

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 26, 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, Francis Landers and Nancy Smith.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week in loving memory for Mary Grabow requested by Mark Farinella.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memory of Paul McGlynn requested by Tara McGlynn Kennedy.

*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

### Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

- 7:30 am - Mass
- 10:30 am - Service
- 3:30 pm - Service
- 4:00 pm - Faith Formation
- 7:00 pm - Mass
- 7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

### Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 9:00 am - Walking with Purpose

### Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Hope opens new horizons and enables us to dream of what is not even imaginable.

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



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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

### TRICKY TRAY DONATION

On Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> the annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance will be held in Pollard Hall and the Social Committee is planning a Tricky Tray Event. If you would like to donate a gift please drop it off at the Parish Office.



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**

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
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am, 11pm
- Tuesday: 7 am, 1 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 6 am, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday:
- Friday: 1 pm, 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.



Please stop by Pollard Hall after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass for a cup of coffee.



**Saturday Evening, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Virginia Farinella  
Req. by Michele & William Hopkins  
11:30 AM Stanley Sanderson  
Req. by Kristen Ciccimarra  
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
8:30 AM Mamie McComb  
Req. by the Gorham Family

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM Sheila T. Looney  
Req. by the Belenets Family

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ash Wednesday**

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Leber Family  
Req. by Bill Leber  
10:30 AM Service  
3:30 PM Service  
7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 AM Joanne Esemplare Franzoni  
Req. by the Esemplare Family  
8:30 AM Joseph Sgro  
Req. by Our Lady of Lourdes Friends

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Katharine Drexel**

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Paul McGlynn  
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

**Saturday Evening, March 4<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Lent**

5:00 PM Dominick Deluca  
Req. by Mary Lou & Vinnie Sarna

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Virginia Farinella  
Req. by Maria & Bill Tomko  
11:30 AM Militello & Shannen Families  
Req. by Karen & Phil  
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;

Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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) Used with permission.

#### Collection

2/19/17

\$ 6,225

#### Year to Date Actual

\$ 285,611

#### Year to Date Budget

\$ 330,331

#### Year to Date Deficit

\$ - 44,720 \*

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup>

March 24<sup>th</sup>

March 31<sup>st</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday at 8:00 pm Living Stations

In the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus gives us timeless and loving advice. Don't worry, don't fret. Our cares distract us from God unless we can place our worries directly in God's hands. "Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."

The first readings this week are from Sirach, with their beautiful seeking of Wisdom.

During the week, Mark's Gospel offers us stories about sacrificing part of ourselves. We hear of the Rich Young Man: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Peter tells Jesus, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus responds, "there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more." When the disciples squabble over who will sit in glory with Jesus, he tells them, "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

#### The Beginning of Lent

The Season of Lent begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet Joel helps us begin our journey: "return to me with your whole heart." "Rend your hearts, not your garments," reminds us that this is an interior journey. The Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51, has the antiphon: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Paul, in his Second Letter to the Corinthians says, "be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In Matthew's Gospel Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them." Thursday: From Deuteronomy, we are shown our options: "Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him." In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells us to take up our cross daily. If we decline to be his disciples out of self-protection, we will actually lose ourselves. Really saving our lives is to lose ourselves for his sake.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

#### MASSES:

7:30 am, 7:00 pm

#### SERVICES

10:30 am, 3:30 pm

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WILL TAKE PLACE  
AFTER EACH MASS OR SERVICE.**

**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?

Our goal has been reduced by \$17,868.00. The parish goal for 2017 is \$34,500.00.

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE PROGRAM**

This Lenten season, all parishioners are invited to participate in a Scripture-based, faith-sharing program conducted by Fr. Bill. Each week in Lent, we will meet to examine the upcoming Sunday Readings, looking at them in their historical and spiritual contexts and discussing how to apply their meaning to our own lives today. Participants will develop their own insights and understandings of the Scriptures, sharing them and their personal experiences in living the Gospel.

The goals of this program are: To deepen our knowledge of God’s revealed Word, to answer more readily the call to repentance and conversion that is central to the Lenten Season, to encourage one another in our shared discipleship of Christ, and to know the richness of the ever-present Love of God for each and every one of us in our daily lives.

The first meeting will take place the evening of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first Thursday after Ash Wednesday, at 7:00 pm in the Spirituality Room. Subsequent meetings will take place on each of the Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7:00 pm in the Spirituality Room.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK  
LENTEN REGULATIONS 2017**

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, March 5, 2017 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 11, 2017.

\*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.

**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 11 pm. It will feature Irish and American music.

Tickets now on sale after all Masses and in the Parish Office.

**Super 50/50 Raffle**

**PLEASE MARK THIS EVENT  
ON YOUR 2017 CALENDAR!!!**



## HTIS School News

The Kindergarten at Holy Trinity celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Day this month. They made projects with 100 objects, counted by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100. They decorated 100 head bands, wrote what they would do with \$100 or do when they were 100 years old and they had a 100 party with many 100 activities.

The second graders enjoyed a "Love Breakfast" with their parents on Valentine's Day. They hosted their parents in the morning and then partied with their Valentine exchanges and another treat in the afternoon. They also finished watching movies on Washington and Lincoln. They took notes during the movies and will choose a few favorite notes to publish on president silhouettes.

Don't forget to view Holy Trinity's updated pictures and posts and Like us on Facebook (HTSnj).

Is your child registered for Preschool and Full Day Kindergarten for September? There are a few spots still available for the Two Year Old class, five days a week PreK-3, and full day PreK-4 and Kindergarten classes. 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



The traditional classroom model students are invited to our next family faith session which will be held on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> after the 5 pm. We will have a puppet show on Lent and Holy Week immediately following the 5 pm Mass in Pollard Hall. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Family faith students should also attend the 5 pm Mass.

Our next Confirmation session will be on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

Catechists are invited to a Union County catechists morning of reflection at St. Michael's in Cranford on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 12:30 pm. Please RSVP by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder for family faith grades 3-6: All students will be required to attend confession during Lent. We will have a penance service on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:45 pm. If your child is unable to attend one of those services, please contact the Faith Formation Office for a verification form to attend confession at another time.

**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 Hendey**, founder and editor of [www.CatholicMom.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission) and [www.NJCatholicMen.org](http://www.NJCatholicMen.org). Look for flyers at church entrances.

**Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin will be celebrating both Masses!!!**

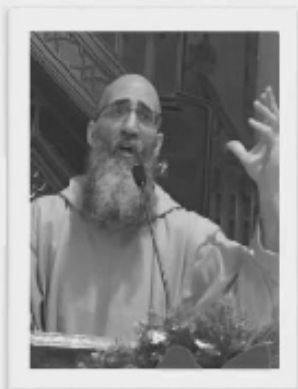
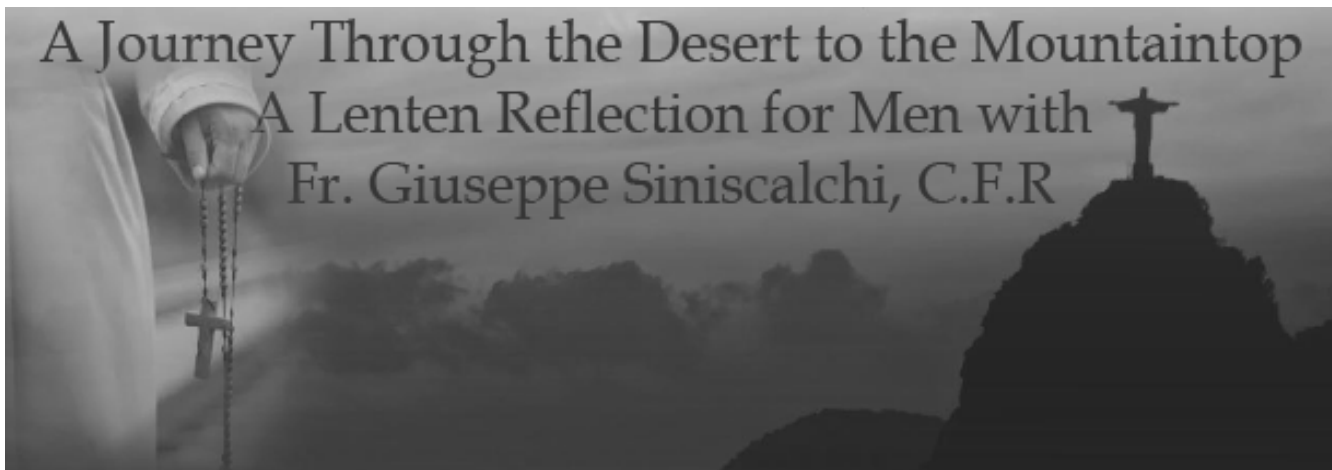
For questions:

**Contact Deacon Mike @ 908 868-0727,**  
**Deaconmike@ollmountainside.org or**  
**Contact Dave Ferrell @ 908 451-8724,**  
**dfer@comcast.net**

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.



# A Journey Through the Desert to the Mountaintop A Lenten Reflection for Men with Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalchi, C.F.R



Fr. Giuseppe joined the friars in 2002 and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 2011. He lived and ministered at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary from 2002 to 2016. He is presently the local servant (superior) of the newly opened St. Mary of the Assumption Friary in Newburgh, NY. He is a graduate of Boston College Law School and practiced law for 9 years before entering the Community.

Saturday March 18, 2017 @ 8:30am - 4:00pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, NJ 07092

Breakfast and Lunch Provided  
Check-In and Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30am  
Donation: \$25.00 Payable to Our Lady of Lourdes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail registration to Mike Billy, 1275 Virginia Ave., Mountainside, NJ 07092  
OR

Email RSVP with the above information to Mike Billy at [bmichael103@aol.com](mailto:bmichael103@aol.com)  
or Benjamin Chiang at [bchiang@quietriver.net](mailto:bchiang@quietriver.net)

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