

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 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 remember in your prayers the soul of :*

Rudolph Flora...May he rest in peace.

*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 Loomam, 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 in loving memory of both Andrew Bukva & Louis Montsko requested by Norman Weinstein

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory for Mildred Plucienik requested by the 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.

### 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.



### 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**

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

To understand God's plan for our lives better, let us seek to strengthen our relationship with Him through [#Prayer](#). Thus we will discover that God is a compassionate Father who always takes care of us.

This haste, this everything right now, does not come from God. If we get worked up about the right now, we forget what remains forever: we follow the passing clouds and lose sight of the sky.

### 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.



**FEBRUARY 14**     \$ 2988.00  
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**Second Collections**

For The Month of February

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

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



- Saturday, 5:00 PM**     **February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Mildred Plucienik  
Req. by The Family
- Sunday, 7:30 AM**     **February 21<sup>st</sup>, First Sunday of Lent**  
Maria & Frank Alfonso  
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 9:30 AM     Ezio DeCarolis  
Req. by The Michetti Family
- 11:30 AM     Elisa & Vincenzo DiGeronima  
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Monday, 7:30 AM**     **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Chair of Saint Peter**  
Nancy O'Shea  
Req. by Bill O'Shea
- 8:30 AM     Peggy McClane  
Req. by Evelyn Palovcak
- Tuesday, 7:30 AM**     **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saint Polycarp**  
Stephen Kuba  
Req. by The Carpency Family
- 8:30 AM     Theresa Sauerborn  
Req. by The Sauerborn Family
- Wednesday, 7:30 AM**     **February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Mary & Carl Leonhard  
Req. by The Family
- 8:30 AM     Protection of Baby in Womb & Families  
Req. by Romana Sawabi
- Thursday, 7:30 AM**     **February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Robert Greeley, Sr.  
Req. by Mark Farinella
- 8:30 AM     Rudolph Flora  
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Friday, 7:30 AM**     **February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Charles Lyons  
Req. by Ethel Ward
- 8:30 AM     Deceased Members of The Morreale Family  
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Saturday, 8:00 AM**     **February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Dolores, Mary & Carmen Castaldo  
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 5:00 PM     Francisco & Caterina Gennaro  
Req. by The Family
- Sunday, 7:30 AM**     **February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM     Diane Sauerborn  
Req. by The Sauerborn Family
- 11:30 AM     Deceased Members of the  
Our Lady of The Assumption Church  
Rosary Society  
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.

*First Sunday of Lent***READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,  
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**The First Week of Lent**

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for "signs." He's the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

Thursday is the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**.

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the 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 Son, my beloved. Listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

**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)  
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*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**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

**Every Friday During Lent Season at 7:00 PM**

February 19 \* February 26 \* March 5  
March 12 \* March 19 \* March 26 \* April 2

**Please Note on Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We will **NOT** have  
Living Stations of the Cross  
**Due to COVID 19**

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.



**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.

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

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Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ125.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



### 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

This week's Zoom classes are as follows:

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

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

**A reminder for the students making 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist:**

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist books are **due March 13<sup>th</sup>** and that is also the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Family retreat. The retreat begins at 9:00 AM.

**Grade 9: The Bishop will be coming for Confirmation on April 30 at 7:00 PM.**

### Lent

Parents, please talk to your children about Lent. Remind them that the color on the altar is purple. During Lent we prepare for Easter by focusing on praying more, both fasting & abstinence, going to confession, and almsgiving. Fasting and abstinence is more than just not eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. It is abstaining from something, such as: cookies, candy, playing less video games or watching less TV. Children can also work on acts of kindness during Lent.

**For almsgiving every year**, we usually give out Lamb of God boxes to collect money, which in turn we donate to the group: **Circle of Compassion**. Since we are unable to distribute boxes this year, we are asking that you still have your child collect money (perhaps -they can earn it by doing chores) so we may continue to give to the Circle of Compassion. You may either bring it with you to Church or drop it off at the rectory.

As for prayer, I encourage you to spend more time praying together as a family. Saying Grace before meals and prayers before bed are very important. May I also suggest reading the Bible, praying the Rosary, or visiting the Church for Adoration.

I wish all our families a Blessed Lenten Season! Mrs. Michetti

### *Circle of Compassion*

Thank You! \* Thank You! \* Thank You!

The response to our appeal for "Souper Bowl Weekend" was again excellent.

The Transfiguration Catholic Church (St. Ann's & St. Rocco's) in Newark and St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth are grateful for your continued support in their ongoing effort to respond to the requests from local families for assistance.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS**

### 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**
- Priest Health Care \*Continuing Formation for Priests**

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

**1<sup>st</sup>**-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.

**2<sup>nd</sup>**-The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole is a serious obligation.

**3<sup>rd</sup>**-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<sup>th</sup>**-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

### **SAINT PATRICK'S SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE**

I am pleased to announce our Annual Saint Patrick's Super 50/50 will continue, but it is with deep regret that we will not be able to hold a social event in Pollard Hall, due to the pandemic. Each registered parishioner will receive a raffle book consisting of 10 tickets. The cost of each raffle ticket is \$10.00, therefore, total raffle book cost is \$100.00. I hope this raffle will assist the Parish in meeting our current expenses. Please note that this is the only fund raiser for the Parish during this fiscal year. The drawing will take place on Sunday, March 14th, 2021 @ 1:30 PM in Pollard Hall.

Sincerely yours in Christ- Rev. Richard J. Carrington

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