

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Palm Sunday + March 25, 2018

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 pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, James Leung, Joseph Iacono and Fr. Carl Arico.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory of Albin Shumbris requested by Mary Shumbris and for the loving memory of Laurence Meier requested by Gregory Meier, special intentions for Nick Picini requested by his nephew, Joe Neglia, special intentions for Nick Picini requested by his nephew, Mike Neglia

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for Guadalupe Turciosde Salazar requested by the Schlutter Family.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Stephen Vesper (Irene Ciccarino's grandson) and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

When we allow Jesus to enter our lives we discover the secret to keeping alive the flame of our spiritual life.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we find our way back to the Lord and rediscover the meaning of life.

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!

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 26th

7:00 pm - Confession

Tuesday, March 27th

7:00 pm - Confession

Wednesday, March 28th

7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

7:00 pm - Living Stations Rehearsal

Thursday, March 29th

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30th

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

3:00 pm - Liturgy of Good Friday

8:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 31st

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

11:00 am - Blessing of Food

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

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.

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 cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is my only reason for bragging.

Galatians 6;14 ncv

Do you feel a need for affirmation? Does your self esteem need attention? You don't need to drop names or show off. You need only pause at the base of the cross and be reminded of this. The maker of the Stars would rather die for you than live without you. And that is a fact. So if you need to brag, brag about that.

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, 12 midnight
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am
- Tuesday: 7 am, 1 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 2 am, 4 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday: 3 pm, 4 pm
- Friday: 4 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: 7 am, 9 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 12 midnight

...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 24th, Vigil, Palm Sunday

5:00 PM Nancy Engert
Req. by the Gallagher Family

Sunday, March 25th, Palm Sunday

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Kathleen Ruggeri
Req. by Marie Smith
11:30 AM Meurice & Al Jeffers
Req. by Meurice Lake
5:00 PM Mary & Louis Pittner
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Monday, March 26th

7:30 AM Gerardo Pares
Req. by Ed & Marie Smith
8:30 AM Joaquin Reyes
Req. by Lawrence & Paul Greeley

Tuesday, March 27th

7:30 AM Laurence Meier (18 Anniversary)
Req. by Gregory Meier
8:30 AM Dr. Lloyd McPherson
Req. by the Drew Family

Wednesday, March 28th

7:30 AM Elizabeth Knodel
Req. by Al & Carol Leick
8:30 AM Donal Harrington
Req. by Jim & Maureen Murphy

Thursday, March 29th, Holy Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Deceased Clergy Archdiocese of Newark

Friday, March 30th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Liturgy of Good Friday
8:00 PM Living Stations

Saturday, March 31st,

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
11:00 AM Blessing of Food

Saturday Evening, March 31st, Vigil, Easter Sunday

8:00 PM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Sunday, April 1st, Easter Sunday

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM John & Lucy Cangro
Req. by Linda Fedey
11:30 AM Edward Manziano
Req. by Theresa Manziano



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

THE SCRIPTURES



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: 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: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

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;

Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

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 NOTE:

There will be NO bagel social after the 9:30 am Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Due to publishing deadlines we are unable to provide you the weekly contributions.

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday at 8:00 pm

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.

The next three days - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - are the final days of Lent. The first readings are from the Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah. Though originally sung about Israel, God's servant, and perhaps a specific servant, they clearly spoke to the early Christian community about Jesus and his mission.

Monday and Tuesday's gospels are from John's Gospel. The anointing at Bethany - at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus - has taken place at a wonderful celebration of Lazarus' return to life and a fine thanksgiving to Jesus. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with the precious oil that reminds us of his burial. Then, at the Last Supper (skipping over the reading we will use on Holy Thursday about the washing of feet) Jesus identifies his betrayer. Finally, Jesus talks with Peter who professes his loyalty to Jesus who predicts Peter would deny him three times later that night.

Wednesday's Gospel is the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, from Matthew's perspective. We can feel the tension and pressure Jesus is under. There is a sadness at hearing the arrangement Judas makes - 30 pieces of silver - to deliver Jesus into the hands of his enemies.

The stage is now set for the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.



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

The **Parish Office** will close at 5 pm on Holy Thursday, March 29th and remain closed until Monday morning, April 2nd, 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.

CHAPEL CLOSING AND REOPENING

Due to the Paschal Triduum the Chapel will be closed at 9:00 am Wednesday of Holy Week. The Chapel will reopen for adoration at 9:00 am on Monday, of Easter Week.

Palm Sunday Message Pope Francis 2018

Today’s celebration can be said to be bittersweet. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king. Yet we also solemnly proclaim the Gospel account of his Passion. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem.

Yet Jesus who, in fulfillment of the Scriptures, enters the holy city in this way is no misguided purveyor of illusions, no new age prophet, no imposter. Rather, he is clearly a Messiah who comes in the guise of a servant, the servant of God and of man, and goes to his passion. He is the great “patient”, who suffers all the pain of humanity.

So as we joyfully acclaim our King, let us also think of the sufferings that he will have to endure in this week. Let us think of the slanders and insults, the snares and betrayals, the abandonment to an unjust judgment, the blows, the lashes and the crown of thorns... And lastly, the way of the cross leading to the crucifixion.

He had always warned his friends that this was to be his path, and that the final victory would be achieved through the passion and the cross. All this holds true for us too. Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.



Next Sunday, the Church celebrates, with joy, the rising of Christ from the Dead. We ask all of our parishioners to prayerfully reflect on what they will offer to Our Lady of Lourdes as their Easter gift. We rely on both the Christ-

mas and Easter collections to help us to meet the expenses connected with the running of the parish.

Please consider how you will offer a portion of your treasure so that we can continue our mission.

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.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 25

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

Confessions

Monday of Holy Week, **March 26**,
7:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 27**,
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 28

Tenebrae Service, 7pm

Holy Thursday, March 29

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

Good Friday, March 30

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, March 31

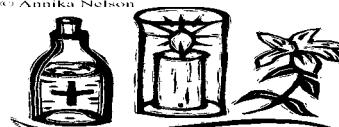
Morning Prayer 9:00 am
Blessing of Food 11:00 am
The Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

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

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EASTER VIGIL

Focus on Faith Formation



Due to spring break, there will be no weekly TCM elementary classes the week of March 25th.

The final Living Stations rehearsal before the Good Friday performance will be Wednesday, March 28th 7 pm - 9 pm.

If you haven't turned in your lamb of God box, please bring it to the rectory as soon as possible. Please remember that all money donated will be used by the Circle of Compassion to help purchase food and Easter dinners for the poor.

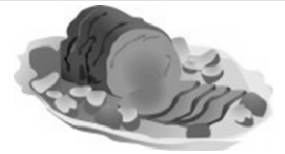
All students in our Faith Formation program grades 3 - 9 will go to confession during Lent/Easter season. The TCM students will go during class, the Tuesday 8th grade students have a Reconciliation service on March 20th at 7 pm, and the 9th grade students will go as part of their Confirmation retreat on April 8th. Those family faith students who weren't able to make it to our two services, please bring your child on your own and turn in a confession verification form by Good Friday.

1st grade parents: please remember that Prayer Day will be coming up in April and your children will need to be prepared to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and make the Sign of the Cross. Children should be working on these prayers at home.

The 9th Grade Confirmation retreat will take place on Sunday, April 8th. Details to follow.

The next family faith session will be Sunday, April 8th beginning with the 5 pm Mass.

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!

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. Our Lady of Lourdes is 24.74% towards our goal of \$43,434.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the vestibule. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

ANNIVERSARY MASSES



On April 29, 2018, all couples throughout the Archdiocese celebrating 5th and 25th years of Marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00 pm for Mass with Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

On May 6, 2018, 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.

**Family Promise
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Union County, NJ
Tend My Sheep Ministry**

As many of you know, the property that holds the rectory and the school for Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights has been sold. Since we are no longer able to use this facility as our hosting site, we have offered our services to Family Promise on an as-needed basis and they need our help on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, located at 1 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

Food and other nonperishable items will continue to be dropped off at Pollard Hall from 3-4:30 pm on Thursday, April 12, 2018. However, our sign-up sheet has changed. The link is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eaba722a1fb6-ollfood>

If you have any questions, please contact:
Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mderoberts@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



Holy Trinity School News

Mrs. Melao’s Two Year Olds are learning about weather and changing seasons. They made lions and will be making lambs to learn the meaning of “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb”.

The students at the HTS Mountainside Campus are learning about the Lenten season, sacrifice and God’s love for us. The PreK and K students performed many acts of Lenten kindness. They learned about new life in spring, through plants and animals and the kindergarten students learned about Holy Week and made beautiful stained glass crosses.

Father Michael Saporito led a prayer service at the HTS Mountainside Campus, celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph through prayer, stories and music. Father Michael taught the children about St. Joseph, and how he loved and cared for Jesus on earth.

The eighth graders prepared a Lenten Stations of the Cross, by writing the prayers, reflections, and choosing the music. They were assisted by Father Anthony Randazzo of Holy Trinity in presenting their Stations to the middle school.

On your **Facebook** page, search for our new page: **“Holy Trinity School Early Education Center”**
Join us, Like us, Follow us and Share us!!!
Follow us on Instagram at htschoolmountainside.

For more information about our full day kindergarten and preschool program, please contact the Mountainside Campus at (908) 233-1899. Tours are always available. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call (908) 233-0484

Sandwich volunteers needed!

Are you interested in preparing sandwiches for St Joseph’s Social Service Center? It’s easier than you think and it happens on your time and budget!

What is involved?

Shop for and prepare 6 loaves of sandwiches.

Where?

In your own home then delivered to a Mountainside address (easy drop off).

When?

ANY Monday of your choice!

Who?

Families, sports groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, service hour volunteers, Church friends.

For more information please email Briege Lennon at blcellequi@aol.com or call 908.789.8581.

Pilgrimage to Portugal

Under the leadership of Fr. Bill Benedetto

Date: July 20-28, 2018

Visiting: Fatima, Lisbon, Tomar

Price: \$2,049.00 per person, double occupancy, hotel rooms with private bath, all breakfasts, one lunch and five dinners . Plus air fare \$1,500.00.

For more information contact:

Fontaine Gatti at 908-727-0668 or fontaine@avetravelgroup.com

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.

