

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## The Epiphany of the Lord + January 7, 2018

### 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 & 5:00 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, Marta Pares, Kathleen Ruggeri, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaeppel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Gerardo & Marta Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti, James Leung and Al Leick.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week for the special intentions for Joseph Giaccio requested by Joann Scutari.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memories of the deceased members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

*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 7<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am - Confirmation 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

### Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

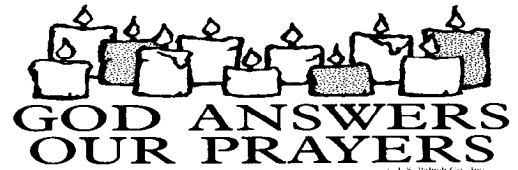
4:00 pm - Faith Formation  
7:00 pm - Faith Formation

### Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - Faith Formation  
7:30 pm - Youth Group

### Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - Faith Formation Course  
8:45 am - Gathering of Women



## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

In the name of Jesus, with our witness, we can prove that peace is possible.

The Family is the harmonious union of differences between a man and woman.  
When it's open to life and to others it's even more authentic.



Joe Neglia or call him at 973-503-9675.

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

## 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.

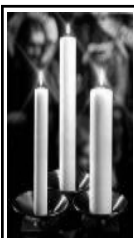
**Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!**

**One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!**

- Sunday: 4 am, 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 6 pm, 7 pm, 12 midnight
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am, 11 pm
- Tuesday: 7 am, 1 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 3 pm, 6 pm, 2 am
- Thursday: 3 pm
- Friday: 4 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm
- Saturday: 7 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm

**...the more difficult the sacrificial hour, the greater the blessing...an early AM adorer or a 2-3 AM adorer.**

Contact Irene Ciccarino at 732-574-0064.



**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.

**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.



**Saturday Evening, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 PM Kevin Ward  
Req. by Ethel Ward

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Eileen Nelson  
Req. by Ethel Ward  
11:30 AM Josephine Inguagiato  
Req. by Anthony Inguagiato  
5:00 PM Dominick Deluca  
Req. by the Family

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, The Baptism of the Lord**

7:30 AM Patrick Coffee  
Req. by Liz Kelly  
8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Special Intentions for Charles Good  
Req. by Teresa Evangelista  
8:30 AM Teresa Nelson  
Req. by the Mücke Family

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Joan Bieszczak  
Req. by Bill O'Shea  
8:30 AM Maria C. Perillo  
Req. by Rosemary Wellner

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Donald Moulton  
Req. by the Mohr Family  
8:30 AM Doris & Matt Burvett  
Req. by the Family

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Catherine Watson  
Req. by Dorothy & Helen Dugandzic  
8:30 AM Sylvia Renken  
Req. by Beth Beaver

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Hillary**

8:00 AM No Mass Intention

**Saturday Evening, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Diane Judge  
Req. by Ann Uray

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Benjamin V. Mirto  
Req. by Pauline Truesdale  
11:30 AM Eileen Nelson  
Req. by Carol & Peter Goggi  
5:00 PM Olga Spagnola  
Req. by Diane & John Manziano

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or  
Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;  
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;  
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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

Collection for 12/24/2017: \$ 6,070  
Collection for 12/25/2017: \$ 56,700  
Collection for 12/31/17: \$ 7,093



Saturday, January 13

Gathering: 8:45 am - 9:00 am

Prayer, reflection and sharing - 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Theme: "Journey's Ended...Journey's Begun"

For most of the world, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, although the US celebrates it this Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the Baptism of the Lord, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but in the U.S. it is moved to Monday.

Whether we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday or Monday, we hear the Lord say in the first reading from Isaiah, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." That is echoed in Luke's Gospel, after Jesus' baptism: "And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This feast marks the end of the Christmas season. Monday or Tuesday begins Ordinary Time on the Church calendar which will continue until Ash Wednesday.

During the weekdays, we begin a three-week cycle of captivating readings from the First Book of Samuel. We read of Samuel's mother, Hannah, who promises the Lord, "if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives." Samuel hears a call from the Lord and responds, "Speak, for your servant is listening." An epic battle against the Philistines ends in devastating losses for Israel and the capture of the Ark of the Covenant. In his old age, Samuel rules Israel and the elders ask Samuel to appoint a King to rule them. Samuel meets Saul. "When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him, "This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people."

From now until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from Mark's Gospel. Mark offers us a look at the beginning of Jesus public ministry. Jesus calls his first disciples, fisherman at work: Simon and Andrew, then James and John. "Then they left their nets and followed him." He drives out evil spirits and heals the sick. He hears the cry of the leper: "If you wish, you can make me clean," and Jesus, "moved with pity" heals him. Friends lower a paralytic from a roof down into the crowd in front of Jesus, who heals him and says, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Jesus extends an invitation to the despised tax collector, Levi: "Follow me."



**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

**For the Men  
of the Parish**



Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes will have a meeting on Monday night, January 15, 2018 in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. New members are welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. We aim to serve not only the spiritual needs of ourselves but also to foster the well being of our Parish and the greater community. Light refreshments will be available.

We will be showing a film series on the Sacrament and the Bible produced by St. Paul Center for Theology which is Scott Hahn's company, the noted Catholic convert and apologist. Each film is about 30 minutes and a discussion will follow.

The Bible and the Sacraments examines the Sacraments of the Catholic Faith. Not simply looking at the basic teaching of the Church but by also delving into their meaning and origin. It investigates the deeper mysteries they contain as illuminated by Scripture. Based on the work of renowned theologian Scott Hahn, the films are presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. The deep mysteries and truths of the Sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

## Focus on Faith Formation



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade winter session begins for Sunday students this Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass and for our Tuesday students Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please remember that Confirmation books are due at the 1<sup>st</sup> class.

Our next Confirmation session will be this Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

Our next Family Faith session will be this Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 5 pm Mass. Just a reminder that our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the ACRE survey during this session. Deacon Mike will be the speaker for the parents.

If your child still hasn't gone to confession for Advent, please be sure to bring them to confession either here or another Church, and have them get a verification form signed (located in the vestibule of the Church) by the priest, and return it to the Faith Formation Office. Please note that 9<sup>th</sup> graders will go to confession this weekend during their session.

The Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Our weekly 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the ACRE survey on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders should be attending Mass on a regular basis and putting church envelopes into the collection baskets.

Catechists, we are hosting a catechetical certification class towards doctrinal certification on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 Pollard Hall. The Archdiocese requires that all catechists work towards full certification, so please consider attending. RSVP to the Faith Formation ASAP.

## Mountainside Public Library

Mountainside Public Library offers a home bound program where a volunteer will come visit someone homebound and deliver books (large print, on tape, etc.) DVD's, as well as a smile and good conversation. Our goal is to keep it one to one so a relationship is made and the home bound individual looks forward to a visit. The Library also welcome visits from seniors. For further information please contact the Library at 908-233-0115.



## Holy Trinity School News

### **"WHY CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL?"**

**with Fr. Michael Saporito**

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 7:30 pm

St. Helen's Parish Center, Room 101

RSVP Monday, January 22 at

908-233-1899

Join Fr. Michael and the HTS Mountainside Campus staff to discuss why attending our parish Catholic preschool is the right choice for you and your family.

HTS Mountainside Campus is our parish early childhood center, providing a program of academic growth through active learning and meaningful play.

Our programs include:

Full day and half day PreK-3 and PreK-4 programs

Full day Kindergarten

Extended care, before and after school, for PreK-3, PreK-4 and Kindergarten

Enrichment programs for all age levels.

## Holy Trinity School

### Open House - January 28<sup>th</sup>

Early Education Center

(2 year olds - Full Day Kindergarten)

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

304 Central Avenue; Mountainside, NJ

Elementary and Middle School  
(Full Day Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

336 First Street; Westfield, NJ

[www.htisnj.com](http://www.htisnj.com) - (908)233-0484

On your **Facebook** page, search for our new Group page "**Holy Trinity School Early Education Center**"! **Join us, Like us, Follow us and Share us!!!**

For more information about our full day kindergarten and preschool program, please contact the Mountainside Campus at (908) 233-1899. Tours are available January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call (908) 233-0484. Follow us on Instagram at [htschoolmountainside](https://www.instagram.com/htschoolmountainside).

**Mass Book for 2018 is now open.**

**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](mailto:auntkit@comcast.net)) to sign up or obtain information.

**Christmas Flowers**

**Elizabeth R. Fenton**

by  
Brendan M. Fenton & Family

**John P. Knodel**

by  
Elizabeth Knodel

***Sandwich volunteers needed!***

Are you interested in preparing sandwiches for St Joseph's Social Service Center? It's easier than you think and it happens on your time and budget!

***What is involved?***

Shop for and prepare 6 loaves of sandwiches.

***Where?***

In your own home then delivered to a Mountainside address (easy drop off).

***When?***

ANY Monday of your choice!

***Who?***

Families, sports groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, service hour volunteers, Church friends.

For more information please email Briege Lennon at [blcellequi@aol.com](mailto:blcellequi@aol.com) or call 908.789.8581.

*you are*  
**NOT** alone

**Support Group for the Divorced and Separated**

Are you separated or divorced? Do you know someone who is? The Divorced and Separated Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights is offering a twelve week support group designed to provide comfort and healing before, during, and after the divorce process. The group will meet on Wednesdays, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm beginning January 31, 2018.

The program features video presentations from *Surviving Divorce* followed by discussion. Some of the topics covered are: Finding Strength and Help, Getting Through Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling Money Wisely, and Relearning How to Date. Although *Surviving Divorce* is based on Catholic teachings, the group is open to all denominations. **Registration is required.**

For more information and to register, please see the church's website [lfbhnl.org](http://lfbhnl.org), contact [divorceministry.lf@gmail.com](mailto:divorceministry.lf@gmail.com) or call the church office at 908-464-1585.



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

Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.

**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.