

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 22, 2017

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, Antonie Bachmeier, Kathleen Ruggeri, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, David Gagliardotto, Irene Ciccarino, Pat Knodel and Francis Landers.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Linda Kehoe Goldberg requested by Kathy & Dave Snyder.

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 for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, January 24th

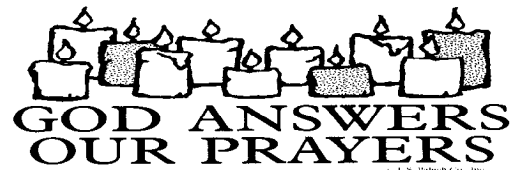
- 4:00 pm - Faith Formation
- 7:00 pm - Faith Formation
- 7:00 pm - Social Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th

- 4:00 pm - Faith Formation
- 7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

Thursday, January 26th

- 9:00 am - Walking with Purpose



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us follow Christ on the way of faith and charity, the path set out by our Baptism.

There can be no true peace if everyone claims always and exclusively his or her own rights, without caring for the good of others.

Altar Server Schedule for the Weekend of January 28 - 29, 2017

5:00 PM	DOMENICO DELUCA ZACK KISCIRAS ZACK PATER
7:30 AM	MICHAEL BITTNER
9:30 AM	CONLETH GORHAM RYAN KENNEDY SEBASTIAN UBILLUS
11:30 AM	LAURA PARRELL JAMES SNYDER DANNY & JIMMY WHELAN
5:00 PM Sunday	MARCELLO & SALVATORE CAMINITI JACK & RYAN WARGASKI



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

I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow.

JEREMIAH 31:13

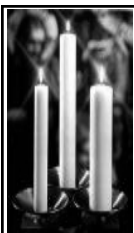
Human beings by nature want to hug life and hold on to it, choke it down, save it and keep it. But Jesus taught there's only one way to know life's meaning: We gain happiness by letting go of this life. What is joy? It is Christ.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pay for Us!

One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!

- Sunday: 4 am, 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 6 pm, 7 pm
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am, 10 pm, 11pm
- Tuesday: 7 am, 1 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 6 am, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday: 7 pm
- Friday: 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.



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 21st, Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM Vincent T. Assennato
Req. by the Cataldo Family
- Sunday, January 22nd, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM Kathryn Moser
Req. by Barbara & Mildred Plucienik
9:30 AM Karen Richard
Req. by the Aranjó Family
11:30 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM William Duffy
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
- Monday, January 23rd**
7:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by the Michetti Family
8:30 AM Dr. Angelo Bassillo
Req. by Karen & Phil
- Tuesday, January 24th, St. Francis de Sales**
7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Thomas Feeney
Req. by the Burvett Family
- Wednesday, January 25th, The Conversion of St. Paul**
7:30 AM Angelina Ferrante
Req. by Mary Ann & John Kitchell
8:30 AM Jayme DeSantis
Req. by the Murphy Family
- Thursday, January 26th, Sts. Timothy & Titus**
7:30 AM Special Intentions for William McSharry
Req. by Peter & Kelly McSharry
8:30 AM Amanda Schneider
Req. by Jim & Maureen Murphy
- Friday, January 27th, St. Angela Merici**
7:30 AM Dominick Deluca
Req. by the Zipeto Family
8:30 AM Antoinette Falso
Req. by The Kaepfels
- Saturday, January 28th, St. Thomas Aquinas**
8:00 AM Virginia Krasauskas
Req. by the McGovern & Strong Families
- Saturday Evening, January 28th, Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM Betty Schrader
Req. by Eileen Schrader
- Sunday, January 29th, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by the Zipeto Family
11:30 AM Meurice & Al Jeffers
Req. by Meurice Lake
5:00 PM Edward G. Tidaback
Req. by Dianne Tidaback

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

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.



Saturday, February 11th
7:30pm
Celebrating
The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
&
The 17th Anniversary of the
Adoration Chapel

Novena Begins on Friday,
February 3rd, at all Masses.

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time brings us to a cycle of Matthew's gospels during every Sunday of Ordinary Time this year. This week we see the call of the first disciples as Jesus stops Andrew and his brother, Peter on the beach. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men'. At once they left their nets and followed him."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church. Wednesday is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the apostle with its own special readings. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church.

The first reading this week continues with the Letter to the Hebrews which teaches that Jesus is mediator of a new covenant and a priest who "offered one sacrifice for sins. He took his seat forever at the right hand of God."

In Mark's Gospel this week, the ever-critical scribes accuse Jesus of being possessed by demons. Jesus responds clearly, "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." When told his family has arrived to see him, he replies that "whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the imaginative story of the sower and the seed and after the crowd dispersed, Jesus explains to the disciples that the seed is the word of God, accepted at various levels. He encourages his disciples to show their light: "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lamp stand?" Jesus compares the Kingdom with the tiniest of mustard seeds which grow to "the largest of plants." He calms the seas during a storm. His disciples wonder, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Collection

1/15/17

\$ 10,971

Year to Date Actual

\$ 244,622

Year to Date Budget

\$ 278,573

Year to Date Deficit

\$ - 33,951 *

Fuel Collection

\$ 2,141

*Budget reflects an increase in collections in order to meet Archdiocese budget requirements.

2017 SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

We are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and Sacred Scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us.

In Acts, Chapter 4, we learn that the early church shared all possessions with one another so that the Apostles and early Christian communities could fully proclaim “the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them.”

We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without: without the gift of faith; without the essential human needs; and without a personal relationship with Our Lord. We are called to Share God’s Blessings, and when we do, we find freedom and joy in proclaiming the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, just as the Apostles did over 2,000 years ago!

Will you join your brothers and sisters in Sharing God’s Blessings?

THE ANNUAL APPEAL PLEDGE WEEKEND IS FEBRUARY 4th AND 5th.
Our goal has been reduced by \$17,868.00. The parish goal for 2017 is \$34,500.00.

**Spotlight on Prayer Church Alive:
As the Church Prays**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church is hosting a course sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark for doctrinal certification, but anyone is welcome to attend. There is no cost for catechist and a \$25 fee for all others (light breakfast and lunch included).

Saturday, February 4, 2017
(Snow Date - April 8)
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountainside

This course looks at the experience of the church alive and in communion with God through the witness of the Sacred Scriptures and the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 4, on prayer. We will have the opportunity to be that praying Church as a part of this course.

Presenter: Fr. John Gordon is a popular conference speaker, retreat director, and maintains an active ministry of spiritual direction. After serving in a variety of assignments in both school and parish, he is currently the Coordinator of the Office for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Newark.

To register, contact Fran Michetti at fmichetti@ollmountainside.org or 908-233-1777.

**St. Patrick’s Day
Buffet Dinner Dance**



On Saturday evening, March 11, 2017 our parish will sponsor a St. Patrick’s Day Buffet Dinner Dance. It will be held in Pollard Hall from 7pm till ?. It will feature Irish and American music. More details to follow.

**PLEASE MARK THIS EVENT
ON YOUR 2017 CALENDAR!!!**

Correction



Luminary Fundraiser

The Parish Priests wish to thank Francine and Marlene Perez Santalla and their committee members who worked so hard to make the Luminary Fundraiser a huge success!!! The profit to the parish was \$4,330.00.



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 4th & Sunday February 5th

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

Thank you as always for your generous response.

Focus on Faith Formation



Congratulations to our 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation Saturday morning. The 2nd graders will officially begin preparing for First Holy Eucharist at the 5 pm Mass on Sunday, February 12th when we have our Rite of Enrollment. All 2nd graders and their parents must attend.

Please continue praying for our 5th and 8th graders who are taking the ACRE Survey for the Archdiocese this month.

Our next Confirmation session will be Sunday, February 5th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass. ****Correction**** at our last Family Faith session it was announced that our next session is Sunday, February 5th, but that was a mistake - the actual date of the next session is Sunday, February 12th starting with the 5 pm Mass. Also, please remember that there will be no assignment the week of January 30th. Please use this week to review required curriculum for your child's grade level.

Opportunities for Faith Formation Volunteers: Our Lady of Lourdes will be hosting a Spotlight course towards doctrinal certification at 9 am in Pollard Hall. All Faith Formation volunteers, are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to the Faith Formation office by January 30th.

The Union County branch of the Archdiocese of Newark is hosting a Lenten retreat day for all catechists and aides at St. Michael's Church in Cranford on Saturday, March 4th from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to the Faith Formation office by February 25th if you'd like to attend.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee will meet on Tuesday,
January 24th at 7 pm in Pollard Hall.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will have the blessing of throats after the 7:30 am and 8:30 am Mass ONLY!



FOR THE WOMEN OF OUR COMMUNITY!!!!



Join us as our study continues

Do you feel pulled in many directions? Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our lives. "*Keeping in Balance*" will take us on a journey throughout Scripture to explore biblical ways that we can use to manage life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. A lifestyle of health and wholeness/holiness awaits. COME AND CHECK IT OUT!

Dates: Every Wednesday & Thursday– thru April 5-6, 2017
Times: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm on Wednesdays; 9:00 am to 10:30 am on Thursdays
Location: OLL's SPIRITUALITY ROOM



HTIS School News

**Sunday, January 29, 2017
Open House and Registration for 2017-18**

**Full Day Kindergarten and Preschool,
10:15 - 12:00 pm
Mountainside Campus.**

**1:00 pm for K-8th Grade
HTIS Westfield Campus.**

Mrs. Melao’s Two Year Old class is now learning about winter. How do we dress for the cold weather and for snow? The students will paint a snowstorm together and will make a snow scene. They will pretend to build a snowman and build a snow fort. They are continuing to learn how to share and to be a good friend every day.

Mrs. Boyle’s and Mrs. Twilley’s PreK-3 classroom is filling up with painted snowmen and snowflakes. They are learning that snowflakes all have six points and each is different. We love snow!

Enriching the classroom religion instruction, Mrs. Gribbin’s fourth grade students identified and inserted images in the computer lab to illustrate the Commandments and Beatitudes.

Mrs. Pantano’s eighth grade literature class is culminating their Holocaust studies unit by researching the story of one of Yad Vashem’s Righteous Among the Nations. They will be creating a forest of the Righteous for display in the school during Holocaust Remembrance Week at the end of January.

The HTIS Mountainside Campus provides the youngest of our community with an age appropriate Catholic education. If you are interested in providing your children with an excellent preschool and full day Kindergarten experience anchored in a faith based program, please contact us for information at the Mountainside Campus at 908-233-1899. Please call 908-233-0484 for information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus.

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.



Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network Union County, NJ

Tend My Sheep Ministry

Our next Tend My Sheep Ministry is less than two weeks away. Our hosting date is Thursday, January 26, 2017, at the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. All Team 1 members have been notified, and we have posted an online sign-up sheet at <http://goo.gl/379DuT>. There are still perishable and nonperishable items available on the sign-up sheet. These can be dropped off at Pollard Hall on Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 3 - 4:30 pm. If you do not have internet access and wish to donate, please contact Debbie Perez-Santalla at 232-7172. If you cannot sign up for food or other nonperishable items, we are also seeking monetary donations. These can be given to Deacon Mike, dropped off or mailed to the rectory, or dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked TEND MY SHEEP DONATION.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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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
Coordinators

**CALLING ALL
ROSARIANS**

DON YOUR APRONS

**SUPER BOWL
BAKE SALE**

FEBRUARY 4th - 5th

ALL HANDS NEEDED