

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday of Lent + March 15, 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 Roberta Wegryn, Gerard Pares and Iris Uhlig. May they 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 Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Marilyn Hart, Peter Spadaccini and Lenore Vega.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory of Irene Ciccarino requested by the Gennaro Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for the 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.

Parish Calendar

- Sunday, March 15th**
7:30 pm - Living Stations Rehearsal
- Monday, March 16th**
6:30 pm - Brothers In Christ Meeting
7:00 pm - Social Committee - Rectory
- Tuesday, March 17th**
4:00 pm - Faith Formation
- Wednesday, March 18th**
4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:30 pm - Youth Group
7:30 pm - Women’s Bible Study
- Thursday, March 19th**
9:30 am - Women’s Bible Study
- Friday, March 20th**
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 21st**
9:30 am - 1st Eucharist Retreat



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.

The Lord tells us not only to carry out works of charity, to pray and to fast, but also to do these without pretense, duplicity and hypocrisy.

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

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 Lord are good and ready to forgive,
and abundant in mercy to all those who
call upon You.

Psalm 86:5

Once we know that nothing, we have ever done can get God to reject us because of what we are, we feel free to forgive ourselves for whatever we have done. And each time we forgive ourselves we pull our feet out of yesterday's failure and begin to hope again for tomorrow's blessings.

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 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 Lorenza Family
- 5:00 PM Stefani DeCato
Req. by Sue & Pat Parmelee

Monday, March 16th

- 7:30 AM Rodaliza Bustos Schneider
Req. by Tatt & Rose Ferrer
- 8:30 AM Mary & Louis Pittner
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Tuesday, March 17th, St. Patrick

- 7:30 AM Stephen Brady
Req. by the Brady & Ford Families
- 8:30 AM Paul Mc Glynn
Req. by Barbara Mc Glynn

Wednesday, March 18th, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 7:30 AM Claire, John & Kevin Foye
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 8:30 AM Nike Nagle
Req. by Maureen & Jim Murphy

Thursday, March 19th, St. Joseph

- 7:30 AM Irene Ciccarino
Req. by St. Bartholomew's Prayer Shawl Members
- 8:30 AM Marie Kelly
Req. by Bob & Jean Ventura

Friday, March 20th

- 7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
- 8:30 AM No Mass Intention

Saturday, March 21st

- 8:00 AM Special Intentions for Diane & Jim Kontra
Req. by Rose Vera Kaepfel

Saturday Evening, March 21st, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 PM Frank Carpency
Req. by the Family

Sunday, March 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 AM John O'Shea
Req. by the Family
- 9:30 AM Special Intentions for William & Judith McSharry
Req. by the McSharry Family
- 11:30 AM Frank Bove
Req. by Fred Pina Ambrosio
- 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 25:4-51b, 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

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: 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]

**THERE WILL BE NO BAGELS
THIS WEEKEND.**

Collections

March 8 - \$ 5,381

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.



For the Third Sunday of Lent we read of the Samaritan woman who encounters Jesus at the well. He offers her lifegiving waters and then shows her how intimately he understands her. She runs back to town to spread her news: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?" At some Masses, we will hear the Scrutinies for RCIA candidates.

Thursday is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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. Jesus heals a demon that wouldn't let a man talk. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal. Jesus responds with words that have a double meaning: there is only one source of grace; it is from God and it resists evil; there is only one source of evil; it is from Satan and it resists God's grace. 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."

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.

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.





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.



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 20th, March 27th April 3rd.

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



WINE TASTING

SATURDAY

APRIL 25, 2020

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



CIRCLE OF COMPASSION

The Circle of Compassion will be collecting canned or smoked hams and turkeys as well as other non-perishable food items after all the Masses the following weekends of March 21/22, March 28/29, April 4/5 and April 11/12. If you prefer to make a financial contribution, please place it in the envelopes available at the entrances of the church clearly marked **Circle of Compassion**.

The families at The Church of the Transfiguration in Newark and St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth are most thankful for your continuing support. God bless you.

Please call Gerry Gallagher at (908) 232-4687 with any questions

2020 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The theme of the 2020 Annual Appeal is “Shining the Light of Christ.” 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 would like to make a pledge, the cards with pencils are in the pews. Simply fill out the pledge card and place it in the regular weekend collection. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Focus on Faith Formation



Living Stations: Our next rehearsal will be this Sunday March 15 at 7:30 pm in Pollard Hall. The first rehearsal went really well and we're looking forward to an extra special Good Friday presentation.

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.

Family Faith Formation: Our next session will be Sunday, March 29. 1st grade parents, please remember this is prayer day, and your children will have to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, plus make the sign of the cross with the words.

Registration: Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! Please go to ollfaithformation.org, click on 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 Parish Office 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.

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!

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.

Lent – Sacrifice - Donation Bins - Any Connection?



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable.

Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, toys, and children's books for the Catholic Charities Donation bin? If you do, you have made the connection.

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



**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.**

The raffle drawing will occur at 1:30 pm.

