

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24, 2021

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
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 : Valerie Santiago, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Looram, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Peter Spadaccini, Richard Kontra, Romaine Malaker, Antonetta Ferrara, Helen Ahlquist, Patricia Del Duca, Michael Servello and Paula Daniels

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and AZ2 Stephen Vesper USN and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

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

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.



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

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

In difficult and dark moments let us find the courage to say: "Blessed are you, Lord". Let us praise the Lord: this will be so good for us

God overcomes the world's evil by taking it upon himself. This is also how we can lift others up: not by judging, not by suggesting what to do, but by becoming neighbors, empathizing, sharing God's love.

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.

THE PRIESTS ASK THAT ALL LECTORS, ALTAR SERVERS, AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLEASE REPORT TO THE SUNDAY SACRISTY AT LEAST 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MASS. THE PRIEST CELEBRANT WILL THEN KNOW WHAT TYPE OF HELP HAS OR DOES NOT HAVE BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MASS.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
SCHEDULED HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9 am
(following the 8:30 am Mass) to 9 pm.

Saturday, 8:30 am
(following the 8 am Mass) to 4 pm.

Sunday No Adoration.

Adoration Chapel Candles

Intentions to be rescheduled when the church opens for temporary adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Now accepting intentions.

MASS BOOK 2021

The new Mass Book for the year 2021 is now open. The Mass Book will be open for Masses only from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

Does the Parish have your current email? Occasionally we reach out to parishioners in this manner especially during this period of social distancing.

Please let us know the best way to reach you!

Email: lcandela@ollmountainside.org

Text or call: 908-391-3737



- Saturday, 5:00 PM** **January 23rd, Saint Marianne & Saint Vincent**
Barbara Strohmeier
Req. by Fran Michetti
- Sunday, 7:30 AM** **January 24th**
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:30 AM Sanchez Family
Req. by the Lledo Family
Bill Madden
Req. by the Gorham Family
- Monday, 7:30 AM** **January 25th, Conversion of St. Paul**
8:30 AM Bruce Geiger
Req. by the Wyckoff Family
Norman Hobbib
Req. by the Hahner Family
- Tuesday, 7:30 AM** **January 26th, Saint Timothy & Titus**
8:30 AM Edward Gore
Req. by Karen Shaneen
Robert Greeley, Sr.
Req. by Arlene Miiicce
- Wednesday, 7:30 AM** **January 27th, Saint Angela Merici**
8:30 AM Tony Santos
Req. by Marie & Ed Smith
Marie Ciavolella
Req. by Lillian Corsi
- Thursday, 7:30 AM** **January 28th, Saint Thomas Aquinas**
8:30 AM Mary Treglia & Family
Req. by Karen Shaneen
Gaspar & Teixeira Family
Req. by the Family
- Friday, 7:30 AM** **January 29th**
8:30 AM Robert Dalton
Req. by Meurice Lake
Anthony Joseph -Edward Corsi
Req. by the Family
- Saturday, 8:00 AM** **January 30th**
5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory
Req. by Anonymous
Margaret Boegel
Req. by Silvestre Gonzalez
- Sunday, 7:30 AM** **January 31st**
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:30 AM Robert Greeley ,Sr.
Req. by the Hahner Family
Norman Hobbib
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Westermann

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

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: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings include the wonderful story from Mark's Gospel repeated from last week's weekday readings: Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Monday is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops.

Thursday 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 lampstand?" 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?"

On the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue.

The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marveled that even the unclean spirits obey him.

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.

The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Financial Figures

Amounts listed below include online & mailed donations

JANUARY 17 = \$3307.00.

REPAIR FUND = \$1230.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

January 24th: Fuel Collection

Focus on Faith Formation

All January work is due January 31. Please be sure to complete the family activity. In Google Classroom there is a link for a document that has a list of activities. Please choose one, complete it with your child, take a photo, and either email it to me or attach it to Google Classroom. Please complete each activity only once.

Thank you to all of our families who have kept up with all of the faith formation work. We appreciate your help in making our program successful!

If you haven't completed work for past months, please be sure to go back and complete the work with your children. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your child/children complete all activities. This way we are sure your children are learning and developing their relationship with Jesus.

7th and 8th Grade: Please pick up your book for February, The books are located in the clear bins with the blue lids outside the Our Lady of Lourdes school door near the handicap parking spots. The 7th grade bins are on the left and the 8th grade bin is on the right. Take the book with your child's name on it. Please be sure to close the lid when you are done. Teachers have a book/packet as well.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning in virtual form. Each week, beginning on the feast of Christ the King and running through the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is Father's Day, a homily geared towards the children of the parish will appear in the on-line edition of the parish Bulletin.

Go to www.ollmountainside.org and you will find the homily on the home page. The children can read these homilies each week, or the parents can read them to their children to help them better understand the weekly scripture readings, which are such a strong part of the formation of their faith.

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!

**This past December ,Our Lady of Lourdes Parish received \$7090.00 from Faith Direct.
THANK YOU !**



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. Your statement can be mailed or emailed to you.

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.

MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY

A Catholic, all-girls college-prep high school in Watchung, is accepting applications for the Class of 2025.

Prospective students are encouraged to visit:

www.mountsaintmary.org to request a Zoom meeting with the Director of Admissions to answer your questions or arrange a tour of the campus. Mandatory entrance test administered by appointment.

Contact admissions@mountsaintmary.org.

The academy is a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy, established in 1908.

2021 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

Our parish goal is \$52,682.00

Your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:

- International Missions**
- Catholic Charities**
- Protecting God's Children**
- Catholic Schools**
- Seminar Education**
- Catechetical Office**
- Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry**
- Respect Life Office**
(Includes Mercy House and Pro-Life Efforts)
- Hospital & Prison Chaplaincy**
- Ministry to Multi-Ethnic Communities**

Circle of Compassion

We are now into the Annual "Souper Bowl" appeal for 2021 on the weekend of February 6th and 7th.

This annual drive is never about football but of responding to people in need especially during the disastrous impact from the Corona-19 virus pandemic. It is simply one can of soup or more if possible. We are also asking for donations of winter hats, gloves, scarves and socks for children, women and men.

Posters will be found at the entrances of the Church emphasizing the above ,as well as, donation envelopes if parishioners would prefer that we help with shopping.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

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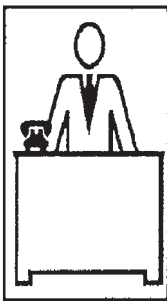
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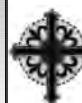
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