

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Fourth Sunday of Lent + March 22, 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

Sunday and weekday Masses are available to all parishioners on the EWTN Network.
The website is ewtn.com.

Please note: All reserved Masses that are currently suspended will be reassigned by the Parish Office when this crisis is past.

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Anthony DePalma and Laura Reyes. 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 Schuvert, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Marilyn Hart, Peter Spadaccini, and Lenore Vega.

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.

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

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.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Let us allow ourselves to be loved by God, so that we can give love in return.
Let us allow ourselves to stand up and walk towards Easter.

Let us ask for the grace to cultivate a desire for Christ, source of living water, the only one who can satisfy the thirst for lie and love which we bear in our hearts.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

THE SCRIPTURES



The Fourth Sunday of Lent brings the story of the man born blind from John's Gospel. His disciples ask, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus heals the man who now sees more clearly than the Pharisees the true identity of Jesus. "I do believe, Lord." At some Masses, we will hear the Scrutinies for RCIA candidates.

The first readings this week can be read as powerful messages to us from our God about our Lenten journey. They also seem to be chosen with an eye to the persecution Jesus will experience.

Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Our gospels this week are all from the Fourth Gospel. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the sabbath. Because of this, and that he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus say his opponents do not want to come to him for life. Unafraid of them, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, "for his hour had not yet come." Thinking they know where Jesus is from (in both senses: where he lived now and his origin in heaven), his enemies insist that prophets don't come from where Jesus is from.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

ATTENTION

**BY ORDER OF CARDINAL TOBIN
DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE
CORONA VIRUS**

**ALL WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
ARE SUSPENDED BEGINNING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 18th**

**THE OBLIGATION TO ASSIST AT
SUNDAY MASS IS DISPENSED WITH**

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER**

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

SUNDAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD
SATURDAYS 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM**

Collection

March 8 - \$ 1,021 (Sunday, 5 pm Mass Only)

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.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 5

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 6**

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday of Holy Week, **April 7**

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8

Tenebrae Service, 7 pm

Holy Thursday, April 9

Morning Prayer 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm

Church will remain open until 10 pm

Good Friday, April 10

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 11

Morning Prayer 9:00 am

Blessing of Food 11:00 am

The Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12

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

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 (Pending) 7:00 pm.

April 3rd

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

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.

Focus on Faith Formation



Grades 1-7 Weekly Classes: We will be moving to home school. Please look for an email for directions.

Living Stations: Based on the recommendations of the Archdiocese, we will be making a recommendation on how to move forward with the Living Stations. An email will be going out soon.

8th Grade: The Lenten Reconciliation Service is postponed until further notice. Please continue to check your emails for updates.

First Holy Eucharist: Please return the retreat packet in the bin located by the school entrance by Monday, March 23.

Family Faith Formation: Our next session will be a home assignment. A sign up genius will be going out for 1st graders to come in individually for me to hear their prayers. Parents, please look for that email and be sure to sign up for a time slot.

Registration: Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! Please go to olfaithformation.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 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.

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 \$4,989.25!



Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winners:

FIRST PRIZE

Ticket Number 02415
\$ 2,494.62
Bill Madden

SECOND PRIZE

Ticket Number 05111
\$ 1,496.77
Tom Bejgrowicz

THIRD PRIZE

Ticket Number 06943
\$ 997.85
Rob Kascin

Winners are all parishioners!

**Family Promise
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Union County, NJ**

Tend My Sheep Ministry

CANCELLED AT FUMC

Below is an excerpt from an email we received from Family Promise. Beginning March 29, 2020, they are temporarily suspending the rotational program of housing the guests at local churches and temples and hosting them at First Baptist Church in Elizabeth.

I am sure you are very aware that COVID-19 is changing everyone’s plans. We now have plans to suspend our rotational shelter program. Our guests will be hosted at First Baptist Church (402 Union Ave, Elizabeth) at our day center, beginning March 29-April 26, 2020.

Summit UMC (17 Kent Place Blvd, Summit) has graciously offered to be a drop-off location for food and household donations, which we will be in great need of during this time. You can drop off your donation at Summit UMC any time after 5 pm (March 15-21). They will have a receptacle for donations. The list is below.

We have also set up a [Sign Up Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F44A5AD29A3F94-overnight) for overnight volunteers when our guests are at the day center. If anyone is able to serve as an overnight host, we very much appreciate your help! The link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F44A5AD29A3F94-overnight>

Thank you for everything you do for our families. We are concerned for your health and safety. We are a family!

Family Promise Shopping List:

- Frozen steamable veggies, frozen entrees (hot pockets, personal pizzas)
- Frozen breakfast entrees (no pork, if possible – turkey sausage)
- Fruit cups, cereal, oatmeal, applesauce
- Canned soups/Dry soups, mac and cheese (easy mac, please)
- Shelf stable milk (evaporated milk, dry milk, etc.)
- Cereal Bars, peanut butter, jelly, bread, mayo, pasta and sauce
- Rice/noodle pouches, canned chicken or tuna

Cleaning supplies:

- Clorox wipes, bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, hand sanitizer, soap, hand soap, spray cleaner, paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, tissues, plastic cutlery, cups, bowls, zip lock bags, Thermometers and batteries, all types.