

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Second Sunday of Lent + March 8, 2020

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 & 5 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

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Edward Wolf. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Anthony DePalma, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Looram, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Marilyn Hart, Peter Spadaccini, Roberta Wegryn and Lenore Vega.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory of Fr. Patrick Leonard requested by Michele Hopkins.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of Irene Ciccarino requested by Norma Weinstein.

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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 8th

7:30 pm - Living Stations Rehearsal

Monday, March 9th

7:00 pm - Social Committee - PH

Tuesday, March 10th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 11th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:30 pm - Youth Group

7:30 pm - Women's Bible Study

Thursday, March 12th

9:30 am - Women's Bible Study

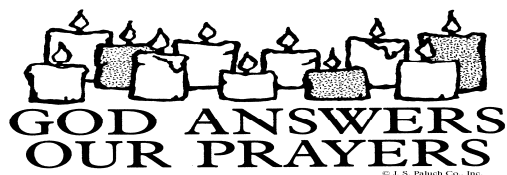
Friday, March 13th

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14th

8:00 am - Gathering of Women

12:50 pm - Family Faith Confessions



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

May we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with him at our side.

We pray, fast and perform the works of mercy in this time of grace, so that the Lord might find our hearts ready and fill them with the victory of His love.

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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

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!

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.

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!

Jesus longs for our company—just one hour...

PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Monday: Noon; 2 pm
- Tuesday: 10 am
- Thursday: 3 pm
- Friday: Noon; 8 pm
- Saturday: 3 am (that's Friday into Saturday); 3 pm

2nd ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Sunday: between 9 am & 1 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm
- Monday: 11 pm
- Tuesday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm
- Thursday: between 6 am & noon; 5 pm
- Friday: 7 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: between 9 am & 11 am, between 1 pm & 5 pm between 7 pm & 11 pm

All days of the week - between Midnight & 6 am.

SUBSTITUTE & ON-CALL ADORERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

CONTACT:

KATHY SNYDER (908-232-4817; auntkik@comcast.net)
 or **MARIANNE TAYLOR (908-233-6074)**

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!



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.



Saturday Evening, March 7th, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 8th, Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 AM Carol Carpency
Req. by the Family
- 9:30 AM Protection of Babies in the Womb
Req. by the K of C Council 1711
- 11:30 AM Robert Riley
Req. by Sue & Pat Parmelee
- 5:00 PM Angela & Edward Noha
Req. by Theresa Manziano

Monday, March 9th, St. Frances of Rome

- 7:30 AM Mary Lee
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 8:30 AM Marie Taylor
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Tuesday, March 10th

- 7:30 AM Paulita Magpantay
Req. by Tatt & Rose Ferrer
- 8:30 AM Stephen Brady
Req. by the Brady & Ford Families

Wednesday, March 11th

- 7:30 AM Vito, Sr. & Vito Treglia, Jr.
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 8:30 AM Virginia Osiecki
Req. by Bob & Joan Ventura

Thursday, March 12th

- 7:30 AM Frances Lentini
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 8:30 AM Jack Graziano
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano

Friday, March 13th

- 7:30 AM Mildred Plucienik
Req. by Carmen Santiago & Family
- 8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Saturday, March 14th

- 8:00 AM Irene Ciccarino
Req. by the Rosary Altar Society

Saturday Evening, March 14th, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15th, Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 AM Carol Carpency
Req. by the Family
- 9:30 AM Salvatore Ciccarino
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
- 11:30 AM Nicholas Conte
Req. by the Laurenza Family
- 5:00 PM Stefani DeCato
Req. by Sue & Pat Parmelee

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 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]

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



Collections

March 1 - \$ 6,395
Ash Wednesday - \$1,261

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. Your statement can be mailed or emailed to you.



Mass Book for 2020 is now open.

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.



The Second Sunday of Lent offers us Matthew's Gospel of the Transfiguration. When the stammering disciples are overwhelmed at the reality of who Jesus really is they "were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

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." 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.

It's Time to Register for Faith Formation!

If you have a student entering public school 1st grade in September, please contact the Faith Formation Office to register for class. The preparation for First Holy Communion begins in 1st grade, so don't miss out!

If you have a child in Catholic school who will be in 2nd grade or 9th grade beginning in September, please contact the Faith Formation Office to register for sacrament prep for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Remember that in the Archdiocese of Newark, all children receive the sacraments at their parish, not in Catholic school.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

On April 19, 2020, all couples throughout the Archdiocese celebrating 5 and 25 years of Marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00 pm for Mass with Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

On May 3, 2020, 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.

CARDINAL’S APPEAL FOR 2020

The theme of the 2020 Annual Appeal is “Shining the Light of Christ.” As disciples, we are individually called to radiate the love of God in our work, our relationships, our service and our giving (cf. Mt. 5:16). As a Catholic faith community, our common worship, hospitality, pastoral care and ministry reflects this love to the wider community. By sharing our time, unique talents, and personal treasure, we participate in shining the light of Christ ever more brightly.

As members of the Catholic Church of Newark, we are united by a common mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ - to proclaim the Gospel, to pass on the faith to the next generation through the celebration of the sacraments, to care for the poor and vulnerable, and to form our future priests. The 2020 Annual Appeal binds us more closely to this mission through our stewardship of God's many gifts.

Your support of this year's Annual Appeal will have a direct impact on the lives of those served through the ministries and programs of this Archdiocese. For those who have not as yet made a pledge, Pledge Sunday will take place this weekend of March 7th & March 8th.

**PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS
AND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

We continue to monitor with concern the questions that are arising about the spread of the coronavirus. A task force is meeting to construct a contingency plan that will attempt to address comprehensive concerns.

In light of the coronavirus, the uncertainty of how widespread and impactful it is and/or could be and as a precaution, Cardinal Tobin has directed the following:

- Assure the faithful that if they are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness they are not obligated to attend Mass, and even out of charity they ought not to attend.
- The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact.
- Distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful via the chalice is to be suspended

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

Rachel’s Vineyard

Are you suffering from an abortion experience? Do you have feelings of guilt and anxiety? Do you suffer from depression? There is Hope! Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats: rachelvineyard.org. May 8-10, 2020, September 11-13, 2020.

For more information contact the Respect Life Office: Patricia.Decker@rcan.org, 973-497-4348.

**TRIP CANCELLED
A VISIT TO ITALY
August 7 - 20, 2020**

**Archdiocese of Newark
2020 Lenten Regulations**

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.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

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.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.

*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.

**Stations of the Cross
Friday Evenings of Lent
7:00 pm.**

March 13th, March 20th, March 27th April 3rd.

**Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross
at 8:00 pm**

Focus on Faith Formation



Living Stations: Our 1st rehearsal will be this Sunday March 8th at 7:30 pm in Pollard Hall. Thank you to all who signed up to participate. If you haven't sent in the permission slip yet, parents, please have your child bring it to the 1st rehearsal.

Family Faith Formation: Our next confession date is Saturday, March 14th for students in grades 3-7 at 12:50 pm in the Church. Remember all students in grades 3-7 are required to go to confession during Lent. Our next session will be Sunday, March 29th. 1st grade parents, please remember this is prayer day, and your children will have to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, and make the sign of the cross with the words.

First Holy Eucharist: The First Eucharist mandatory retreat will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Completed First Eucharist books are also due on that date.

Registration: Registration for 2020-2021 school year is now open! Please go to ollfaithformation.org, go to the registration tab, and read all descriptions as some of our programs have changed. Please print out the registration form/forms, emergency form, and volunteer form, if applicable. Fill out all forms and return them to the Faith Formation office or to the rectory along with payment. Remember that children will be placed in programs and classes on a first come/first served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Children's Choir

We invite all interested young people with a desire to praise God in song to join us. If you are interested, but missed the first meeting, don't worry! Everyone is welcome! Just contact Theresa Neglia at tneglia@shp.org for more information.

Adult Choir

The OLL adult choir meets Sundays at 10:30 am in the school library and sings at the 11:30 am Mass. If you are interested in more information, see Joe Neglia after any Mass, or contact him at jneglia@shp.org.

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!

Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network Union County, NJ

Tend My Sheep Ministry

Our next hosting will be held at First United Methodist Church in Westfield on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Volunteers have been notified and a sign-up sheet is available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CABA72BA0FD0-ollfood>

Food and other items can be dropped off at Pollard Hall from 3-4:30 pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

If you don't have time to volunteer, we also accept monetary donations and gift cards. These can be dropped off at the rectory, given to Deacon Mike, or put in the collection basket during all masses, in an envelope marked Tend My Sheep Ministry. Gift cards should be small denominations, \$10-25. Walmart, Target, Shop Rite, Lyft or Uber are suggested. Many of our guests work early morning or late night hours when the van is not available to take them to/from work or the nearest bus or train station.

If anyone has a car that they would like to donate to Family Promise, please contact Amy Jones at ajones@familypromise.org or at (908)273-1100 x 138. They can facilitate the process so it is easy for you.

If you have any questions, please contact: Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mdroberts@aol.com, or at (908) 868-0727 or Karen Hahner, hahnerk@comcast.net or at (908) 789-4639.

Thanks again for all you do to make Our Lady of Lourdes a great parish!

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner Coordinators



Brothers in Christ, The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a meeting at 6:30 pm on March 16th in Pollard Hall. Scripture, Catholic issues and ways to serve the Parish and the Community will be discussed. There will be a special presentation on the Shroud of Turin. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. For further information contact Mike Billy (bmichael103@aol.com).

The Youth Group will be selling Palm Crosses after every Mass on March 28th and 29th.





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
POT LUCK LUNCH
and
SUPPORT THE PARISH BY
BUYING TICKETS FOR
THE SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE**

on

Sunday, March 15, 2020

**Immediately after the 11:30 am Mass
In Pollard Hall.**

SIGN UP AT

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Patrick>

OR AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH AFTER MASS.

The raffle drawing will occur at 1:30 pm.

