

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The First Sunday of Lent + March 5, 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 remember in your prayers the soul of

Joan Bieszczak. May she rest in peace.

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, Francis Landers and Nancy Smith.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Catherine Watson requested by Mark Farinella and for the special intentions for Pedro Antonio Turcios requested by the Schlutter Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased members of the parish.

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

Sunday, March 5th

11:30 am - Confirmation 9 Gr.

5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

Tuesday, March 7th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Social Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Lenten Scripture Program

7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

Thursday, March 9th

9:00 am - Walking with Purpose

Friday, March 10th

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11th

7:00 pm - St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

If evil is contagious, so is goodness. Let us be infected by goodness and let us spread goodness!

Let us be close to our brothers and sisters who are going through illness and also their families.

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!

TRICKY TRAY DONATION

On Saturday, March 11th 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

You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,...the people of God.

1 PETER 2:9-10

Several images are used in the Bible to describe the Church: the Body of Christ, the elect, the house of God, the saints. One of the most meaningful expressions the Bible uses is " the people of God". The Church is not a building; it is not the clergy; it is not an abstract institution - it is the people 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, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 6 am, 3 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.



Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday Evening, March 4th, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 5th, First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 6th

7:30 AM Catherine Taylor
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor
8:30 AM James Puerile
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Tuesday, March 7th, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 AM Vera Malay
Req. by Bill O'Shea
8:30 AM Mary & Louis Pittner
Req. by Karen & Phil

Wednesday, March 8th, St. John of God

7:30 AM Joan Wincko
Req. by Mary Ann & John Kitchell
8:30 AM Steven Heckel
Req. by Javier & Donna Perez-Santalla

Thursday, March 9th, St. Frances of Rome

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
8:30 AM Marie Taylor
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Friday, March 10th

7:30 AM Patti Reid
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Robert Smith
Req. by Dave & Liz Smith

Saturday, March 11th

8:00 AM Alfred D. Reid
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, March 11th, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Mary Stawasz
Req. by the Hahner Family

Sunday, March 12th, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Carol Carpency
Req. by the Carpency Family
9:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by the Zimmermann Family
11:30 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Russ Cardoni
Req. by the Family

First Sunday of Lent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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

2/26/17

\$ 6,163

Year to Date Actual

\$ 291,774

Year to Date Budget

\$ 340,753

Year to Date Deficit

\$ 48,979 *

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

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 are available after all Masses
and in the Parish Office.

Super 50/50 Raffle

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.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God “with all their hearts” (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

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 2nd, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

- March 10th
- March 17th
- March 24th
- March 31st
- April 7th

Good Friday at 8:00 pm Living Stations

**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.



HTIS School News

Congratulations to the 8th Grade team that participated in the 15th Annual Mount Saint Mary Academy Forensics Tournament this week. In the Declamation category, Kelly Cushing placed 2nd and Isabela Allen came in 1st place and won a \$1,000 scholarship to the Mount.

On Sunday, February 12th, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin bestowed the Parvuli Dei Award on Pack 73 Cub Scouts Christopher Bell, Robert Canada, Aidan Chase, Patrick McGovern and Diego Sanchez. The Parvuli Dei Award is the highest award that the Roman Catholic Church can bestow on a Cub Scout. Parvuli Dei is Latin for "Children of God". Congratulations to Christopher, Robert, Aidan, Patrick and Diego.

Congratulations to Cyril Maliakal, 7H, for being a winner in The Woman's Club of Westfield 2017 Youth Poetry and Short Story Contest. His poem, "Snowflake Waltz" was one of two poetry category winners from numerous student submissions residing in Cranford, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

Don't forget to view HT'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



Our next Confirmation session will be this Sunday, March 5th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

Our next family faith session is this Sunday, March 5th starting with the 5 pm Mass. After Mass, please proceed into Pollard Hall for our Lenten puppet show. Parents should sit at tables and children can sit on the floor in front of the stage.

Weekly traditional classroom students are also invited to the puppet show this Sunday, March 5th. You are welcome to attend 5 pm Mass or plan to arrive in Pollard Hall by 5:45 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All families should have received a Lamb of God box for children to collect money for the Circle of Compassion during Lent. All boxes are due back by Wednesday, April 5th.

Fr. Richard would like all children in our program to go to confession during Lent. Weekly students, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will have the opportunity to attend during class. Family Faith students and home school students can attend a penance service followed by individual confessions on either Saturday, March 18th or Saturday, March 25th at 12:45 pm. If unable to attend, students can get a verification form and attend at another time or go to another parish. All verification forms are due back by Friday, April 14th.

Our First Eucharist Family Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 1st from 9 am-12 noon in Pollard Hall. First Eucharist books are due at that time as well.

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.



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, 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

Registration for the events is **\$25**. Priests & religious are **free**.

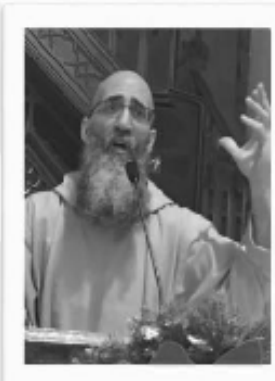
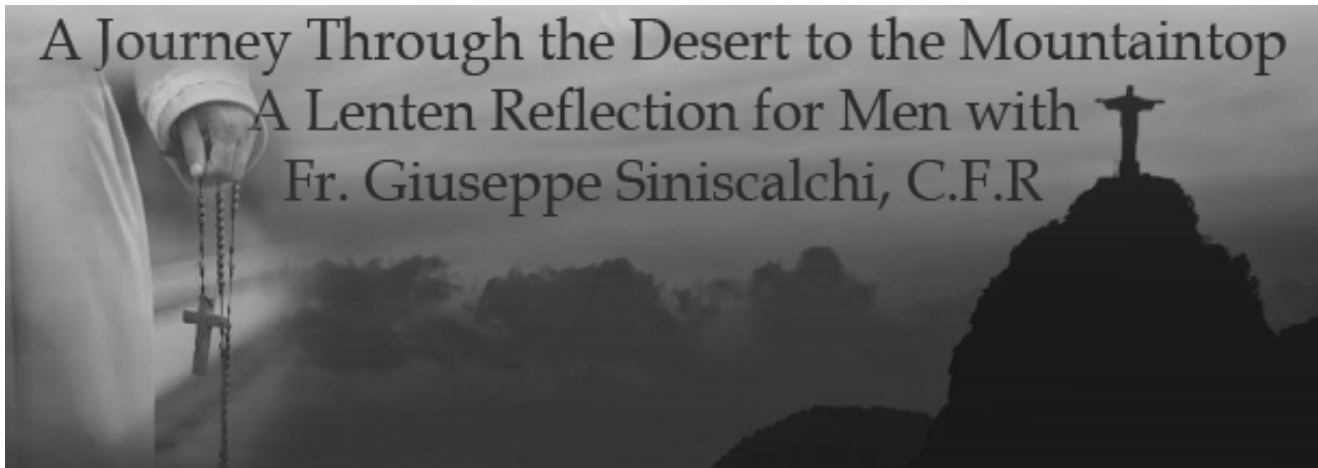
The event includes continental breakfast and lunch.

For registration and more information, visit: www.rcan.org/womenscommission.

Look for flyers at the church entrances. **Cardinal Tobin will be celebrating the Mass!!!**

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

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 @ 8am - 4pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, NJ 07092

Registration

Suggested Donation: \$25.00

Payable to Our Lady of Lourdes

Breakfast and Lunch Provided

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

or Benjamin Chiang at bchiang@quietriver.net

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