

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 7, 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 Loram, 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 Anna Olsosky requested by the Plucienik Family.

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....

The Lord does not call us to be soloists, but to be part of a choir that can sometimes miss a note or two, but must always try to sing in unison.

Let us contemplate God's patience and implore the trusting patience of Simeon (Lk 2:25). In this way, may our eyes, too, see the light of salvation and bring that light to the whole world.

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

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 HE 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 31 = \$ 4429.00

REPAIR FUND (additional from 01.17.21)= \$10.00

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



Saturday, 5:00 PM	February 6^h Cladia Sarah Melici Req. by Karen Shaneen
Sunday, 7:30 AM	February 7th For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Timothy Mulreany Req. by Piscitelli Family
11:30 AM	Patricia & George Shaneen Req. by Karen Shaneen
Monday, 7:30 AM	February 8th, St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita Toni Lynn Napolitano Req. by Dale Shah & Family
8:30 AM	Stanley & Rose Saranna Req. by Dianne Tidaback
Tuesday, 7:30 AM	February 9th Poor Souls In Purgatory Req. by Anonymous
8:30 AM	Robert Greeley, Sr. Req. by Bill Miicke & Linda Budesa
Wednesday, 7:30 AM	February 10th, Saint Scholastica Patricia & George Shaneen Req. by Karen Shaneen
8:30 AM	NO INTENTION
Thursday, 7:30 AM	February 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes Laura Bass Req. by Karen Shaneen
7:00 PM	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes Req. by Marie Carole & Jean Pierre
Friday, 7:30 AM	February 12th Ethel & Stephen Flaherty Req. by Ethel Warn
8:30 AM	Margaret Burke Req. by Bill O'Shea
Saturday, 8:00 AM	February 13th Barbara Carpency Req. by Don Carpency
5:00 PM	Manziano Family Req. by Theresa Manziano
Sunday, 7:30 AM	February 14th For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Gasper & Teixeira Families Req. by the Family
11:30 AM	Paul McGlynn Req. by Barbara McGlynn

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.

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: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;

1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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."

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Scholastica, virgin**.

For the next week and a half - until Ash Wednesday - our first reading on the weekdays will be from the **Book of Genesis**.

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.

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?"

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 15^h 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

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.

The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy.

The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper has to live away from the community, cover his head and call out, "Unclean, unclean!" as people go near him. It emphasizes even more what it means that Jesus speaks with and touches someone who was such a pariah as he heals the leper in **Mark's Gospel**.

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!



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.

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 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.

**Focus on Faith Formation
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

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parishioners:

On January 20, 2021, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin granted me retirement from the active ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark. This will become effective July 1, 2021. In May of this year I will celebrate my 70th Birthday as well as my 45th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

Starting July 1, 2021, I will be residing at Crestwood Village # 7 in Whiting, NJ ; a retirement community. This will allow me to be close to my sister, who resides in Toms River. I still have plenty of work to do here at OLL, but I wanted to give you all a ‘heads up’ on my present situation.

In Christ,
Fr. Richard

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.**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1st-The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday Night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

On the day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2nd-The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole is a serious obligation.

3rd- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4th-The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021**

**Canon 920, 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

January 25, 2021
Office of the Vicar General

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

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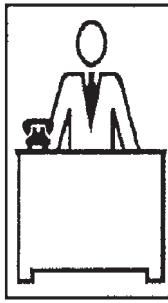
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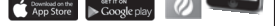
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