

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Epiphany of the Lord + January 5, 2020

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church was founded in 1958 and is an integral part of the Mountainside community.

As a parish, we strive to:

form one family in Christ embracing our various backgrounds and age differences;

unify and strengthen our parish bonds through living our Catholic faith supported by Eucharistic Adoration, Educational, Service, and Social Ministries;

To evangelize and minister to the needs of God's people under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, reflecting the greater Church's efforts to promote love of God and love of neighbor - through our Catholic faith and works.

Throughout this journey, we strive to become stronger families, neighbors and Catholics living our lives according to the teaching of Jesus Christ, under the protection and intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 5 pm

Weekdays 7:30 am & 8:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Days As Announced

Penance Saturdays 1:00 pm

Novena to the Miraculous Medal
Saturdays following 8:00 am Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fridays following the 7:30 am Mass

Baptisms scheduled monthly excluding Lent

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacy, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Jack Ford, Logan Alseika, Anthony DePalma, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Mary Reich, Jim Loram, Mildred Plucienik, Angelo (Buddy) Latora and Marilyn Hart.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the special intentions for Deacon Mike and Anna DeRoberts requested by Rose Vera Kaepfel.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Stephen Vesper (Irene Ciccarino’s grandson) and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 5th

5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

Monday, January 6th

1:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday, January 7th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, January 8th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:30 pm - Youth Group

Saturday, January 11th

8:00 am - Gathering of Women

10:00 am - Sacrament of First Reconciliation



Saturday, January 11

Gather: 8:45 am

Prayer: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Prayer, reflection and sharing

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

A few of this week’s tweets from Pope Francis....

Be like Saint Joseph: a man of dreams, not a dreamer; a man of silence, because he respects God’s plan.

Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed. May our hearts not be closed as were the houses in Bethlehem.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

All boys and girls are welcome to sign up, the only qualification is that you already received your First Holy Communion!

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT
FR. BILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

ARE YOU REGISTERED ?

We have people coming to Our Lady of Lourdes on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. **ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES?** If you are not, it becomes more complicated if you need some kind of form to be filled out stating that you are a parishioner. The best way for you to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter. PLEASE – save yourself and our parish staff a great deal of time and trouble -- Visit the PARISH office and register!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes before Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.

Everyone is welcome! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Begin the year with gratitude. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Gratitude is the key to change. When facing a situation that seems confusing or upsetting thank God for His understanding. Praise Him for His wisdom and guidance.

Heavenly Father, I can endure any situation because I know You are working on my behalf. I'm safe in Your hands.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

Jesus longs for our company—just one hour...

PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Monday: Noon; 2 pm
- Tuesday: 10 am
- Thursday: 3 pm
- Friday: Noon; 8 pm
- Saturday: 3 am (that's Friday into Saturday); 3 pm

2nd ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Sunday: between 9 am & 1 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm
- Monday: 11 pm
- Tuesday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm
- Thursday: between 6 am & noon; 5 pm
- Friday: 7 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: between 9 am & 11 am, between 1 pm & 5 pm between 7 pm & 11 pm

All days of the week - between Midnight & 6 am.

SUBSTITUTE & ON-CALL ADORERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

CONTACT:

KATHY SNYDER (908-232-4817; auntkik@comcast.net)
or **MARIANNE TAYLOR (908-233-6074)**

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!



Adoration chapel candles may burn in Memory of, or in Honor of a Loved one, Special Birthday or Anniversary, or for a Special Intention.

When you don't know what to purchase as a gift, consider a gift of Prayer.

Contact the Parish Office... Donation \$25.00.

Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday Evening, January 4th, Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM James McCormack
Req. by M/M Richard Blackwell

Sunday, January 5th, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Rev. John R. Willis, S.J.
Req. by the Family
9:30 AM Patricia Flanagan
Req. by Liz Kelly
11:30 AM John McCarthy, Sr. (10 Anniversary)
Req. by the McCarthy Family
5:00 PM Scott Buchanan
Req. by the Zipeto Family

Monday, January 6th, St. Andre Bessette

7:30 AM Mildred Plucienik
Req. by Carmen Santiago & Family
8:30 AM Thomas & Joseph Caputo
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Tuesday, January 7th, St. Raymond

7:30 AM John Wooster
Req. by Dunne Family
8:30 AM Valerie & Mario Latella
Req. by Richard Ruggeri

Wednesday, January 8th

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Robert H. Kaeppl
Req. by Rose Vera Kaeppl

Thursday, January 9th

7:30 AM Lourdes Zeik
Req. by Carlos & Marlene Perez-Santalla
8:30 AM Kathleen Ruggeri
Req. by Richard Ruggeri

Friday, January 10th

7:30 AM Alain Junguenet
Req. by Mary Ann Golomb
8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Saturday, January 11th

8:00 AM No Mass Intention

Saturday Evening, January 11th, Vigil, The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 PM Stephen Brady
Req. by the Brady & Ford Families

Sunday, January 12th, Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM Protection of Unborn Babies
Req. by K of C Westfield Council 1711
9:30 AM William Tomko
Req. by Maria Tomko & Family
11:30 AM Josephine Inguagiato
Req. by the Family
5:00 PM Aileen M. Pellettiere
Req. by Angela & Gary Richard

Mass Book for 2019 is now open.

The Epiphany of the Lord

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3,
9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday is the celebration around the world of the Epiphany of the Lord. The light has come into the darkness of the world and our salvation was made known to the Gentiles. The Prophet Isaiah offers us a vibrant image of hope and fulfillment: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Matthew's Gospel brings us the story of the Magi and their encounter with Herod on the way to "do homage" to the newborn King of the Jews. "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

In the week that follows the Epiphany we continue with more of the beautiful first readings from the First Letter of John. He wants us to believe the message: we are from God and are loved by God and "whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love."

The Gospels this week are from all four gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We read of Jesus traveling through Galilee "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people." He feeds loaves and fishes to the hungry and exhorts his disciples, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" when they are caught in a storm at sea. When he reads from the scriptures at the synagogue, he proclaims, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." On Saturday, John tells his followers he is not the Christ. "He must increase; I must decrease."

Collections

Please note: the collections for the following dates will be published in the January 12th bulletin: December 15th, December 22nd, Christmas Day, December 29th and January 5th.

Please stop by Pollard Hall after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass for a cup of coffee.



Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Used with permission.



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated for the Baby Clothes Drive for the Society of the Christ Child. It will help needy parents who have health insurance issues and other serious needs.

ATTENTION GIFT BEARERS

If you are having a weekend Mass offered for yourself or a relative living or deceased and would like to bring up the gifts of bread & wine at the Offertory of the Mass, please advise the ushers beforehand so that you may present the Offertory Gifts at that particular Mass.



Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Our Lady of Lourdes. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.



Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ125.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Pope Francis Epiphany Message

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star in the East, and have come to worship him” (Mt 2:2).

With these words, the Magi, come from afar, tell us the reason for their long journey: they came to worship the newborn King. To see and to worship. These two actions stand out in the Gospel account. We saw a star and we want to worship.

These men saw a star that made them set out. The discovery of something unusual in the heavens sparked a whole series of events. The star did not shine just for them, nor did they have special DNA to be able to see it. As one of the Church Fathers rightly noted, the Magi did not set out because they had seen the star, but they saw the star because they had already set out” (cf. Saint John Chrysostom). Their hearts were open to the horizon and they could see what the heavens were showing them, for they were guided by an inner restlessness.

The Magi thus personify all those who believe, those who long for God, who yearn for their home, their heavenly homeland. They reflect the image of all those who in their lives have not let their hearts be anesthetized.

A holy longing for God wells up in the heart of believers because they know that the Gospel is not an event of the past but of the present. A holy longing for God helps us keep alert in the face of every attempt to reduce and impoverish our life. A holy longing for God is the memory of faith, which rebels before all prophets of doom. That longing keeps hope alive in the community of believers, which from week to week continues to plead: “Come, Lord Jesus”.

The Magi experienced longing. In Bethlehem, was a promise of newness, of gratuitousness. There something new was taking place. The Magi were able to worship, because they had the courage to set out. And as they fell to their knees before the small, poor and vulnerable Infant, the unexpected and unknown Child of Bethlehem, they discovered the glory of God.

Circle of Compassion

“Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works”

Please continue your generous support of the efforts of the Circle of Compassion. You may bring your non-perishable food items any weekend and deposit these items in the containers at the entrances of the Church.

You may also make a monetary donation by submitting an envelope marked CIRCLE OF COMPASSION and placing it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. We will make the necessary purchases for delivery to St. Rocco’s.

On behalf of Father Josephat and the many families in Newark that are sustained by your generosity, we ask God’s continued blessing on the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. God Bless You!

The Circle of Compassion,

Mike Billy, Elizabeth Kelly, Norma Weinstein,
Mark Margello, Bob Miraglia and Gerry Gallagher,
Glen Rosivak and Barbara Plucienik

Focus on Faith Formation



Family Faith: The next session will be this Sunday, January 5th beginning with the 5 pm Mass.

Weekly Elementary Grades 1-7: Classes will resume this Tuesday and Wednesday January 7th and 8th.

Grade 8: The winter session will begin this Tuesday, January 7th at 7 pm.

Grade 2: The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 11th at 10 am.

Confirmation Grade 9: The next session is Sunday, January 12th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

When all the hustle-bustle of the holidays are over..... Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information go to website www.wwme.org or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com.