

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 5, 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 Antoinette Hine requested by Marie Hine.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of Anna Olsofsky requested by the Plucienik Family.

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

Sunday, February 5th

Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale
11:30 pm - 9 Gr. Confirmation

Monday, February 6th

1:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th

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

Wednesday, February 8th

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

Thursday, February 9th

9:00 am - Walking with Purpose

Saturday, February 11th

8:45 am - Gathering of Women
5:00 pm - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer.
We can all be builders of peace.

Hope lets new life blossom, like a plant that grows
from the seed fallen on the earth.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Rosary Altar Society Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th at 1 pm. Following the general meeting there will be pizza and bingo in Pollard Hall. All are welcome.

Altar Server Schedule for the Weekend of February 11 - 12, 2017

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



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 stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him.

REVELATION 3:20

God's invitation is clear and nonnegotiable.... Isn't it incredible that God leaves the choice to us? Think about it. There are many things in life we can't choose. We can't for example, choose the weather. We can't control the economy. We can't choose whether or not we are born with a big nose or blue eyes or alot of hair ... But we can choose where we spend eternity. The big choice, God leaves to us.

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
- 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.

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, February 4th, Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Matthew Gallagher
Req. by the Gallagher Family

Sunday, February 5th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
George Bmich
9:30 AM Req. by Michele & William Hopkins
11:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by Barbara Stolting
5:00 PM Diane McGee
Req. by M/M Dale Stearns & Family

Monday, February 6th, St. Paul Miki

7:30 AM Francis Carpency
Req. by the Carpency Family
8:30 AM Mary, Carmen & Dolores Castaldo
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Tuesday, February 7th

7:30 AM Genevieve & John Novak
Req. by the McGovern & Strong Families
8:30 AM Wilson Garcia
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Wednesday, February 8th, St. Jerome Emiliani

7:30 AM Judy Ciccarino
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
8:30 AM Dominick Deluca
Req. by Maria & Bill Tomko

Thursday, February 9th

7:30 AM Special Intentions for Celia Moloney
Req. by Peter & Kelly McSharry
8:30 AM Lillian McCandless
Req. by the Family

Friday, February 10th, St. Scholastica

7:30 AM Marie Ciccarino
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
8:30 AM James Fulton
Req. by Rose & Dave Wheeler

Saturday, February 11th

8:00 AM Jane and Bill Walsh
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, February 11th, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

5:00 PM Barbara Carpency
Req. by the Carpency Family

Sunday, February 12th, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Genevieve & John Novak
Req. by Meurice Lake
11:30 AM George & Patricia Shaneen
Req. by their daughter
5:00 PM Ronin Child
Req. by M/M Dale Stearns & Family

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S
SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE
THIS WEEKEND IN POLLARD HALL**

**TRY YOUR LUCK ON OUR
POT OF GOLD**

LOTS OF PRIZES -- LOTS OF GOODIES



**Saturday, February 11th
5:00 pm**

**Celebrating
The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
&
The 17th Anniversary of the
Adoration Chapel**

Novena continues at all Masses

***Reception after Solemn Mass
in Pollard Hall***

On the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus encourages his disciples to let their light shine: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs. Friday is the Memorial of Saint Scholastica, virgin.

For the next two weeks, our first reading on the weekdays will be from the Book of Genesis. This week begins with the stirring story of creation, one that will be repeated at the Easter Vigil.

Mark's Gospel continues with stories of Jesus' healing and of his challenging and being challenged by the religious authorities. "People immediately recognized him. They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats." The Pharisees and scribes question Jesus asking, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" A frustrated Jesus responds, "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." Jesus challenges the people to disregard rules about being defiled by food but to avoid the evil desires and deeds that defile their hearts. Traveling north into pagan territory, Jesus visits a woman whose daughter has an unclean spirit. Jesus heals her because the mother believes in him. On his way back, Jesus heals a man, allowing him to hear and speak again. Jesus feeds 4,000 people for whom he is moved with pity.

SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING MEETING

Brothers in Christ, The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a meeting on Saturday morning on February 18, 2017 in Pollard Hall, at 8:30 am following the 8 am Mass. The upcoming Gospel and ways to serve the Parish and the Community will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship.

Collection

**1/29/17
\$ 6,543**

Year to Date Actual

\$ 257,773

Year to Date Budget

\$ 295,056*

Year to Date Deficit

\$ - 37,283

*Budget reflects a deficit in collections in order to correspond to Archdiocese budget.

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 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25th AND 26th. Our goal has been reduced by \$17,868.00. The parish goal for 2017 is \$34,500.00.

Please stop by Pollard Hall after the 9:30 am Mass for a cup of coffee.



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.

The book club will meet on Wednesday, February 15th, in the Spirituality Room at 1:15 pm. The selection for this month is The Woman in Cabin 10, by Ruth Ware.



On the day of the big game, remember those in need. Support The Circle of Compassion’s

SOUPER BOWL



CANS OF SOUP

and

NEW SOCKS

will be collected in the bins at the church entrances

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Please contact Gerry Gallagher with questions: 232-4687.

Thank you!

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 7 pm till 11pm. It will feature Irish and American music. More details to follow.

Tickets will be available the weekend of February 18th and 19th. \$40/pp

Super 50/50 Raffle

PLEASE MARK THIS EVENT ON YOUR 2017 CALENDAR!!!



HTIS School News

Catholic Schools Week was a wonderful success. We celebrated with our grandparents and families, with our teachers and staff and in our parishes. A BIG THANK YOU to all of our parishioners for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the seventh graders raised money with a bake sale for the service project. All proceeds were used to purchase much needed toiletries for residents of the Plainfield YMCA Shelter. The students will be visiting the shelter and will assembly 110 packages!

The HT Mountainside Campus collected toiletries for their Catholic Schools Week community service project. The toiletries were put in decorated bags and given to families at Children's Specialized Hospital as welcome bags.

We are proud to announce that Isabela Allen was selected as HTIS Outstanding Catholic School Graduate of 2017. Isabela exemplifies Catholic values in word and deed, displays academic achievement, and is a true Christian leader. She is a role model for all our students. Isabela, along with the outstanding graduates of all the Archdiocesan elementary schools, will be honored at a special Mass at the Archdiocesan CYO Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ in April.

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.

A big thank you to everyone who supported us with the luminary fundraiser. Without the help of our amazing sponsors: The Emma Team, The Branna Agency, Mosaico, Echo Tap and you, we could not have been as successful. We are looking forward to an even bigger turnout next season and are hoping to light up more homes, making this a beautiful and meaningful tradition for our Parish and community. God bless.

Francine and Marlene Perez Santalla.

thank
you!

Focus on Faith Formation



Our next Confirmation session will be this Sunday, February 5th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

The next Family Faith gathering will be next Sunday, February 12th starting with the 5 pm Mass.

Parents of 2nd graders: The Rite of Enrollment Mass for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be next Sunday, February 12th at the 5 pm Mass. All are required to attend.

Catechists: All are invited to attend the Union County Catechist Lenten Morning Retreat on Saturday, March 4th from 10 am - 12:30 pm at St. Michael's Church in Cranford. Contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested in attending.

As part of Sacrament preparation, the 2nd and 9th graders have been turning in Church envelopes with optional donations. We used the funds to adopt a family through Catholic Charities at Christmas. We were assigned a family of five who lost all their possessions in a fire and were living in a hotel. The family did not even have winter coats. We were able to purchase every family member a coat, hats, and gloves, plus gift cards for food, and Christmas gifts for each family member. We received a thank you note from the mother:

"Thank you for providing my family with gifts to open this holiday season. The children loved everything! Thank you so much. It meant alot!"

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 –
January 11th-12th thru April 5th - 6th, 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

For additional details, contact Sue Zavodny
908-789-8543; zavodnys@comcast.net.

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

Tend My Sheep Ministry

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, our parish hosted three adults and six children, ranging in age from five months to eight years, at Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. As usual, the pot roast, mashed potatoes, veggies and mac and cheese were delicious, and were accompanied by chicken cacciatore and jasmine brown rice. Seconds were had by many.

Again, we would like to say THANK YOU to all of our parishioners. Because of the many, generous donations received, we were able to provide additional funds to Family Promise (the organization providing assistance to our guests), so that they could give financial help to those families exiting the program.

We would also like to thank our wonderful cooks, food providers and volunteers, all of whom make this program such a success.

Our next session will be held in June 2017. We hope all of our volunteers in Team 2 will be able to join us. As we get closer to the date, please check the bulletin for additional information.

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
Coordinators

**2017 Annual Archdiocesan
Men’s and Women’s Events**
All are welcome! Bring a friend!
Revive your spirits and build your faith!

Catholic Men’s Conference

Saturday, March 4, 2017
8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Cost: \$25
Seton Hall University

This year’s theme is: **“Be Not Afraid: *Becoming Missionary Disciples!*”**

Speakers for the English track will be **Cardinal Sean Patrick O’Malley**, Archbishop of Boston, and **Joe Lombardi, Jr.**, quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints. Spanish track speakers will be **Cardinal Sean Patrick O’Malley**, **Pepe Alonso from EWTN**, and **Mario J. Paredes**. His Eminence **Come for a day of Faith, Fellowship and Prayer!**

Women’s Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 11, 2017
8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University

This year’s theme is: **“Alive in Christ as *Missionary Disciples.*”**

Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and mother servant of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, Archdiocese of Boston, and **Lisa Hendey**, founder and editor of www.CatholicMom.com, are the keynote speakers for the English track. The Spanish track will feature **Kathia Arango**, director of the Office for Hispanic Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, joined by the musical talents of **Freddy Flores** and **Shaddai**. Register at www.rcan.org/womenscommission
Registration for both events is **\$25**.
Priests & religious are **free**.
Both events include continental breakfast and lunch.
For registration and more information, visit: www.rcan.org/womenscommission and www.NJCatholicMen.org
Look for flyers at church entrances.

INVITATION TO A MOVIE NIGHT

Brothers in Christ, the Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, is hosting a Movie Night for the Men, Women, and Mature Teens of the Parish on February 20th, 2017 at 7:30 pm in Pollard Hall.

The 1986 movie, "The Mission" starring Jeremy Irons, Robert DeNiro and Liam Neeson was nominated for seven academy awards and won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. In 1995 The Vatican named "The Mission" as one of the top 16 religious films made during the 100 years of movie making.

The movie is set in 18th century South America, during the power struggles between Portugal and Spain and a period when there was exploitation of the native population by slave traders. This complicates the mission of the Jesuits who want to bring the Gospel to an Indian tribe living in a remote rain forest. One slave trader undergoes a remarkable conversion experience.

The film is rated PG and runs 125 minutes. "The Mission" has themes of conversion, redemption, forgiveness, following your conscience, and conflicts between Religion and the State. For those interested, a short discussion will follow the movie.

