

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 14, 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 Schuvert, Luke Granger, Gerardo & Marta Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti, James Leung, Al Leick and Marge Dabrowski.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

Monday, January 15th

7:00 pm - Men's Group

Tuesday, January 16th

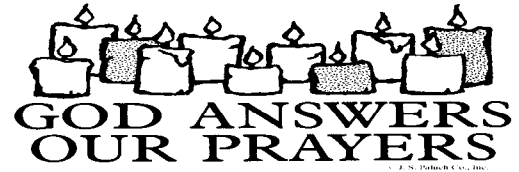
4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, January 17th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:30 pm - Youth Group



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

A joyful soul is like healthy soil in which life can thrive and produce good fruit.

The more we are rooted in Christ, the more we rediscover interior peace, even in the midst of daily challenges.



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

Look ahead with Hope

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again -- my Savior and my God!

Psalm 49:11

It's difficult to do God's work when you're stuck in the doldrums. If you're having a hard time moving past a difficult situation, try to see what you can learn from the experience. Look ahead with hope, God has great plans for you!

Heavenly Father, no matter what challenges I face I can still rejoice in You. You are the Source of all hope. I trust Your plan.

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 13th, Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Diane Judge
Req. by Ann Uray

Sunday, January 14th, 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 Manzano

Monday, January 15th
9:00 AM No Mass Intention

Tuesday, January 16th
7:30 AM No Mass Intention
8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Wednesday, January 17th
7:30 AM No Mass Intention
8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Thursday, January 18th
7:30 AM Viola Dunne
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM James S. Cuff
Req. by the Burvett Family

Friday, January 19th
7:30 AM No Mass Intention
8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Saturday, January 20th, St. Fabian
8:00 AM Ruth Gavin Quinn
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, January 20th, Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Diane Judge
Req. by Mary Mc Gonigle

Sunday, January 21st, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Patricia Marie Rush
Req. by Barbara Plucienik
9:30 AM Stephen & Ethel Flaherty
Req. by Ethel Ward
11:30 AM Marie Mahony
Req. by Maureen & Jim Murphy
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3,
5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

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.

Collection for 12/24/2017: \$ 6,070
Collection for 12/25/2017: \$ 56,700
Collection for 12/31/17: \$ 7,093
Contribution for 1/7/18: \$7,144

A Reminder:

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th at 9 am.



On the Second Week of Ordinary Time, John's Gospel offers us the story of the calling of the first two disciples. He asks them what they are looking for and when they ask where he lives, he invites them, "Come, and you will see."

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott.

During the week we continue with the First Book of Samuel. We hear God's rejection of Saul as king. Then Samuel anoints the youngest of Jesse's sons, the shepherd boy David, as king. David kills the Philistine, winning victory for the people, in the name of the Lord. Saul becomes jealous of David and plans to kill him but Saul's son, Jonathan, changes his mind. David does not kill Saul when he finds him alone in a cave but lets him go. Saul is killed in a battle and David grieves.

As we begin Mark's Gospel Jesus is asked why his disciples don't fast. He challenges the religious leaders to have a completely open mind and heart to his teaching because "new wine is poured into fresh wineskins." Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, bringing a new freedom. It is only chapter three in the gospel, but because Jesus heals a withered hand on the Sabbath, the Pharisees already seek to kill him. Jesus withdraws and people from the surrounding regions come to him, and even the demons know who he is. Jesus names twelve Apostles to be with him, to preach and to drive out demons. Jesus' relatives think he's "out of his mind" because so many people are coming to him that he can't even eat.

Christmas Flowers

Elizabeth R. Fenton

by

Brendan M. Fenton & Family

John P. Knodel

by

Elizabeth Knodel

Gift of...

M/M Al Leick

M/M Robert Kuczynski

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will have a special second collection to help us with the cost of fuel to heat and maintain the buildings. Not unlike your homes, this bill is one of the highest we face as a parish. Your help is greatly appreciated.



**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS
ANNUAL APPEAL 2018**

On the weekend of February 3rd & 4th we will begin the Annual Appeal for the spiritual and temporal works of the Archdiocese of Newark.

As missionary disciples, we seek to answer the Lord's call each day. Christian stewardship is one way we can respond to the Lord's call, as well as, assist our Church in serving those entrusted to its physical and spiritual care. Through the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal, the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Newark comes together in support of ministries and programs which provide social, educational, and spiritual support throughout Essex, Bergen, Hudson, and Union counties.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We will have a Solemn Mass on Sunday evening at the 5 pm Mass. A lite reception will be held in Pollard Hall after the Mass. This Feast Day will be preceded by our 9 day novena of prayers.

The Feast Day marks the 18th Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel.

**Family Promise
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Union County, NJ**

Tend My Sheep Ministry

On a snowy, January 4, 2018, our parish hosted three adults and five children, ranging in age from 16 months to 17 years, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scotch Plains. Due to the weather, the guests did not leave the church during the day, so a special thanks goes to Fr. Matt Dooley, for relieving the overnight hosts until we could get there.

We can never say THANK YOU enough to all of our parishioners. Since our last hosting in August 2017, one of our guests published a book entitled, Letters from God. She needed one more course to complete her BA. Your generous donations allowed her to finish her education and she will receive her BA this spring.

We would also like to thank our wonderful cooks, food providers and volunteers, all of whom make this program such a success. We could not do this without you.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mderoberts@aol.com,
or at (908) 868-0727 or,
Karen Hahner, hahnerk@comcast.net or at
(908) 789-4639.

Thanks again for all you do to make Our Lady of Lourdes a great parish!

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner

**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.

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



Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.

It is time to begin to prepare for the annual April 15th ritual. Anyone wishing a statement of contributions for tax purposes is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Please note: we can issue statements only for those who have used the Parish Envelopes. Those who contribute to Faith Direct will receive a statement directly from them.



Focus on Faith Formation



We are in the process of administering the ACRE survey for the Archdiocese of Newark to our 5th and 8th graders. Our Sunday 8th graders will be taking the survey on January 21st and the Tuesday 8th graders will take it on January 23rd.

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

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



Circle of Compassion

**Remember those in need
And support our annual**

SOUPER BOWL APPEAL

Cans of Soup and New Socks

Will be collected at the church entrances.

Saturday, February 3rd & Sunday February 4th

Monetary donations will also be accepted.
(We will gladly do the shopping)

Thank you as always for your generous response.



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 28th

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 - 8th grade)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
336 First Street; Westfield, NJ
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. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call (908) 233-0484. Follow us on Instagram at [htschool-mountainside](https://www.instagram.com/htschool-mountainside).



**CALLING ALL
ROSARIANS**

DON YOUR APRONS

**SUPER BOWL
BAKE SALE**

FEBRUARY 3rd - 4th

ALL HANDS NEEDED

Mass Book for 2018 is now open.

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2018 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.

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 Briega Lennon at blcellequi@aol.com or call 908.789.8581.

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.

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, contact divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or call the church office at 908-464-1585.

Hospital Privacy Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital.

If you or a loved one is going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the parish office and let us know.



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.