

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 12, 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 Donna Hafey requested by M/M Scutari, and for the special intentions for Nicholas Picini requested by Joseph Neglia.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased members of the 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

Sunday, February 12th

2:00 pm - Widow & Widowers Group
5:00 pm - Family Faith

Tuesday, February 14th

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

Wednesday, February 15th

1:15 pm - Book Club
4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

Thursday, February 16th

9:00 am - Walking with Purpose

Saturday, February 18th

8:30 am - Brother's in Christ, Men's Group

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Being a believer means learning how to see with eyes of faith.

Take action! Live life to the fullest! And when they see the witness you give, they may ask: why do you live this way?

Altar Server Schedule for the Weekend of February 18 - 19, 2017

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

Monday, February 13th

7:30 AM Richard & Genevieve Carrington
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Romano & Alfonso Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Tuesday, February 14th, St. Cyril

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Wednesday, February 15th

7:30 AM Margaret Burke
Req. by Bill O'Shea
8:30 AM Mary Sanderson
Req. by Kristen Ciccimarra

Thursday, February 16th

7:30 AM Helen Hasterlis
Req. by your Friends at Mountainside Campus
8:30 AM Anna Liguori
Req. by Rose Wheeler

Friday, February 17th

7:30 AM Walter O'Brien
Req. by Dick & Alice Fallon
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 18th

8:00 AM Gerard Glackin
Req. by the Gathering of Women

Saturday Evening, February 18th, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Virginia Farinella
Req. by Eve Vitale

Sunday, February 19th, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Andrew Bukva & Louis Montsko
Req. by Norma Weinstein
11:30 AM Carol LaHiff
Req. by Mrs. Joseph Quinn
5:00 PM Dominick Deluca
Req. by the Gagliano Family

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

To: Serve as a 2016 On-Call Adorer to help cover for our Midnight to 6 am Adoration Team during vacations, illness, etc.

Your Commitment: UP TO only 2x per year

How It Works: You will be 1 of at least 3 On-Call Adorers at a given time. Before contacting On-Call Adorers, we first ask regular and sub adorers for help.

Depending on our needs and other coverage resources, you may never be called.

If you have any restrictions (e.g., Mondays only, etc.), just let us know what they are.

Our Chapel is secure; additional information will be provided to you.

Our number of On-Call Adorers has dropped significantly due to moves, illness, etc., and we need to replace them in order to keep our Chapel going. Please pray on and consider this special opportunity to serve the Lord.

Remember, your commitment would be for UP TO only 2x per year, and that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.

To sign up or obtain additional information, contact Kathy Snyder (phone: 908-232-4817; email auntkik@comcast.net)

On the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time we hear Matthew's Gospel. Jesus speaks to his followers about religious laws and also of our own relationships. Go to offer gifts to God at the altar, but first, Jesus says, "Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Cyril, monk, and Saint Methodius, bishop.

We continue with first readings from the Book of Genesis. This is the beginning of the story of salvation: Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel. The week concludes with the Letter to the Hebrews' summary of the beliefs of our ancestors in the faith.

As we follow Jesus' ministry in Mark's Gospel, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: "he sighed from the depth of his spirit." As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious "leaven" of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter. Jesus heals a blind man who first sees only in a distorted way - a scene which begins the journey to Jerusalem on which Jesus tries to heal the blindness of his disciples. Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ but rejects Jesus' instruction that he must suffer and die before the resurrection.

Jesus rebukes him and instructs his disciples about their discipleship. It is about taking up our own cross with him: "whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it." Then Jesus takes Peter, James and John and shows them his glory, to prepare them for the scandal of the cross.

Collection

2/517
\$ 7,479

Year to Date Actual

\$ 265,252

Year to Date Budget

\$ 307,214

Year to Date Deficit

\$ - 41,962*

*We were too optimistic on our weekly budget assumptions according to the accountant.

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.

**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!!!**

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.

Circle of Compassion

“Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works”

Please continue your generous support of the efforts of the Circle of Compassion. You may bring your non-perishable food items any weekend and deposit these items in the containers at the entrances of the Church.

You may also make a monetary donation by submitting an envelope marked CIRCLE OF COMPASSION and placing it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. We will make the necessary purchases for delivery to St. Rocco’s.

On behalf of Father Josephat and the many families in Newark that are sustained by your generosity, we ask God’s continued blessing on the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. God Bless You!

The Circle of Compassion,

Mike Billy, Elizabeth Kelly, Norma Weinstein,
Mark Margello, Bob Miraglia and Gerry Gallagher

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.



Please remember the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate planning.



HTIS School News

Mrs. Williams' PreK-3 students have been learning about polar animals, snowflakes, and groundhogs. The students grew a borax crystal snowflake after seeing large photographs of snowflakes. They used puffy paint to make polar bears.

The second graders completed oral book report presentations to the class about historical Americans. They read about their American and then they dressed up as their person. Parents enjoyed seeing the presentations during Catholic Schools Week visitation hours. They all did a fabulous job!

Congratulations to HTIS sixth grader, Michael Murphy, for tying for 2nd place in Archdiocesan Respect Life Essay Contest. He was recognized at the Archdiocesan Noon Mass at the Cathedral in Newark on Sunday, January 22nd.

Please follow us on Twitter (@HTSNJ), Facebook (HTSnj) and Instagram (HTSNJ).

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.

Focus on Faith Formation



Our next Family Faith session will be this Sunday, February 12th beginning with the 5pm Mass.

Our 2nd grade Rite of Enrollment Mass will be this Sunday, February 12th at the 5 pm Mass. Please pray for these children as they spend the next 3 months preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Donations from our 2nd and 9th graders preparing for Sacraments were used to purchase 23 packages of socks for the Super Bowl soup and socks collection. Thanks to the children who continue their community service and works of mercy.

A special thanks goes out to our catechists who attended our doctrinal certification workshop on prayer. We had a great turn out and our speaker Fr. John Gordon made it a fulfilling experience.

All of our volunteers are invited to a Catechist Morning Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark at St. Michael's in Cranford on Saturday, March 4th from 10 am - 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office by February 25th.

Wishing all of our families a Happy Valentine's Day. Here is a prayer/activity for your children:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Somebody loves you.
Here's a clue.
Read John 3:16

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there is a Second Collection to pay for the Snow Removal bill.



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.



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.



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.

The Rosary Altar Society would like to thank everyone who helped make our cake sale a success. Thank you to all who baked and thank you to all who bought.



Our raffle winners are:

1st Prize
\$100 - Stephanie Zecca
\$70 - Barbara Plucienik
\$46 - John Nardiello
(donated back to the Rosary Altar Society)
"Thank you John"

2nd Prize, Quilt by Janice Tellier
J. M. Jones

3rd Prize, \$30.00 Gift Certificate to Shop-Rite
Sue Dabrowski

4th Prize, \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Stop & Shop
Terry Wolz

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL!!!!

Carol Leick and Stephanie Szabo, Chairpersons



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 Hendej**, 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.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES



On April 30, 2017, all couples throughout the Archdiocese celebrating 5th and 25th years of Marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00 pm for Mass with the Archbishop.

On May 7, 2017, all couples in Essex and Union Counties celebrating 50 or more years of marriage are invited to the Cathedral for Mass with the Archbishop at 3:00 pm.

To register please call the Parish Office at 908-232-1162.