

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Second Sunday of Lent + March 12, 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 souls of Francis Landers, Francisco Gennaro and Lois Osieja. May they 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 and Nancy Smith.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Rev. Patrick Leonard requested by Michele & Bill Hopkins, for the loving memory for Captain William Wynne requested by Stephanie Szabo and for the loving memory for Christiane requested by the Schlutter Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased parishioners of our 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

Tuesday, March 14th

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

Wednesday, March 15th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Lenten Scripture Program
7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

Thursday, March 16th

9:00 am - Walking with Purpose

Friday, March 17th

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18th

8:00 am - Men's Day of Recollection
12:45 pm - Family Faith Formation Lent Penance Service.

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....

Prayer is the key that opens God's merciful heart.

When the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up.



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

(God) is right in everything he does. God is never wrong. He has never rendered a wrong decision, experienced the wrong attitude, taken the wrong path, said the wrong thing, or acted the wrong way. He is never too late or too early, too loud or too soft, too fast or too slow. He has always been and always will be right. He is righteous.

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, 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, March 11th, Vigil, 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

Monday, March 13th

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM Maria Alfonso
Req. by Karen & Phil

Tuesday, March 14th

7:30 AM Richard & Genevieve Carrington
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM Felicitacion Evangelista
Req. by Teresa Evangelista

Wednesday, March 15th

7:30 AM Stephen Heckel
Req. by Javier & Donna Perez-Santalla

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, March 16th

7:30 AM Francis Landers
Req. by Rev. Richard Carrington

8:30 AM Joan Bieszczak
Req. by Norman & Yvonne Hobbib

Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

8:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Saturday, March 18th

8:00 AM Agnes & Peter Rigney
Req. by the McGovern & Strong Families

Saturday Evening, March 18th, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 19th, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM B. Meridith Reid
Req. by the Family

9:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by Kathy & Dave Snyder

11:30 AM Therese Wuest
Req. by Peggy Ryan

5:00 PM James & Elizabeth Whelan
Req. by the Kelly Family

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]

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.

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2017 On-Call Adorer for our Midnight to 6am Adoration Team.

Purpose: To cover for Midnight to 6am 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 auauntkit@comcast.net) to sign up or obtain additional information.

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."

Monday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

The second week of Lent 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 and beloved parable of the Prodigal Son.

Collection

3/5/17

\$ 8,657

Year to Date Actual

\$ 300,431

Year to Date Budget

\$ 346,631

Year to Date Deficit

\$ 46,200 *

Collection for Retired & Religious

\$ 2,337

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

Just a Reminder



Turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday, tonight before going to bed.

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.



**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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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

Good Friday at 8:00 pm Living Stations

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 meetings will take place on the Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7 pm in the Spirituality Room.

**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.

If you have not yet made a pledge please consider doing so.

Please remember the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate planning.



HTIS School News

Using empty egg cartons, students in Mrs. Gribbin's fourth grade class made Lenten caterpillars filled with activities. Each week, beginning on Ash Wednesday, each student chooses from their caterpillar, another Lenten activity to do. These caterpillars will help the students be more intentional in their time with God.

The third graders went on a field trip to the Mayo Performing Art Center to see *Miss Nelson is Missing*. The trip supported their reading and social studies programs. They read the story at the start of the school year and then sent letters and pictures of Miss Nelson to friends and relatives near and far. Friends and family have been sending souvenirs and pictures of Miss Nelson's travels from all over the United States and around the world, including China, Columbia, Ireland, Japan, Hong Kong, Italy. The students have been learning about the world's people and geography.

Congratulations to Isabela Allen for being chosen as Holy Trinity's Outstanding Catholic School Graduate of 2017! This award is conferred annually on one eighth grader from each Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Newark. These eighth graders exemplify Catholic values in word and deed, display superior academic achievement, and have been enrolled in school for at least two years. Isabela was chosen because she exemplifies the qualities of a Catholic school graduate and she demonstrates her faith daily to all who know her, being a true example of Catholic faith in action. Isabela will be honored at the Archdiocesan celebration in April with the students from Essex and Union Counties. The celebration will be a Mass followed by breakfast at the CYO Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ.

As of February, 23 eighth grade students have been awarded over \$500,000 in scholarship funds to local Catholic high schools. "We are very proud of our eighth grade class and their personal achievements. We are thrilled that so many of our students not only get accepted and receive scholarships to these great schools but that they are choosing to continue their Catholic education." said, Sister Maureen Fichner SSJ, Holy Trinity School Principal. "Our school community looks forward to seeing the continued success of these students."

Would you like to have your child in a full day PreK or Kindergarten program in September? If you are interested in providing your children with an excellent pre-school 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



Thanks to all who attended our Lenten puppet show. We received a lot of positive feedback.

Our next Family Faith session is Sunday, April 2nd, which is also our 1st grade prayer day. We will have a video and activities on prayer, and 1st grade children will have to recite the Hail Mary, Our Father, and Glory Be. Parents, please be sure to continue working with your children on their prayers. 1st graders in weekly classes will have prayer day on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18th and 19th.

Family Faith students grades 3-6 and home schooled students must attend confession during Lent. We will hold penance services on Saturday, March 18th and Saturday, March 25th at 12:45 pm. If unable to attend one of those, please attend at another time or at another parish and have a verification form signed by the priest. Confessions are also held every Saturday from 1-2 pm.

The first 7th and 8th grade rehearsal for the Living Stations will take place on Tuesday, March 21st at 7 pm in the Church. If your child plans to participate, permission slips are due at the next class which is Tuesday, March 14th.

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

This year all the students in our program are once again participating in a Lenten service project to collect money to assist the Circle of Compassion with providing Easter meals to those in need. All families should have received a Lamb of God box by now. Boxes are due back by Wednesday, April 5th.

As part of sacrament preparation, our 2nd and 9th graders have been turning in church envelopes with donations for those in need. We were able to purchase 2 Communion dresses, 2 veils, a 3 piece boy's suit, and a dress shirt for the Communion clothing collection.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION MARCH 25, 2017

8:00 am Mass followed by a Novena to
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Including continental breakfast and lunch.

Speaker: Rev. Paul Bochicchio

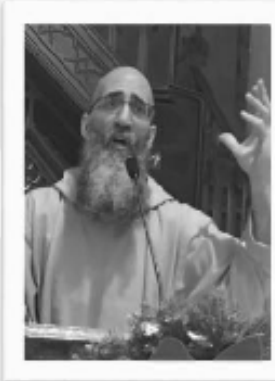
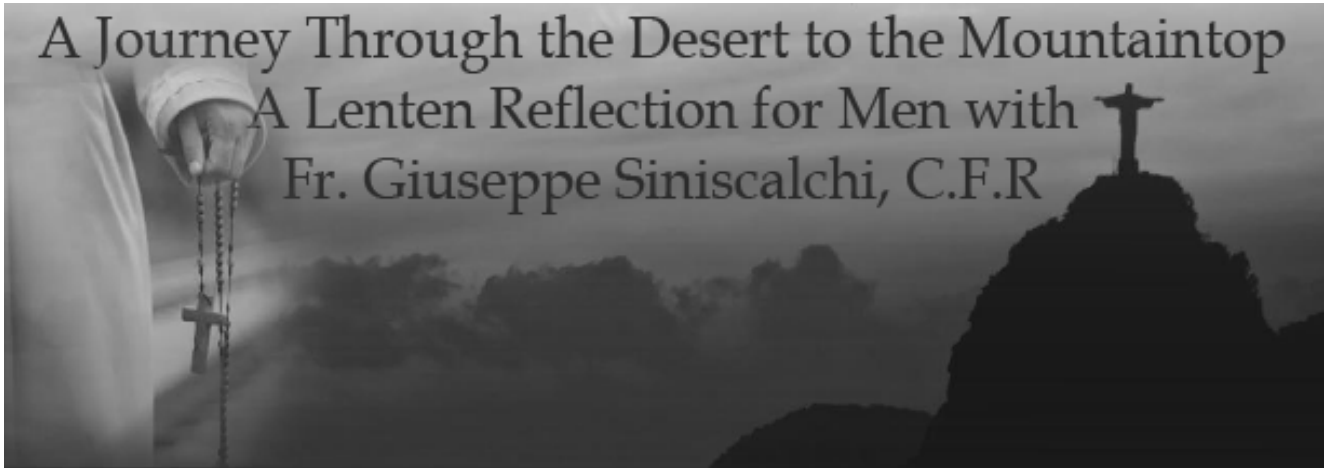
Will conclude at 1:00 pm

All women of the Parish are invited.

DONATION: \$15.00

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES
AND AT 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 @ 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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