

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday of Lent + March 4, 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 pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti, James Leung, Marge Dabrowski and Joseph Iacono.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory of Jesus Perez-Santalla requested by Mark Farinella, and for the loving memory of Rose Pollick requested by Marie Hine.

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

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.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, March 6th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
 7:00 pm - Faith Formation
 8:00 pm - Living Stations Practice

Wednesday, March 7th

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

Friday, March 9th

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

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!

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

If we want a future of prosperity for all, we need to keep our compass pointing toward “true North”, in the direction of authentic values.

Our Heavenly Father always listens to His children when they cry out to Him in their pain. Today let us offer the Lord a Day of Prayer and fasting for peace.

In preparation for our Sixtieth year please help with our celebration. Research your memories of OLL and get back to us with the names of people who were founding members. Send any information you have to Liz Kelly at elizkelly007@gmail.com, or call 908 232 0795.

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!



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

Behold God is my salvation, I will trust
and not be afraid.
Isaiah 12:2

God deals with the hard questions of life. Not questions like how do I make a living, but how do I make a life? Not how do I spend my time, but how do I spend eternity? And not so much how do I get along with the person who sits next to me but ultimately how do I get along with God? When we answer the hard questions correctly all the others fall into place.

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, 4 pm
- 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, 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

Monday, March 5th

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Veronica Seibert
Req. by Regina Piscitelli

Tuesday, March 6th

7:30 AM Catherine Taylor
Req. by Bill & Maryann Taylor
8:30 AM Marie D'Alessio Dougherty and Anthony & Sondra Petrillo
Req. by Flora Servello

Wednesday, March 7th

7:30 AM Jesus Perez-Santalla
Req. by Miguel & Debbie Perez-Santalla
8:30 AM Evangelina Lamela
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Thursday, March 8th

7:30 AM Gerardo Pares
Req. by Eve Vitale
8:30 AM Thomas Torre
Req. by Laurenza & Gonzalez Families

Friday, March 9th

7:30 AM Vera Malay
Req. by Bill O'Shea
8:30 AM Marie Taylor
Req. by Bill & Maryann Taylor

Saturday, March 10th

8:00 AM Patti Reid
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, March 10th, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Anna Herbst
Req. by Rose & Dave Wheeler

Sunday, March 11th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Alfred D. Reid
Req. by the Family
9:30 AM Kevin Cunniff
Req. by the Greeley Family
11:30 AM Teixeira & Gaspar Families
Req. by the Family
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Lent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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\$ 6,013

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 18.65% 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.



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 RCIA candidates, using the Gospel of the Woman at the Well.

Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." When asked to name the "greatest" commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

For the Men of the Parish

Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes will have a meeting on Monday night, March 19, 2018 in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. New members are welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. We aim to serve not only the spiritual needs of ourselves but also to foster the well being of our Parish and the greater community. Light refreshments will be available.

We will be showing a film series on the Sacrament and the Bible produced by St. Paul Center for Theology which is Scott Hahn's company, the noted Catholic convert and apologist. Each film is about 30 minutes and a discussion will follow.

The Bible and the Sacraments examines the Sacraments of the Catholic Faith. Not simply looking at the basic teaching of the Church but by also delving into their meaning and origin. It investigates the deeper mysteries they contain as illuminated by Scripture. Based on the work of renowned theologian Scott Hahn, the films are presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. The deep mysteries and truths of the Sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2018

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

On the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 pm in Pollard Hall. The Sessions should end by 8:15 pm.

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 9th

March 16th

March 23rd

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

JESUS BE PRAISED

Special thanks to Mike Billy, Roy Vella, Ben Chang, Mark Farinella and their committee members who made last Saturday's February 24th retreat day a spiritual success. 100 men attended the Day of Recollection under the guidance of Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalchi, CFR. Four priests were available for confessions and most of the men received the Sacrament of Penance.

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 YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

Please save the cancelled stamps.

Drop them in the containers in the vestibules of the Church for the Disabled Veterans.

**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.

**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.

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



In invitation for students in grades 6-9: As you may know, our 8th graders put on the Living Stations of the Cross every year on Good Friday. This year, we do not have enough participation from 8th graders, so we are opening it up to grades 6-9 (public and Catholic school). There are opportunities for readers, actors/actresses to be frozen in scenes, and some technical opportunities. Mr. Ken Bittner assigns the parts based on interest and runs all the rehearsals. Here are the upcoming dates:

Tuesday, March 6, 8 pm - 9:30 pm
 Sunday, March 18, 7 pm - 9:00pm
 Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 pm - 9:30pm
 Thursday, March 22, 7 pm - 9pm
 Wednesday, March 28, 7 pm - 9pm
 Good Friday, March 30, event begins at 8 pm,
 students will arrive earlier

If your child would like to participate but has a few conflicts, please contact me to see if we can work them out. This is a wonderful opportunity for community service, and all students who have participated in the past have really gotten a lot out of this experience. Please contact the Faith Formation office if your child can participate. Thanks.

The next Confirmation session is scheduled for Sunday, March 11th starting with the 11:30 am Mass.

Our next Family Faith is Sunday, March 11th beginning at the 5 pm Mass. Students will be taking the Unit 5 test.

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 must 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 a Reconciliation service on Saturday 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.



Holy Trinity School News

The students in the HTS Twos Program used the winter weather to count those five snowmen before they melted in the sun and to learn 1-1 correspondence and patterning with mittens. Be sure to consider the HTS Early Education Center for September. Call for a tour. There are a few places available!

The PreK-4 and Kindergarteners at the HTS Mountainside Campus learned proper dental hygiene from the presentation by Westfield Pediatric Dental Group. The students learned how to brush, floss and keep their teeth healthy.

On Tuesday, March 6th Mrs. Abigail Preece, M.S., L.A.C. from Imagine, a center for coping with loss, will join the parents of the HTS Mountainside Campus for Coffee and Conversation at 8:30 am. Mrs. Preece will then guide a discussion about handling anxiety with your children in today's world and provide resources for how families can address school violence. This is open to all families in our parish.

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 programs, 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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The March 10th Women's Day of Recollection has been cancelled. There will be a Rosary Meeting on Monday, March 5th, followed by bingo and refreshments. All are welcome.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, March 10th-11th, marks the Annual Peter's Pence Collection. This collection is the way we, as members of the Catholic Church, unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those most in need. Your generosity is a witness to charity and helps the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized.

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

Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.



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.

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

CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE 2018

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

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.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

Thank you very much for the generous donations of socks! We are very grateful for your generosity to our poor and homeless brothers and sisters.

A warm pair of socks is truly a blessing to someone who is struggling to make ends meet. Thank you again for sharing your blessings. May peace and love fill our hearts, our homes, and our world.

With gratitude,
Bernadette Murphy