

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 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 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 Loram, 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 for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving Memory for the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

*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.

### 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 ...  
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.**

### 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.



#### 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**



<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>February 27<sup>th</sup></b> Francisco & Caterina Gennaro Req. by The Family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b> 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
<b>Monday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b> Eugenio Laca Req. by Karen Shaneen
8:30 AM	Jimmy Sarama Req. by Dianne Tidaback
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Richard Sucato Req. by Karen Shaneen
8:30 AM	Cindy Kowalczyk Req. by Joanne Beyer
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Katherine</b> Amelia Stringile Req. by Karen Shaneen
8:30 AM	Protection of Baby in Womb & Families Req. by Romana Sawabi
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Casimir</b> NO INTENTION
8:30 AM	Paul McGlynn Req. by Barbara McGlynn
<b>Friday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b> Charles Tocko Req. by Karen Shaneen
8:30 AM	NO INTENTION
<b>Saturday,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b> NO INTENTION
5:00 PM	Carol Carpency Req. by The Carpency Family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>March 7<sup>th</sup></b> People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Mary McKinlay Req. by Mary Hilongos
11:30 AM	Militello & Shaneen Families 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.

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

The Second Week of Lent

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. For the Third Sunday of Lent we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." John's Gospel tells us the point: "Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken." In most parishes, there will be one Liturgy for the Scrutinies for the RCIA candidates, using the Gospel of the Woman at the Well.



**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.

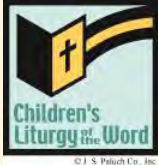
*The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.*  
**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**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.**

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



### 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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Candidates:

The 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 9:30 AM.

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

#### Reminders For Lent from the Director

Parents, please continue talking to your children about Lent. Remind them that the color on the altar is purple. During Lent we prepare for Easter by focusing on the following: 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.

For those with children in grades 3 - 9, I recommend bringing your children to confession. We usually do this as a part of our program, but due to COVID, we are unable. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 1– 2 PM.

**Always remember, If we haven't started our Lenten preparation, it is never to late to begin.**

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!

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

#Lent is precisely the season of hope when we turn our gaze back to the God who is patient. Saint Paul passionately urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20).

In this #LentenSeason, accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation.

### 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.



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.



**Ash Wednesday = \$ 706.00**

**February 21 = \$ 4354.00**

**Church of Eastern Europe = \$ 1018.00**

### Second Collections

For The Month of February

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



**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, the 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

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**  
**2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**1st-**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.

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

**3rd-**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.

**4th-**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

**On a Side Note.....**

For all those who provided gifts this past 2020 Giving Tree...

We would like you to know that they were greatly appreciated by the Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital.

They expressed that even amidst all the uncertainty and chaos of these troubled

times, that you have all been so generous and that they are so very grateful. Their patients were thrilled with all the gifts provided. So on behalf of all their patients & staff, they wish you all a happy, healthy & blessed New Year!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**DURING LENT**

**Every Friday**

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

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**

**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!

**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**

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# **Rejoice in the Lord**

## **By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**

### **Archbishop of Newark**

February 19, 2021 / Vol. 2, No. 11



### **Lent is the season for healing**

Lent is the time of year when the Church encourages us to do a thorough examination of our spiritual health, and then to take whatever steps are necessary to let the healing power of Jesus make us whole again. The six and a half weeks of Lent provide a structure for diagnosing the symptoms, and the root causes, of our sinfulness. During this special time of year, the Church encourages us to take advantage of the healing power of the sacraments, especially the sacrament of penance, to admit our selfishness and sin (confession), to experience a change of heart (conversion), to deny ourselves (penance) and to change the way we live (performing works of mercy).



In order to be spiritually healthy, we periodically have to examine: 1) the symptoms of sin—our overt sinful actions, 2) the underlying causes of sin—the attitudes and habits of our heart, from which our actions spring, 3) the healing offered by Jesus, and 4) how the healing mission of Jesus is made available to us in the Church through the sacraments and through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

The sacrament of penance is a great gift of God's mercy that is readily available to us in all seasons of the Church's year of grace. Through this great sacrament, we allow Jesus to enter into our hearts and cleanse us of all the impurities—large and small—that have built up over time. We present ourselves to Him for the healing of both our symptoms and their root causes.

The Word of God is crucial for our Lenten journey. Even if we cannot attend daily or Sunday Mass, we should reflect on the readings that the Church proposes to us during Lent by using a Missalette or by accessing the Scripture readings for the day online (see [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)).

If we look at the Gospel passages for the weekdays of Lent, they fall easily into two groups. From Ash Wednesday to the Saturday of the Third Week of Lent, we listen exclusively to accounts from Matthew, Mark and Luke that remind us of what Jesus expects of his disciples. It is significant that this first half of Lent ends with the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Lk 18:9-14). The Word of God that has spoken to us for three and a half weeks helps shatter any convictions of our

own righteousness and we find ourselves standing next to the tax collector, asking humbly for mercy. Where can we find it?

The following Monday and for the rest of Lent, the weekday readings are from the Gospel of John. These passages illuminate the mystery of Christ, who is sent “so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3, 16). As we see God’s saving plan unfold in Jesus, we realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

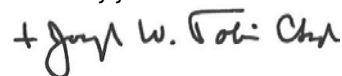
Jesus Christ is the Divine Physician of body and soul. In His Incarnation, Jesus reached out, by word and deed, to heal those with illnesses of the body and sicknesses of the soul. In His passion, death and resurrection, He conquered sin and death and became the source of ultimate healing for all. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave the apostles a share in His very life, so that the healing power of His words and deeds might continue to be present to the world through them. And through the sacraments, Jesus Himself continues to be present in every time and place, healing us and drawing us into the communion that He shares with the Father and the Spirit.

During this Lent, this season of healing, I want to remind every baptized Catholic in the Archdiocese of Newark of the great gifts of cleansing and healing that are available to us in the sacrament of penance. Through this great sacrament, the Divine Physician invites us to a healing that brings reconciliation and communion—with God, with each other, and with ourselves in our inmost being.

I sincerely hope that each of us will use this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to come to know the depth of God’s love for us. And, in a special way, I hope that this Lent will be a time when each of us rediscovers the special healing power that is available to us through the sacrament of penance.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician of our souls and bodies, wants us to be spiritually healthy. He is eager to hear our confession and forgive our sins. Are we ready to let Him?

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Tobin" with a cross at the beginning and "Card" at the end.

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