

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Second Sunday of Lent + February 25, 2018

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 remember in your prayers the soul of
Charles Douress. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri,
Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera
Kaeppel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo,
Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart,
Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti,
James Leung and Marge Dabrowski.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the
loving memory of Kathleen Ruggeri requested by Irene Ciccarino,
and for the loving memory of William Cisko requested by Mark
Farinella and for the loving memory of William & Agnes Hogan
requested by William & Madeline O'Dell.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving
memory for the deceased members of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas
Perez-Santalla and Stephen Vesper (Irene Ciccarino's grandson)
and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our
country.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

When we confess our sins with humility and sincerity,
we receive forgiveness and are reunited with God and
our brothers and sisters.

We need the Holy Spirit to transmit the faith.
We cannot do it alone.

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!

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, February 27th

1:00 pm - Rosary Board Meeting
4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, February 28th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Video on Sacraments - PH
7:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Friday, March 2nd

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3rd

9:30 am - 1st Eucharist Retreat

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!



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.

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

You are my friends if you do whatever
I command you.
JOHN 15:14

There are no miseries in heaven. There is no hardship or pain in heaven. Only contentment, and joy, and perfect peace. When you enjoy doing the will of God, you are bringing heaven into your heart. Do you want a piece of heaven on earth? Obey the will of God.

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, 12 midnight
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am
- Tuesday: 7 am, 1 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 2 am, 4 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday: 3 pm, 4pm
- Friday: 4 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: 7 am, 9 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 12 midnight

...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 24th, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM
Stephen Kuba
Req. by the Family

Sunday, February 25th, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Stephen Heckel
Req. by Debbie & Miguel Perez-Santalla
11:30 AM Master Angel Lleva
Req. by Vito Laurenza & Family
5:00 PM William Dillon, Sr.
Req. by Bill Dillon

Monday, February 26th

7:30 AM Jesus Perez-Santalla
Req. by Dave & Kathy Snyder
8:30 AM Matthew Gallagher & Family
Req. by Raymond Gallagher

Tuesday, February 27th

7:30 AM Anna Men
Req. by Anne Hoang
8:30 AM Ruth & James Brady
Req. by Mary Jane & Jack Ford

Wednesday, February 28th

7:30 AM Isabelo Diaz
Req. by M/M Carmen Santiago
8:30 AM Natalie Ford
Req. by Megan O'Brien & Family

Thursday, March 1st

7:30 AM Dr. Angelo Bassillo
Req. by Karen
8:30 AM Raymond Paloucak
Req. by Jim & Maureen Murphy

Friday, March 2nd

7:30 AM Leber Family
Req. by Bill Leber
8:30 AM Joanne Esemplare Franzione
Req. by the Esemplare Family

Saturday, March 3rd

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
Req. by Anne Hoang

Saturday Evening, March 3rd, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Peter Kuhn
Req. by the Family

Sunday, March 4th, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Angela & Edward Noha
Req. by Theresa Manziano
11:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn
5:00 PM Louis & Patrick Federico
Req. by Greg & Rita Federico

Second Sunday of Lent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

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 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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.

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 18, 2018

\$ 4,883.00

Priest Retirement

\$ 2,364

Snow Removal

\$ 1,299

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. Our Lady of Lourdes is 15.14% towards our goal of \$43,434.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the vestibule. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.



thank you!

My father's funeral was a beautiful event that not even he could top. The Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church was celebrated by Fr. Matthew Dooley and celebrated with Fr. Paul Prevosto, Fr. John McCrone, Fr. William Benedetto and the Pastor Fr. Richard Carrington joined by Deacon Michael DeRoberts. The Church was full of family and friends. A greater outpouring of love I couldn't have asked for.

Special thanks to earthly angels that came to our aid: John-Michael Jones, Maria Frieri White, Mary Jane Ford and Mark Farinella. And a big thank you to Peter Goggi who sang at the mass.

God bless all of you who came and thank you for the love you made real to us that day!

Guillermo Miguel Perez Santalla

LENTEN PROGRAM 2018

A catechesis on the Sacraments video presentation with commentary by Cardinal Wuerl Archbishop of Washington DC.

Wednesdays of Lent beginning on February 21st at 7:00 pm in Pollard Hall. The Sessions should end by 8:15 pm.

February 28th Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

March 7th Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Mass

March 14th Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick

March 21st Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays of Lent 7:00 pm in the Church**

March 2nd

March 9th

March 16th

March 23rd

March 30th GOOD FRIDAY LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 8:00 PM

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
LENTEN REGULATIONS 2018**

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 18, 2018 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.

*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.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES



On April 29, 2018, all couples throughout the Archdiocese celebrating 5th and 25th years of Marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00 pm for Mass with Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

On May 6, 2018, all couples in Essex and Union Counties celebrating 50 or more years of marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00 pm for Mass with Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

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

**SAVE THE DATE
IMPORTANT GUEST ARRIVING!!!!**

Saturday, March 17th marks the 60th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the Deerfield School Gymnasium as Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. At the 5 pm Mass, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Tobin will be the principal Celebrant. After Mass, there will be a light collation in Pollard Hall, at no charge. At 7 pm, we will have the super 50/50 raffle drawing. All registered parishioners should have received their raffle books. If you would like additional books contact the Parish Office.

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

Please save the cancelled stamps.
Drop them in the containers in the vestibules of the Church for the Disabled Veterans.

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.



Focus on Faith Formation



All of our families should have received the yearly Lamb of God boxes that we use as part of our Lenten preparation that includes almsgiving, more prayer, and fasting. Please help your children learn more about almsgiving and works of service by perhaps having them do chores to earn money for the boxes. The boxes are due March 21st and can be brought to class, the Faith Formation office or the rectory. All money collected will go to the Circle of Compassion to help purchase Easter dinners for those in need.

All students in our Faith Formation program grades 3 - 9 will go to confession during Lent/Easter season. The TCM students will go during class, the Tuesday 8th grade students have a Reconciliation service on March 20th at 7 pm, the 9th grade students will go as part of their Confirmation retreat on April 8th, and the Family Faith students will have Reconciliation services on Saturday March 3rd and March 17th at 12:45 pm. Those who cannot attend will have to go on their own and turn in a confession verification form.

Our Wednesday elementary students need to make up the snow day by completing chapter 16 at home with parents and then completing the online assessment that was emailed out last week. The children who do not complete the home lesson will have to come in for a makeup class the first week of May. Please complete the assignment so we don't have to add this class on to the end of the calendar.

2nd grade parents: Our mandatory First Eucharist family retreat will take place on Saturday, March 3rd from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Please note that First Eucharist books are due on this day.

Service Opportunity for 8th and 9th graders: We need students to assist at the First Eucharist retreat on Saturday, March 3rd. Students would need to arrive by 9:15 am. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if your child can volunteer.

Sunday 8th grade students: The canceled class from February 18th will be made up on Sunday, March 4th after the 9:30 am Mass.

Volunteers for the Living Stations of the Cross: The 1st rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, February 27th from 8 pm - 9:15 pm. 8th graders participating will be let out of class early for this rehearsal.

DRIVER SOUGHT

Elderly Mountainside couple looking to hire experienced, reliable driver with car who would be available for hire when needed. All trips during daylight hours. If interested, call 908-654-4698 between 10am and 5pm.



Holy Trinity School News

Considering school for your two year old?

Be sure to consider the HTS Early Education Center. The Two Year Old program is a two morning a week class focusing on language, social skills, faith and fun. Call for a tour. There are a few places available!

With the word "January," Holy Trinity School fifth grader Esme McLaughlin won first place in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Liberty District Spelling Bee. Esme will now go on to the state spelling bee in New Brunswick on March 3rd.

Tara Lazar, author of multiple children's books, will visit HTS Westfield Campus on Monday, March 12th. Ms. Lazar will present to multiple age assemblies. She will provide a glimpse into a day in the life of an author, explaining how fractured fairy tales can serve as a base for writing stories and exploring uncommon tongue-twisting language to expand vocabularies.

On your **Facebook** page, search for our new page:

"Holy Trinity School Early Education Center"

Join us, Like us, Follow us and Share us!!!

Follow us on Instagram at htschoolmountainside.

For more information about our full day kindergarten and preschool program, please contact the Mountainside Campus at (908) 233-1899. Tours are always available. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call (908) 233-0484

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 2018

Seton Hall University
Saturday, March 10, 2018
8 am - 4:30 pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION

Seton Hall University
Saturday, March 3, 2018
8 am - 4 pm

Pilgrimage to Portugal

Under the leadership of Fr. Bill Benedetto

Date: July 20-28, 2018
Visiting: Fatima, Lisbon, Tomar
Price: \$2,049.00 per person, double occupancy,
hotel rooms with private bath, all breakfasts, one
lunch and five dinners. Plus air fare \$1,500.00.

For more information contact:
Fontaine Gatti at 908-727-0668 or
fontaine@avetravelgroup.com

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2018 On-Call Adorer for our Midnight to 6 am Adoration Team.

Purpose: To cover for Midnight to 6 am Adorers during vacations, illness, etc.

Commitment Length: UP TO only 3X per year

Details:

- You would be 1 of at least 3 Adorers On-Call at a given time
- If you have any restrictions (e.g., weekends only, Mondays only, etc.), you can let us know what they are and we will note them
- 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
- 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 prayerfully consider this special opportunity to serve the Lord. Remember, it would be for UP TO only 3X per year and that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.

Contact Kathy Snyder (phone: 908-232-4817; email auntkit@comcast.net) to sign up or obtain information.

Mountainside Public Library

Mountainside Public Library offers a home bound program where a volunteer will come visit someone homebound and deliver books (large print, on tape, etc.) DVD's, as well as a smile and good conversation. Our goal is to keep it one to one so a relationship is made and the home bound individual looks forward to a visit. The Library also welcome visits from seniors. For further information please contact the Library at 908-233-0115.

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,
Mark Margello, Bob Miraglia and Gerry Gallagher

Sandwich volunteers needed!

Are you interested in preparing sandwiches for St Joseph's Social Service Center? It's easier than you think and it happens on your time and budget!

What is involved?

Shop for and prepare 6 loaves of sandwiches.

Where?

In your own home then delivered to a Mountainside address (easy drop off).

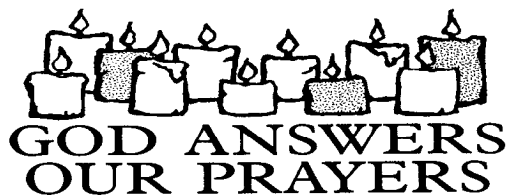
When?

ANY Monday of your choice!

Who?

Families, sports groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, service hour volunteers, Church friends.

For more information please email Briege Lennon at blcellequi@aol.com or call 908.789.8581.



Please clip and donate Box Tops Labels to help support Holy Trinity School.

Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.

