

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Third Sunday of Lent + March 19, 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
Amelia Klebous. 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 and Nancy Smith.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Msgr. Raymond Pollard requested by Gregory Meier and for the special intentions of Mary Ann Fama requested by Adele Demetriou.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of Amelia Klebous requested by Alice & Dick Fallon.

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

Monday, March 20th

7:00 pm - Men's Group

Tuesday, March 21st

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Living Stations Practice

Wednesday, March 22nd

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Lenten Scripture Program

7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

Thursday, March 23rd

9:00 am - Walking with Purpose

Saturday, March 25th

8:00 am - Rosary Altar Society Retreat Day

12:45 pm - Faith Formation Penance Service

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Let us strive to fast during Lent with a smile,
rather than a long face.

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

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!



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

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom.

Psalm 111:10

Persons who fear the Lord are persons who can hardly wait to do the commandments of God. They are a delight, not a chore. They are exciting, not boring. They are thrilling, not devastating. When God says something to persons who fear the Lord., they are eager to jump into action and get the job done!. They have a sense of holy excitement.

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.



Saturday Evening, March 18th, Vigil, 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

Monday, March 20th, St. Joseph

7:30 AM Frank Carpency
Req. by the Carpency Family

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Kitchell Family
Req. by Mary Ann Golomb

Tuesday, March 21st

7:30 AM John O'Shea
Req. by Bill O'Shea

8:30 AM Joan Casale
Req. by Cynthia Casale & Carl Casale

Wednesday, March 22nd

7:30 AM Msgr. Raymond Pollard
Req. by Gregory Meier

8:30 AM Lois Osieja
Req. by Yvonne & Norman Hobbib

Thursday, March 23rd, St. Turibus

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

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Friday, March 24th

7:30 AM Winifred McHugh
Req. by the Belenets Family

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, March 25th

8:00 AM Mark Paster
Req. by Joyce Lorenzo

Saturday Evening, March 25th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Jean Ann Liguori
Req. by the Aranjó Family

Sunday, March 26th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Mary Kathryn Holland
Req. by Bill & Michele Hopkins

11:30 AM Dominick Deluca
Req. by Eve Vitale

5:00 PM Joan Bieszczak
Req. by Ken & Jean Dalrymple

Third Sunday of Lent

THE SCRIPTURES



For the Third Sunday of Lent we read of the Samaritan woman who encounters Jesus at the well. He offers her life-giving 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 as they draw nearer to their Baptisms at the Easter Vigil.

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."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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

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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

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]

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.

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



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.



Collection

3/12/17

\$ 14,573 *

Year to Date Actual

\$ 315,101

Year to Date Budget

\$ 354,860

Year to Date Deficit

\$ 39,759 **

* Includes online giving for February that was received on 3/6/17.

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

March 24th

March 31st

April 7th

Good Friday at 8:00 pm Living
Stations

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**

**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. Pledge envelopes are in the pews.

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.

**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.

Fr. Richard would like to thank the following members of the Social Committee for their “hard work” in making the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance a SUCCESS.



Al & Carol Leick
Rod & Tinki Dunne
Linda Esemplare
Mark Farinella

Rosemarie Graziano
Carmen Lledro
Barbara Oberding
Kathy Snyder
Sue Zavodny



HTIS School News

The Kindergarten at Holy Trinity celebrated 100 Day this month. They made projects with 100 objects, counted by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100. They decorated 100 head bands, wrote what they would do with \$100 or do when they were 100 years old and they had a 100 party with many 100 activities.

The second graders enjoyed a "Love Breakfast" with their parents on Valentine's Day. They hosted their parents in the morning and then partied with their Valentine exchanges and another treat in the afternoon. They also finished watching movies on Washington and Lincoln. They took notes during the movies and will choose a few favorite notes to publish on president silhouettes.

Don't forget to view Holy Trinity'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 day 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.

Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce the following winners of the Parish 50/50 from the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Raffle. All are parishioners!

1st Place

Rudy Albert #12652

\$ 3,199.75

2nd Place

OLL Rosary Society #21059

\$ 1,919.85

3 Place

Audrey Blumentti #06082

\$ 1,279.90

Parish Winnings

\$ 6,399.50

Focus on Faith Formation



Family Faith students grades 3-6 and home schooled students must attend confession during Lent. The 2nd opportunity to attend a penance service is Saturday, March 25th at 12:45 pm. If unable to attend please take your child to confession at another time or at another parish and have a verification form signed by the priest. Confessions are held here every Saturday from 1-2 pm.

All are invited to Holy Trinity Church in Westfield to see an extraordinary speaker on faith, Chris Padget, on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm. This is appropriate for all ages. The presentation is titled, "I'm Not OK, You're Not OK, But it's OK."

The first 7th and 8th grade rehearsal for the Living Stations will take place on Tuesday, March 21st at 7 pm in the Church.

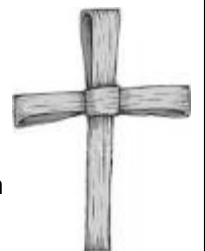
Our First Eucharist Family Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 1st from 9 am - noon in Pollard Hall. All First Eucharist books are due at this time.

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.

This year all the students in our program are once again participating in a Lenten service project to collect money to assist in 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.

The Youth Group will be selling Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday weekend. Proceeds will benefit the young people. Just like last year, Palm Crosses are \$10 each, and will be available at both the front and rear entrances to the church after every Mass. Palm Crosses are a great way to remember a loved one.



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 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 auauntkit@comcast.net) to sign up or obtain additional information.



Circle of Compassion

The Circle of Compassion is appealing on behalf of the communities of St. Joseph's in Elizabeth and St. Rocco's in Newark. Father Josephat and Sister Jacinta have asked us to respond, once again, this Easter Holiday as the demands within their respective communities for a simple holiday meal continue to grow.

We can accept either food donations or financial contributions. Please place any financial contributions in an envelope clearly marked for *Circle of Compassion*.

On behalf of the families at St Joseph's and St. Rocco's we are most thankful for your continued support. God bless you!

Please call Gerry Gallagher at (908) 232-4687 with any questions. Thank you!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 9

Saturday Evening 5:00 pm
 Sunday, 7:30 am, 9:30 am 11:30 am
 and 5:00 pm

Confessions

Monday of Holy Week, April 10, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
 Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 12

Tenebrae Service, 7pm

Holy Thursday, April 13

Morning Prayer 9:00 am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm
Church will remain open until 10pm

Good Friday, April 14

Morning Prayer 9:00 am
 Liturgy of Good Friday 3:00 pm
 (including the Passion, Veneration of the Cross
 and Holy Communion)
 The Living Stations 8:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15

Morning Prayer 9:00 am
 Blessing of Food 11:00 am
 The Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 16

7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am
 Easter Egg Hunt follows the 9:30 am Mass
 (weather permitting)

There is NO 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

