

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Marta Pares, Antonie Bachmeier, Kathleen Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Charles Ropars, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns and Meurice Lake.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory of Susan Letnik requested by Roberta Wegryn, for the loving memory of Christopher Maguire requested by the Family, for the loving memory of Pauline Tims requested by the Family and friends and for the loving memory of Mary Lou Greeley requested by Mark Farinella.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory for Marie Pisaneschi requested by Barbara & Mildred Plucienik.

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 21st

10:30 am - Faith Formation
5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

Monday, February 22nd

7:00 pm - Finance Committee - Rectory

Tuesday, February 23rd

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

Wednesday, February 24th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:30 pm - Women’s Workshop

Thursday, February 25th

9:00 am - Women’s Workshop
7:00 pm - Lenten Scripture Program

Friday, February 26th

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

In the heart of every person is a desire to live in freedom, in a place where change is possible in fellowship and solidarity.

Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be open to injustice, to open our hearts to those suffering.

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of February 27 - 28, 2016

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00PM	NANCY SPADACCINI	NANCY HAUGHEY FLORA SERVELLO	DOMENICO DELUCA GIULIA LYN GOGGI ZACK KISCIRAS
7:30AM	TONY UYTENDALE	PAT KNODEL MARIAN TUMOLO JOSEPHINE TURNEY	JOHN BITTNER MICHAEL BITTNER SEAN QUIMSON
9:30AM	PAUL MIRABELLI	ANN CIASULLI ELIZABETH KELLY FRAN MICHETTI COLLEEN WHELAN	MARCELLO CAMINITI SALVATORE CAMINITI JACK WARGASKI RYAN WARGASKI
11:30AM	THERESA EVANGELISTA	ANN O’NEILL ROMANA SAWABI PAUL SCHRYBA	JAMES SNYDER LAURA PARRELL ZACH PATER
SUNDAY 5:00 PM	TARA KENNEDY	FONTAINE GATTI DONNA PEREZ-SANTALLA	CONLETH GORHAM RYAN KENNEDY ELIZABETH COTTER

Everyone is welcome! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Church teaches us that mercy belongs to God. Let us implore him to bestow on us the spirit of mercy and compassion, so that we are filled with it and may never lose it... Extend mercy towards others, so that there is no one in need whom we meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw mercy from us?

St. Vincent de Paul

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!

- Sunday: 3 am, 4 am, 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 6 pm
- Monday: 9 am, 3 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm
- Tuesday: 12 noon, 1 pm, 12 midnight
- Wednesday: 1 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday: 7 am
- Friday: 12 noon, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 12 midnight
- Saturday: 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 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.



St Joseph's Sandwich Ministry...

Are you interested in making sandwiches in your own home, on a date of your choice, for St. Joseph's Social Service Center?

For more Information, or to volunteer for a date, please contact Briege Lennon at 908-789-8581 or email blcellequi@aol.com.



Saturday Evening February 20th, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Stephen Kuba
Req. by the Carpency Family

Sunday, February 21st, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Jolene Kehoe
Req. by Liz Kelly
11:30 AM Jose Quinones
Req. by Maria Paredes and child
5:00 PM Patricia & George Shaneen
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Monday, February 22nd, The Chair of St. Peter

7:30 AM Rick Stickles
Req. by Kathy & Dave Snyder
8:30 AM Nancy O'Shea
Req. by Bill O'Shea

Tuesday, February 23rd, St. Polycarp

7:30 AM Matthew Burvett
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
8:30 AM Charles Tocko
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Wednesday, February 24th

7:30 AM For the living and deceased Members of the Evangelista Family
Req. by Theresa Evangelista
8:30 AM William McSharry
Req. by Peter & Kelly McSharry

Thursday, February 25th

7:30 AM Matthew Burvett
Req. by the Rosary Altar Society
8:30 AM Jennie Faella
Req. by Rev. Richard Carrington

Friday, February 26th

7:30 AM John Taylor
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
8:30 AM Mary Lou Greeley
Req. by the Rosary Altar Society

Saturday, February 27th

8:00 AM Jennie Faella
Req. by Angela & Gary Richard

Saturday Evening, February 27th, Vigil, The Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Angelina Pascuti
Req. by Anne & Meaghan Geislinger

Sunday, February 28th, The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Donald Oberding
Req. by Cornerstone VIII
11:30 AM Christine Cote
Req. by Kelly Waters & Family
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the DiGeronimo & Geron Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Second Sunday of Lent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fr. Richard will meet with the Finance Committee on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit

Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a Eucharistic Miracle display on February 21st from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and again from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in Pollard Hall. The Vatican has recognized 126 miracles involving the consecrated host. Some miracles involve the Host changing to human flesh. 38 panels will be displayed including Miracles from Europe, Asia and the Americas. A short video about the amazing Buenos Aires miracle will be presented. Come and see the Miracles that throughout the Centuries have caused conversions, and strengthened the Faith of others. Learn more about the importance of the Eucharistic in our Catholic faith. On February 21st, there will be a short talk at the Faith Formation session starting at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

For the Second Sunday of Lent we read of how God made a covenant with Abraham. In Luke's gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

Monday is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle. Each day the first reading is chosen to prepare for the gospel and the theme of both readings is complementary. The second week begins with Jesus telling us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, "whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus tells them the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son.

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.

COLLECTION

February 14th

\$ 14,925 *

Year to Date Actual

\$ 301,641

Year to Date Budget

\$ 290,803

Surplus

\$ 10,803 *

Snow Removal

\$ 1,120

Retired Priests

Ash Wednesday

\$ 1,867

*includes online giving for the entire month of January (\$ 5,341) which we received this month.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, 7:00 pm in the Church

February 26th

March 4th

March 11th

March 18th

March 25th

Good Friday at 8:00 pm
Living Stations

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
WOMEN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION
MARCH 5, 2016**

8:00 am Mass

Including continental breakfast and lunch.

Speaker: Rev. Michael Ward

Will conclude at 1:00 pm with the Stations of the Cross.

All women of the Parish are invited.

DONATION: \$15.00

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES
AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

On April 24, 2016, all couples throughout the Archdiocese celebrating 5 years and 25 years of marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00 pm for Mass with the Archbishop.



On May 1, 2016 all couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage are invited to the Cathedral for Mass with the Archbishop at 3:00 pm.

Focus on Faith Formation



Our next Family Faith session is this Sunday, February 21st, beginning with the 5:00 pm Mass.

Reminder: Our 7th and 8th grade Sunday class will meet on February 28th for a snow make up class.

8th grade parents: If your child is planning to participate in the Live Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, please be sure to sign and return the permission slip at the next class. All permission slips are due Tuesday February 23rd. Children must be available to attend all rehearsals which are:

- February 23rd, 7 - 8:45pm
- March 13th, 7:30pm - 9:00 pm
- March 15th, 7:30pm - 9:00 pm
- March 20th, 7:30 pm - 9pm
- March 22nd, 7:00 - 8:45pm
- March 25th, 7:15 pm

If any Sunday 8th grade students would like to participate, please contact Fran at reled@ollmountainside.org.

Lenten Reflection Questions

Question from Life:

How have times of prayer transformed or changed you?

Question from the Gospel:

What do Peter, James, and John realize about who Jesus is in this Sunday's Gospel?

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
LENTEN REGULATIONS 2016**

1. 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. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a 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 and 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.

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

3. 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.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2016 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016.

*Canon 920 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.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE PROGRAM

This Lenten season, all in the parish are invited to participate in a Scripture-based, faith-sharing program conducted by Fr. Bill. Each week in Lent, we will meet to examine, in depth, the following Sunday’s Readings. We will look at them in their historical and spiritual contexts, and then discuss how to apply their meaning to our own lives in a present-day context.

This, however, will not be primarily a Scripture-study course as much as a faith-sharing exercise. Much of the program will be dedicated to our participants developing their own insights and understandings of the Scriptures, and sharing them and their personal experiences in living the Gospel.

The goals we hope to achieve with this program will be to come to a deeper knowledge of God’s revealed Word, to answer more readily the call to repentance and conversion.

The next meeting will meet on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 pm in the Spirituality Room.

2016 Men's and Women's Commission

Women's Commission Day of Reflection: Saturday, February 27, 2016, at Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is "**Alive in Christ: Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy**" The English track will feature keynote speakers **Leah Darrow** and **Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**. They will share their amazing stories of mercy, healing and the infinite love of Jesus Christ. Both women were on the path to the good life, achieving dream-like levels of success in their worldly pursuits. Yet both young women realized their success was not bringing true happiness and each was called from the worldly path to radical conversion. The Spanish track will feature keynote speaker **Mother Adela Galindo, SCTJM**. The day runs from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, with the doors opening at 8:00 am.

Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Seton Hall University

This year's theme is "**Be Not Afraid: Trust in His Mercy!**" Speakers for the English track will be **Patrick Madrid**, Best-selling author "*Why be Catholic?*" and radio host of "Patrick Madrid" show on the Immaculate Heart Radio Network & **Gus Lloyd**, Host of **Seize the Day** radio show in the Catholic Channel XM Radio.

Spanish track speakers will be **Monsignor Willie Peña**, from the Archdiocese of San Juan, PR, & **Deacon Asterio Velasco**, Coordinator for the Hispanic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Newark. The day runs from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, with the doors opening at 8:00 am.

Registration for both events is \$20. Priests & religious are free. The day includes a continental breakfast.

For registration please visit our websites at:

www.rcan.org/womenscommission (WOMEN) or
www.rcanmenscommission.org (MEN),

or contact your Parish Conference Leaders - Deacon Mike 908-868-0727 or Dave Ferrell 908-451-8724 for a registration form. Forms are also in the front vestibule of the Church and in the hallway outside Pollard Hall; Or to register, please call Archdiocesan Center Men's/Women's Commission office at 973-497-4545.

WATTS FOUNDATION NEWS

On January 6th, Fr. Richard wrote the Watts Foundation petitioning for a grant to repair the Flag Pole in the Church Parking Lot. We are pleased to report to our Parishioners that a grant of \$1,300.00 was awarded for this purpose. It is our hope that work may begin this Spring and that we might have a rededication of the Flagpole during the town's observance of Memorial Day, May 30th.

St. Patrick's Day Buffet Dinner Dance



On Saturday evening, March 12, 2016 our parish will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Buffet Dinner Dance.

It will be held in Pollard Hall from 7pm till ?

It will feature Irish and American music.

More details to follow.

PLEASE MARK THIS EVENT ON YOUR 2016 CALENDAR!!!

If your business would like to take an advertisement out in the journal, please contact the Parish Office at 908-232-1162.

1/4 page ad \$ 25.00

1/2 page ad \$ 50.00

Whole page ad \$ 100.00

Tickets go on sale this weekend after all Masses.

The Archdiocese of Newark has introduced a short video highlighting the significance of the Church's meaningful funeral rituals to guide our Catholic community. The six-minute video, titled "Many Travelers, One Journey," weaves together the stories of multiple individuals describing how family, friends and Church community come together to pray and comfort each other, celebrate the faith and life of their loved one, and share in the three principal parts of the Catholic funeral liturgy - the Vigil, Funeral Mass and Committal Service - known as the Order of Christian Funerals.

Produced by Catholic Cemeteries, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark, the video accompanies a comprehensive planning guide, titled Continuing the Journey, Preparing a Catholic Funeral, to assist Catholics during their time of loss or when pre-planning. It includes information on coping with the death of a loved one, ministry resources at a time of loss, Scripture Readings for Funerals, practical preparations, and more.

The video and booklet are available online at www.rcancem.org/ocf.

Anyone wanting a copy of their 2015 contributions for **tax purposes** may request a statement by calling the parish offices at 908-232-1162. We will send it in the mail or you may pick it up. Parishioners who make their contributions through Faith Direct will receive a statement from the company. Thank you.



CAMPAIGN
NEWSLETTER



WE ARE
LIVING
STONES

Our Lady of
Lourdes,
Mountainside

Everyone is Invited!

Campaign Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings that You have given to our Archdiocese, among them faithful stewards and co-workers, both spiritually and materially, as we all try our best each day to fulfill your mission here on Earth

We ask YOUR blessing upon the work in which we are all engaged toward the success of the We Are Living Stones Campaign.

May we be those 'living stones' that we are called to be, always building upon the very foundation of our Faith, JESUS CHRIST, our cornerstone, as we strive to continue programs and support to the poor, to families, to those seeking to come to know YOU more deeply, as well as ensure that our Faith continues to be faithfully passed on to new generations of your People.

May we always be ONE BODY in communion with Christ, as we continue to build up YOUR KINGDOM.

*We ask through Jesus Christ, OUR LORD.
Amen.*

Your Invitation is Coming Soon!

We are looking forward to your RSVP

Over the next month, all registered parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes will receive an invitation to attend a Campaign Reception.

These receptions are social and informative events that will allow Fr. Richard and members of the Campaign Committee to present our plan of action for the “*We Are Living Stones*” Campaign. All of our receptions will take place right here on our parish campus.

This is also a chance to take an hour out of your busy schedule and spend some time meeting and communing with each other. Please remember, *you will not be asked to turn in a pledge at these receptions.* Leave your wallets at home, but bring your questions!

This campaign is absolutely vital for the life and growth of our parish and Archdiocese. One of the most important things you can do during this campaign is to join us at a reception. When you receive your invitation, please be sure to RSVP as soon as possible!

“Dear brothers and sisters, the Church loves you! Be an active presence in the community as living cells, as living stones.” ~Pope Francis

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