

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 21, 2021

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
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 pray for the sick : Valerie Santiago, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Peter Spadaccini, Romaine Malaker, Antonetta Ferrara, Helen Ahlquist, Judy Burns, Michael Servello and Conner LaVille

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Bill Madden req. by both Mary L. Root & Mary Lou Materna

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.



Saturday, 5:00 PM	March 20th Angela & Edward Noah Req. by Theresa Manziano
Sunday, 7:30 AM	March 21st, Fifth Sunday of Lent People of the Parish
9:30 AM	William Tomko Req. by Maria Tomko & Family
11:30 AM	Bill Madden Req. by Mary L. Root & Mary Lou Materna
Monday, 7:30 AM	March 22nd John O'Shea Req. by William O'Shea
8:30 AM	NO INTENTION
Tuesday, 7:30 AM	March 23rd, St. Turibus of Mogrovejo Mary DeTomasso Req. Karen Shaneen
8:30 AM	NO INTENTION
Wednesday, 7:30 AM	March 24th Mary & Carl Leonhard Req. by The Family
8:30 AM	NO INTENTION
Thursday, 7:30 AM	March 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord Ronald James Req. by Ethel Ward
8:30 AM	NO INTENTION
Friday, 7:30 AM	March 26th NO INTENTION
8:30 AM	NO INTENTION
Saturday, 8:00 AM	March 27th NO INTENTION
5:00 PM	Ignacio Martinez Req. by Susan Murphy
Sunday, 7:30 AM	March 28th, Palm Sunday People of the Parish
9:30 AM	John & Lucy Cangro Req. by Linda Fedey
11:30 AM	Benjamin & Lourdes Corpuz Req. by Art Corpuz

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, we ask that you please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.

THE PRIESTS ASK THATAll lectors, altar servers, & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please report to the Sunday Sacristy at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass. This will allow the priest celebrant to know what type of help he has or does not have before the scheduled mass.

MASS BOOK 2021

The new Mass Book for the year 2021 is now open. The Mass Book will be open for Masses only from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

Adoration Chapel Candles

Intentions to be rescheduled when the church opens for temporary adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Now accepting intentions.



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

ATTENTION GIFT BEARERS

Due to temporary regulations from the Chancery there will be no presentation of the gifts at the offertory of the Mass for the time being.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;Jn 8:31-42

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

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

The Fifth Week of Lent

On the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, one Mass in our parishes will probably celebrate the last of the "Scrutinies" for the RCIA program using the **John's Gospel** about the raising of Lazarus.

For those at the other Masses, we will also use **John's Gospel**.

Jesus says that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." However, he describes this glory in a surprising way, which explains who he is for us and who we are called to be:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."
"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."

The first readings this week prepare for the gospels.

We begin with the long, but well worth reading, story of Susanna, which ends in "**blessing God who saves those who hope in him.**"

The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus' saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects "**the servants who trusted in him.**"

God entered a covenant with Abraham. In the midst of his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, "For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" God promises to unite the people in an everlasting covenant.

Our gospels are again from the **Fourth Gospel**.

Presented with a woman caught in adultery, Jesus replies, "**Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.**"

Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, "**When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM.**" To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, "**If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**"
"**Whoever keeps my word will never see death. ... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.**"

They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, "**the Father is in me and I am in the Father.**"

After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, "it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."

On **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** we make our way into **Holy Week**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Mark's Gospel**.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Begin the year with gratitude. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. Gratitude is the key to change. When facing a situation that seems confusing or upsetting thank God for His understanding. Praise Him for His wisdom and guidance. Heavenly Father, I can endure any situation because I know You are working on my behalf. I'm safe in Your hands.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULED HOURS



Monday thru Friday 9 am
(following the 8:30 am Mass) to 9 pm.

Saturday, 8:30 am
(following the 8 am Mass) to 4 pm.

Sunday No Adoration.

Due to the Paschal Triduum the Chapel will be closed after the 8:30 am Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week. The Chapel will reopen for adoration after the 8:30 am Mass on Monday of Easter Week.

The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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!

Does the Parish have your current email? Occasionally we reach out to parishioners in this manner especially during this period of social distancing.

Please let us know the best way to reach you!

Email: lcandela@ollmountainside.org

Text or call: 908-391-3737



The Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning in virtual form. Each week, beginning on the feast of Christ the King and running through the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is Father's Day, a homily geared towards the children of the parish will appear in the on-line edition of the parish Bulletin.

Go to www.ollmountainside.org and you will find the homily on the home page. The children can read these homilies each week, or the parents can read them to their children to help them better understand the weekly scripture readings, which are such a strong part of the formation of their faith.

Focus on Faith Formation

THIS WEEK'S ZOOMS

Tuesday, March 23 : Grade 7 - 7:00 PM, Grade 8 -7:45 PM

Wednesday, March 24 : Grade 4 - 4:00 PM, Grade 6 -4:45 PM

Grade 1: Children should be working on the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.

Our Prayer Days are scheduled for April 9th and 10th.

Be sure to sign up for a Zoom time slot for your child using this Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aa8aa23a5f85-prayer>

Grade 8: Confirmation Interviews are scheduled for both April 19th and 20th. Please use the Sign Up Genius below to sign up for a Zoom time slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aa8aa23a5f85-confirmation2>

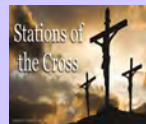
Collection for the Circle of Compassion: Lenten almsgiving monetary donations can be dropped in the Sunday collection baskets labeled **Circle of Compassion**.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

A few tweets from Pope Francis...

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love (Mt 6:6). #Lent

In the case of rare diseases, a support network among family members is more important than ever. I encourage those initiatives that support research and cures and I express my closeness to those who are ill, especially the children, and their families.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Every Friday During Lent Season at 7:00 PM

March 26 *April 2

Please Note on Good Friday April 2nd

We will **NOT** have Living Stations of the Cross **Due to COVID 19**

Circle of Compassion

We are midway in our Lenten preparation for the celebration of the great feast of Easter Sunday.

As in prior years, we are placing a reminder at both entrances of the Church asking for your generous support for the annual ham and turkey collection plus other non-perishable traditional holiday fare that will be shared with neighboring communities in both

Newark (St. Rocco's)

Elizabeth (St. Joseph's Social Service Center).

Monetary donations specific to the

Circle of Compassion

are also appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless you!

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!



March 14th = \$ 3636.00 *Repair Fund = \$350.00

Easter Flowers = \$150.00

Beginning with the Snowfall in December 2020, it has cost the Parish for both the snowplowing and salting :\$25,892.00



Please note the following changes in schedules because of the Upcoming Triduum & Easter Week:

The **Parish Office** will close at 3 pm on Holy Thursday, April 1st & remain closed until Monday morning, April 5th at 9 am.

Please plan accordingly.....

In the event of an emergency, one of the priests can be reached by calling the Parish Office at 908-232-1162, Ext. 40 and follow the prompts.

The **Adoration Chapel** will close after the 8:30 am Mass on Wednesday, March 31st & re-open after the 8:30 am Mass on Monday, April 5th.

Daily masses will follow the normal schedule.



March 21st : Black & Indian Catholic Relief Services

March 28th : Repair Fund



Palm Sunday, March 28

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

Confessions

Monday of Holy Week, **March 29**

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 30**

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31

Tenebrae Service, 7 pm

Holy Thursday, April 1

Morning Prayer 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm

Church will remain open until 10 pm

Good Friday, April 2

Morning Prayer 9:00 am

Liturgy of Good Friday 3:00 pm

(including the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

The Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

Morning Prayer 9:00 am

Blessing of Food 11:00 am

The Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

There is NO 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

2021 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

Our parish goal is \$52,682.00

Please understand that if our goal is not met, the Parish must make up the difference from it's ordinary revenue.

As of March 14th, we have only pledged \$10,113.00

Your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:

**Office of Evangelization * International Missions
Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf**



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.

PLEASE NOTE: We can issue statements only for those who have used the Parish Envelopes. Those who contribute to Faith Direct will receive a statement directly from them.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1st-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.

On the 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 18-59 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.

2nd-The obligation to observe the laws of Fast & Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole is a serious obligation.

3rd- 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.

4th-The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021**

*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.*

**January 25, 2021
Office of the Vicar General**

The Parish Priests would like to thank all parishioners who supported the St. Patrick's Raffle. A special thanks to the Social Committee who worked so hard to make it a success. The Church realized from the raffle a **profit of \$ 7950.50**

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winners

FIRST PRIZE

Ticket Number **06744**

\$ 3,990.25

Alina Balman

SECOND PRIZE

Ticket Number **00526**

\$ 2,294.15

Ray Hofmann

THIRD PRIZE

Ticket Number **05469**

\$1596.19

Norma Weinstein

Returning to Grace:
A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist
Part III

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Words of Encouragement from Pope Francis

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has not been silent during this pandemic. He has continually spoken out urging us not to be afraid, to remain spiritually close to God and one another, to call on Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph during this Holy Year of St. Joseph, and all the saints, and to remember those who are most in need, especially the poor, vulnerable and displaced members of the human family. Pope Francis has also warned us that the sin of indifference can be a far more deadly virus than COVID-19.

Our Holy Father reminds all of us who are in positions of co-responsible leadership and service in the Church, that we are simply “altar servers” for the Holy Spirit. We are not in control of situations like this pandemic that confront us — often without warning. Our job is to listen, pray, discern, stay close to the People of God, and decide without fear.

As baptized and confirmed Christians, we are called to accept humbly yet confidently the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Beginning with us bishops, we must seek to understand “what the Spirit is saying to the Churches” (cf. Rev. 2: 29). It is the Holy Spirit — not us — who gathers the Church together and makes reconciliation possible.

During the celebration of the Eucharist, there are two moments of epiclesis when the priest invokes the Holy Spirit, first to transform the bread and wine, then to transform those who will receive the Gift. We are servants of the Spirit and of the sacred mysteries which the Holy Spirit makes possible. Returning to Grace means handing ourselves over to the Spirit of God, who makes Christ present to us, and who transforms those of us who receive Him in the Holy Eucharist into the Body of Christ.

As I seek to understand what the Spirit is saying to us today, I trust that the prudent path we are pursuing here in the Archdiocese of Newark is the best available option. We are gradually reopening our churches, expanding our capacity and encouraging our people to return to in-person participation and the sacramental reception of the Eucharist. At the same time, we continue to make available live-streamed liturgies to those who are unable to join us in person. The day will come when the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be restored since the Eucharist is vital to our spiritual flourishing. Until that day, we must allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in helping those who cannot receive the Eucharist to encounter the person of Jesus in personal prayer, Scripture and in service to God’s people.



Making the Lord's Day Holy

One of the most serious challenges before us is the recovery of a sense of the sacred in our observance of the Lord's Day. Sunday holds a place of honor in the Christian community because it is the day when our Lord rose from the dead. From the beginning, followers of the risen Jesus considered this day to be the holiest day of the week, and our Church rightly instructs us to make the Lord's day holy by our attendance at Mass, by avoiding unnecessary work and by devoting our time and attention to family members and friends.

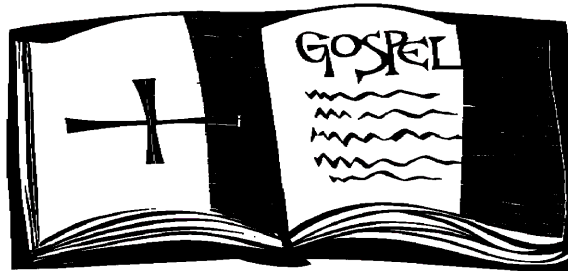
Our understanding of Sunday as sacred time is a treasured inheritance from our Jewish sisters and brothers for whom the observance of "Shabbat" (the Sabbath) is an integral dimension of Judaism's spirituality. According to Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who was a leading theologian and professor of Jewish mysticism in the mid-20th century:

There is a realm of time where the goal is not to have but to be, not to own but to give, not to control but to share, not to subdue but to be in accord. Life goes wrong when the control of space, the acquisition of things of space, becomes our sole concern (*The Sabbath: Its Meaning for Man*).

Rabbi Heschel taught that "Spiritual life begins to decay when we fail to sense the grandeur of what is eternal in time," and he invited all of us who want to find meaning in our lives to seek God not in places or things but in "the seed of eternity planted in the soul." Time is sacred. For the Jewish people, "the Sabbath symbolizes the sanctification of time" just as for Christians the Lord's Day (Sunday) represents "a realm of time where the goal is not to have but to be."

Building on the reverence for the Sabbath that was so essential for their Jewish roots, Christians discovered an even more profound meaning for the Lord's Day. St. Gregory the Great declared: "For us, the true Sabbath is the person of our Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ." The truth helps us to understand why a fourth-century martyr would reply to his accusers: "Sine dominico non possumus" – "we cannot live without this 'thing of the Lord,'" referring to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, prohibited by the emperor but in which he and his companions had chosen to participate even at the cost of torture and death.

Can the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist assume such vital necessity in our lives? Can we recover a sense of sacred time as we emerge from this pandemic? Or will work, shopping, sports and the entertainment media capture our hearts? Will we again devote ourselves to the Grace and Beauty of the Eucharist? Or will we settle for whatever distractions the world has to offer us?





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