic cultures, built especially on devotions to Mary, the suffering Christ, and the Santo Niño (Holy Child), and on powerful celebratory and penitential rituals practiced and experienced in a wide variety of Filipino vernacular forms. Feasts like the Black Nazarene, which draws millions to the streets of Manila in January, the Simbang Gabi novena that precedes Christmas, and the month-long Flores de Mayo offering to Mary illustrate distinctively Filipino forms of devotion.

On the pilgrimages of the Jubilee Cross to the parishes, each parish will highlight one (1) faith expression and/or popular devotion that are practiced in the Philippines.

For questions, please call Fr. Robert Lamirez - 848-228-6876

• THE PILGRIM'S PASSPORT

Just like as in Camino de Campostela, a Pilgrim Passport will be issued to every pilgrim. That will be proof that they have journeyed with the Jubilee Cross. Official Rubber Stamp will be turned over to every Jubilee Church during the arrival of the Jubilee Cross. Passports should only be stamped at the Jubilee Church where the Jubilee Cross is currently present. Stamping can be done within the one-month period of the presence of the Jubilee Cross in the Jubilee Church.

For questions, please call Fr. Juancho De Leon – 973-743-8615

• CHANCE TO WIN MAJOR PRIZES

After the 12-month period of the Journey of the Jubilee Cross, the Santo Nino and Our Lady of Manaog, pilgrims who have visited 10 out of the 12 Jubilee Churches and their passports stamped accordingly will have the chance to win the following prizes:

- 2 Pilgrimage to Holy Land (Land arrangement only excluding airfare) (These will be 2 (two) separate winners) Courtesy of JMJ Travel and Tours International by Imee Macalindong
- 1 Round Trip PAL Flight Ticket to the Philippines. Courtesy of Zuasola Funeral Homes by Francis Zuasola
- 20 Balikbayan Boxes Courtesy of Atlas Shippers East
- 10 Balikbayan Boxes Courtesy of Will Cargo by Kristen Gaza

• SUGGESTED ARCHDIOCESAN SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

• September 2021

Joint celebration at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in honor of Two (2) Filipino Saints; San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and San Pedro Calungsod

• December 2021

Simbang Gabi sa Katedral – December 14, a day before Simbang Gabi in the various/respective parishes, an archdiocesan celebration of Simbang Gabi will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Parada ng Parol (Christmas Lanterns Parade) - Filipino Christmas celebration is colorful, lively, bright and definitely twinkling. One of the most iconic symbol of Filipino Christmas spirit, is the Christmas lantern or locally known as "paról". In our archdiocese, almost every Filipino household has a "parol" hanging in their windows.

Families will be invited to bring their "parols" during the "Simbang Gabi sa Katedral" for the colorful Christmas Lantern Parade around the Cathedral.

• MARCH 2022

Culmination Mass of the Jubilee 500

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Faith and A Challenge to continue living and sharing the faith: Gifted to Give.

For overall inquiry, please contact

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