

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Epiphany of the Lord + January 6, 2019

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.

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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

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fr. Carl Arico, Fred Perna, George Strummer, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira and Jack Ford.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory for Gizella Mullen requested by Mark Farinella and for the special intentions for Joseph Giaccio requested by Joann Scutari.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for Thea Loeck requested by the Schlutter Family.

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 6th

10:30 am - Faith Formation 8 Grade
11:30 am - Confirmation 9th Grade
5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

Tuesday, January 8th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, January 9th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm - Youth Group

Thursday, January 10th

8:00 am - Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 12th

10:00 am - Sacrament of First Reconciliation
8:45 am - Gathering of Women

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.**



New members are most welcome. We meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the library and sing at the 11:30 am Mass. If you have questions, please see Joe Neglia or call him at 973-503-9675.

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 5th, Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6th, The Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 AM Michelle Wall
Req. by the DeAnna Family
- 9:30 AM Maria Secco
Req. by Greg & Christine Juba
- 11:30 AM Josephine Inguagiato
Req. by the Family
- 5:00 PM Rudy Krajcik
Req. by the Family

Monday, January 7th, St. Raymond of Penafort

- 7:30 AM Domenick D’Anna
Req. by Carlos & Marlene Perez-Santalla
- 8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Tuesday, January 8th

- 7:30 AM Natalie Corigliano
Req. by Lisa Aiello
- 8:30 AM Kathleen Ruggeri
Req. by Richard Ruggeri

Wednesday, January 9th

- 7:30 AM Special Intentions for Charles Good
Req. by Teresa Evangelista
- 8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Thursday, January 10th

- 7:30 AM Dorothy F. Africano
Req. by Eve Vitale
- 8:30 AM Gladys & Richard Parry
Req. by Richard Ruggeri

Friday, January 11th

- 7:30 AM Thomas Zimmermann
Req. by the Greeley Family
- 8:30 AM Pat Ruggeri
Req. by Richard Ruggeri

Saturday, January 12th

- 8:00 AM Lourdes Corpus
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, January 12th, Vigil, The Baptism of the Lord

- 5:00 PM Edward Lynaugh
Req. by the Gorham Family

Sunday, January 13th, Baptism of the Lord

- 7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM Betty Ann Johnson
Req. by Merrit & Northrup
- 11:30 AM Americo Pereira
Req. by Arturo & Elisa Lopez & Family
- 5:00 PM Jean Dean
Req. by Fontaine Gatti

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 13th bulletin: December 16th, December 23rd, Christmas Day, December 30th and January 6th.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Catholic Faith? Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you baptized and want to receive the other sacraments of initiation?

(FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION)

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of prayer, reflection and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives.

Classes will begin in the Fall. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Bill Benedetto at the Rectory, 908-232-1162 or email. frbill@ollmountainside.org.

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.

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.faihtdirect.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

Sponsor Letters—Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, fully-initiated Catholic (Confirmed). An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly, by a judge, mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor) and publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle. Please note that we can only write Letters of Eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

**March for Life Bus Trip
January 18, 2019**

Mark Your Calendar. You are invited to participate in the annual March for Life Bus Trip to DC, Friday, January 18, 2019. Sponsored by the Father Nelligan Council of the Knights of Columbus. Departure from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains.

Contact Andy MacDonald, (908) 472-6773 or Pat Harrington, (908) 325-6088; \$35.00 per person; includes food, snacks and beverages.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
OFFERED IN MEMORY OF...**

M/M Frank Conde
Mr. Antonio Cunha
by
M/M/ Frank Conde
Gino Ferrara
Kathleen & Denis Michetti
by
M/M Robert Michetti
John A. & Virginia A. Farinella
by
Mark Farinella
Deceased Members of the
Powers & Kwasnieski Families
by
Genevieve Powers & Family
Matthew V. Powers
by
Genevieve Powers & Family
Our Deceased Parents
by
Yvonne & Norman Hobbib
Ahlquist & Pagowski Families
by
Helen Ahlquist
Theresa Sauerborn
by
Donald Sauerborn
Ernest & Beatrice Russo
by
Eileen Rosenhaft
Bill Theodos
by
Amelia Theodos
Leick & Gass Families
by
M/M Albert Leick
Marylou & Tom Leonard
Josephine & Dominic Zambrotta
Hedy & Walter Dynia
by
M/M Victor Zambrotta
Leber Family
Kanya Family
by
Mr. William Leber
Joanne Esemplare Franzoni
by
M/M Pascal Esemplare
Karen A Stacy
Glenn S. Stacy
Anastasia Cebrick
Christine Staskiawcz
by
MM Edward Stacy
Alberto Quisumbing
by
M/M Albert Quisumbing
Michael Komarow
Harriet Komarow
Jack Quinlan
Audrey Quinlan
by
M/M John Quinlan

Jennifer McAvoy
by
M/M Kenneth Dalrymple
John & Ann Ciano
Edward Kozak
John Waters, Sr.
by
Mrs. Edward Kozak/Walter
Families
Andrew Dachnowicz
by
Eileen Dachnowicz
Bittner & Landers Families
by
Kenneth Bittner
Margie & Bill
Joan & John
by
Sue Dabrowski
Charles A. Brown, Jr.
Ruth M. Sedlak
Stephen J. Sedlak
Henry & Mary Paster
by
M/M Coady Brown
Olga Spagnola
by
M/M John Manziano
Chief Richard Osieja
by
Dona Jean Osieja
Thomas Root
Bill Simmon
Mary Phelen
John Phelan
by
Mrs. Thomas Root
Sam Juliano
Vincent Mantone
by
Millie Juliano
Henry & Stella Meier
by
Gregory Meier

**Christmas Flower
Gift Offering...**

Mrs. Arlette Bromberg
M/M Gregory Federico
Mrs. Silvestre Gonzales
M/M Christopher Hasselgren
M/M Raymond Hofmann
M/M John Ropelski
M/M/ John Runta
M/M Michael Silva

Focus on Faith Formation



8th Grade: The winter session begins this January 6th for the Sunday class and January 8th for the Tuesday class. *Confirmed in the Spirit* books are due on the first day of class.

9th Grade Confirmation: Students will meet this Sunday, January 6th starting with the 11:30 Mass.

Family Faith: The next session will take place this Sunday, January 6th beginning with the 5 pm Mass.

2nd Grade: The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 12th at 10 am in the Church.

Sacrament Preparation Students: During Advent, we were able to purchase 6 hams for the needy and \$225 worth of baby clothing for the society of Christ Child in Summit. Thank you for your continued support!



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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE
July 15-22, 2019**

Trip to Paris, Lourdes & Carcassonne

Accompanied by
Father William Benedetto

Highlights:

Versailles
Montmartre
Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes
Albi & Cathedral St. Benoit

Contact:

Fontaine Gatti
Avenue Travel Group
American Express Travel
908-727-0668
fontaine@avetravelgroup.com

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2017 On-Call Adorer for our Midnight to 6 am Adoration Team.

Purpose: To cover for Midnight to 6 am Adorers during vacations, illness, etc.

Commitment Length: UP TO only 3X per year

Details:

- You would be 1 of at least 3 Adorers On-Call at a given time
- If you have any restrictions (e.g., weekends only, Mondays only, etc.), you can let us know what they are and we will note them
- Before contacting On-Call Adorers, we first ask regular and sub adorers for help
- Depending on our needs and other coverage resources, you may never be called
- Our Chapel is secure; additional information will be provided to you

Our number of On-Call Adorers has dropped significantly due to moves, illness etc., and we need to replace them in order to keep our Chapel going. Please prayerfully consider this special opportunity to serve the Lord. Remember, it would be for UP TO only 3X per year and that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.

Contact Kathy Snyder (phone: 908-232-4817; email auntkit@comcast.net) to sign up or obtain information.

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

Please save all the cancelled stamps on your Christmas cards.

Drop them in the containers in the vestibules of the Church for the Disabled Veterans.



Please clip and donate Box Tops Labels to help support Holy Trinity School.

Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**TOUCHING THE DIVINE –
A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Touching the Divine draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His qualities revealed in the Gospel of John. The more we know Him, the more our love for Him will grow. This study will help us to understand what it means to be God's beloved daughter and show us how His Love is the only thing that will truly satisfy our souls.

Dates: 2 sessions (Wed. eves. & Thurs. morns.) offered to meet the needs of all!

Lessons 10 thru 23 – Jan. 9-10 thru April 10, 2019

Times: Wednesday, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm;
Thursday, 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Location: OLL's Spirituality Room (room behind the Main Altar)

For additional info, contact Sue Zavodny (908-789-8543; zavodnys@comcast.net).

Attention Parents:

If your children attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during 9:30 am Mass, please consider volunteering your time and talent to this ministry. As a minister of CLOW, you will receive guidelines and lesson plans for all sessions. For approximately 20 minutes of Mass, you will experience the sweet innocence of your children while engaging them in conversation about Catholic concepts. Also, you will leave Mass with heartfelt gratification that you're giving a special gift to the future generation of our church. Please call or text Janet Skinner at (908) 803-7556 or Joe Calderone at (908) 337-9861 with any questions. You can also email Joe at jc.eyegolf@gmail.com.

