

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 31, 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, David Mulvihill, Paula Daniels, & Joan Caputo

*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.



## 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**

## 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!

## 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.

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

During this time of serious hardship, this #Prayer is even more necessary so that unity might prevail over conflicts. Our good example is fundamental: it is essential that Christians pursue the path toward full visible unity. #ChristianUnity

Each one of us Christians is a branch of the one vine which is Jesus; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ. #Prayer #ChristianUnity

## **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.

**Financial Figures**

*Amounts listed below include online & mailed donations*

**JANUARY 24 = \$ 4510.00**

**FUEL COLLECTION = \$ 749.00**

**REPAIR FUND (additional from 01.17.21)= \$315.00**

**Second Collections**

For The Month of February

**February 14th:** Snow Removal

**February 17th:** Ash Wednesday

**February 21st:** Church of Eastern Europe

**February 28th:** Non-Accessible Repair Fund



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| <b>Saturday,</b><br>5:00 PM  | <b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b><br>Margaret Boegel<br>Req. by Silvestre Gonzalez                               |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>7:30 AM    | <b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b><br>For the People of the Parish  |
| 9:30 AM                      | Robert Greeley, Sr.<br>Req. by the Hahner Family  |
| 11:30 AM                     | Norman Hobbib<br>Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Westermann  |
| <b>Monday,</b><br>7:30 AM    | <b>February 1<sup>st</sup></b><br>Francis Carpency<br>Req. by the Carpency Family                             |
| 8:30 AM                      | Marie & Edward Noah<br>Req. by Theresa Manziano   |
| <b>Tuesday,</b><br>7:30 AM   | <b>February 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Presentation of the Lord</b><br>Toni Lynn Napolitano<br>Req. by Karen Shaneen |
| 8:30 AM                      | Cindy Kowalczyk<br>Req. by Fran & Henry Marcantoni  |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>7:30 AM | <b>February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saint Blaise</b><br>Mario Borsellino, Sr.<br>Req. by Edward & Marie Smith         |
| 8:30 AM                      | James & Mary Sarama<br>Req. by Diane Tidaback   |
| 3:15 PM                      | UNIVERSAL BLESSING OF THROATS   |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>7:30 AM  | <b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b><br>NO INTENTION  |
| 8:30 AM                      | Mathew Gallagher<br>Req. by the Gallagher Family  |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>7:30 AM    | <b>February 5<sup>th</sup>, Saint Agatha</b><br>Mary & Carol Leonhard<br>Req. by the Family                   |
| 8:30 AM                      | Miguel Hernandez<br>Req. by Carmine & Janice & Family   |
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>8:00 AM  | <b>February 6<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b><br>Paul Mc Glynn<br>Req. by Barbara Mc Glynn |
| 5:00 PM                      | Cladia Sarah Melici<br>Req. by Karen Shaneen  |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>7:30 AM    | <b>February 7<sup>th</sup></b><br>For the People of the Parish  |
| 9:30 AM                      | Timothy Mulreany<br>Req. by the Piscitelli Family   |
| 11:30 AM                     | Patricia & George Shaneen<br>Req. by Karen Shaneen  |

**ATTENTION GIFT BEARERS**

Due to temporary regulations from the Chancery there will be no presentation of the gifts at the offertory of the Mass for the time being.

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

THE SCRIPTURES



**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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.

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, with its own special readings. Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr** and Saturday the **Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**.

The first reading this week continues with the **Letter to the Hebrews**. Jesus is priest and we should not be discouraged.

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus but he tells the man, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to cure her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a hemorrhage touched his cloak. "Your faith has saved you," he reassures her. To the synagogue official he says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" and heals his daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown "and they took offense at him." He was not able to perform miracles there, because of their lack of faith. Jesus sends his apostles, in twos, to share the good news. After publicly promising a dancer anything she wants, Herod reluctantly gives the girl her wish and orders John the Baptist to be beheaded. When Jesus' disciples return from their journeys, he encourages them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But as they tried to get away "and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise**

**Due to COVID Regulations**

A universal group blessing of throats will take place at the two scheduled Masses 7:30 am and 8:30 am. An additional group blessing will occur at 3:15 pm. in the church.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Thursday, February 11th is the Feast Day of Our Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes

**We will have a Solemn Mass at 7:00 pm.**

Unfortunately, due to **COVID-19**, we are unable to have a reception in Pollard Hall. We will begin our nine day Novena to Our Lady on February 3rd at both weekday masses and will end on her Feast Day, February 11th.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> is President's Day, a National Holiday. There will be one Mass at 9 am. After Mass, both the Church and the Parish Office will be closed.

**NO ADORATION ON THIS DAY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

*FEBRUARY 17, 2021*

***DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS***

Prayer will be imposed in a general manner with the words:

**"Remember you are dust and dust you shall return"**

Individuals will be imposed with Ashes on the forehead.

For safety precautions we will be using 1 Q-Tip per person.

**7:30 am Holy Mass**

**10:30 am Holy Mass**

**3:30 pm Prayer Service**

**&**

**7:00 pm Holy Mass.**

The **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time** has readings that deal with suffering and weakness. In **Mark's Gospel**, we see Jesus go to Simon Peter's house to heal Peter's mother-in-law. Crowds of people gather for healing outside the house. In the morning, Jesus slips away to pray, only to be searched out by Peter. Jesus says, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

**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)**

*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**

### 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](http://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.

### 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 activity, complete it together 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 have not completed all the work necessary for past months, please be sure to go back and do so with your children. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your child/children complete all activities. This will ensure us that your children are learning and developing their relationship with Jesus.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

Please pick up your book for February. The books are located outside the Our Lady of Lourdes School door in the clear bins with the blue lids near the handicap parking spots. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade bins are on the left, while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade bins are 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 also.

#### February Zooms

**February 16:** 4:00PM -Grade 3 & 4:45PM -Grade 5

**February 17:** 4:00PM -Grade 1 & 4:45PM -Grade 2

**February 23:** 7:00PM -Grade 7 & 7:45PM -Grade 8

**February 24:** 4:00PM -Grade 4 & 4:45PM -Grade 6

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](mailto:lcandela@ollmountainside.org)

**Text or call:** 908-391-3737

### 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:

**Seminar Education \* Supporting Retired Clergy  
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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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ125.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

### Circle of Compassion

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

This annual drive is never about football but of responding to people in need especially during the disastrous impact from the Covid-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!**



It is time to begin to prepare for the annual April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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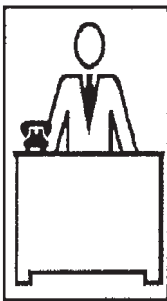
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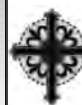
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