

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## The Fourth Sunday of Lent + March 26, 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 William Tomko. May he 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, Pat Knodel, Francis Landers, Nancy Smith and Louise Stacey.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week in loving memory for Albin Shumbris requested by his wife, Mary, for the loving memory for Laurence Meier requested by Gregory Meier and for the loving memory of Joan Bieszczak requested by Camilla Kuhn Quinn, and for the special intentions for Marge Dabrowski requested by Linda Esemplare.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

### Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - Rehearsal for Living Stations

### Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Faith Formation/Living Stations Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Lenten Scripture Program

7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

### Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - Walking with Purpose

### Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am - First Eucharist Family Retreat

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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ125.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

The road from love to hate is easy. The one from hate to love is more difficult, but brings peace.

May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can discover the gift of God's word.



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**

I am going there to prepare a place for you.  
After I go and prepare a place for you, I will  
come back and take you to be with Me.  
John 14:2.3

Note the promise of Jesus. "I will come back and take you to be with Me" Jesus pledges to take us home. He does not delegate this task. He may send missionaries to teach you, angels to protect you, teachers to guide, you singers to inspire you, and physicians to heal you, but He sends no one to take you. He reserves this job for Himself.

**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: 3 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Mary Kathryn Holland  
Req. by Michele & William Hopkins  
11:30 AM Dominick Deluca  
Req. by Eve Vitale  
5:00 PM Joan Bieszczak  
Req. by Ken & Jean Dalrymple

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Laurence Meier (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
Req. by Gregory Meier  
8:30 AM Catherine Ernstine  
Req. by Karen & Phil

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Joan Bieszczak  
Req. by Ed & Marie Smith  
8:30 AM Veronica Honecker  
Req. by M/M Dale Stearns & Family

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Mae Klebous  
Req. by Mary & George Coughlin  
8:30 AM Lois Osieja  
Req. by the Cataldo Family

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 AM Joanne Esemplare Franzoni  
Req. by the Donohue Family  
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 AM Joan Bieszczak  
Req. by Al & Carol Leick

**Saturday Evening, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5:00 PM Francesco Pernice  
Req. by the Deluca Family

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM John & Lucy Cangro  
Req. by Linda Fedey  
11:30 AM Edward Manzano  
Req. by Theresa Manzano  
5:00 PM Dominick Deluca & Joan Bieszczak  
Req. by Flora Servello

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

THE SCRIPTURES



**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 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- 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]

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html) Used with permission.

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.

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 because he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus says 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, "because his hour had not yet come." Divisions occur when the chief priests and Pharisees argue that Jesus cannot be a prophet because he is from Galilee. The guards respond, "Never before has anyone spoken like this man."

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 15<sup>th</sup> ritual. Anyone wishing a statement of contributions for tax purposes is asked to contact the Parish Office.



**Collection**  
**3/1917**

\$ 7,290

**Year to Date Actual**

\$ 327,290

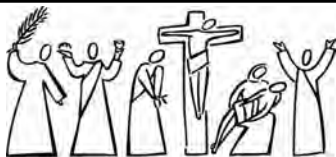
**Year to Date Budget**

\$ 365,440

**Year to Date Deficit**

\$ 38,149 \*

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



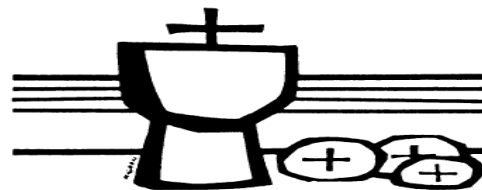
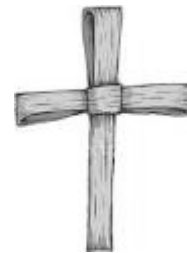
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

March 31<sup>st</sup>  
April 7<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday at 8:00 pm  
Living Stations

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.



**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.

**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.

**For your information we are publishing the  
Lenten Regulations for this Diocese in 1873.  
How things have changed!**

**DIOCESE OF NEWARK  
(1873) REGULATIONS FOR LENT**

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, will fall on the twenty-sixth day of February.

1. Every day during Lent except Sunday, is a day of fast on one meal, which should not be taken before mid-day, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.
2. The precept of fasting implies also that of abstinence from the use of flesh meat, but by dispensation, the use of flesh meat is allowed in this Diocese at every meal on Sunday, and at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, of Lent except Holy Thursday.
3. There is no prohibition to use eggs, butter or cheese, provided the rules of quantity prescribed by the fast be complied with. Fish is not to be used at the same meals at which flesh meat is allowed.  
  
Butter, or if necessary lard, may be used in dressing of fish or vegetables.
4. All persons over seven years of age are bound to abstain from the use of flesh meat, and all over twenty-one to fast according to the above regulations unless there be a legitimate cause of exemption. The Church excuses from the obligations of fasting, but not from that of abstinence from flesh meat, except in special cases of sickness or the like, the following classes of persons: 1st, the infirm; 2nd, those whose duties are of an exhausting or laborious character; 3rd, women in pregnancy, or nursing infants; 4th, those who are enfeebled by old age. In case of doubt in regard to any of the above exemptions, recourse must be had to one’s spiritual director, or physician.

All alike, should enter into the spirit of this holy season, which is, in a special manner, a time of prayer, and sorrow for sin, of almsgiving, and mortification.

The faithful are reminded that by a special privilege granted by the Holy See to the faithful of this Diocese, a Plenary Indulgence may be gained on the usual conditions, on St. Patrick’s Day or any day, within the Octave.

By order of the Very Reverend Administrator,

GEORGE H. DOANE. Secretary.

Bishop’s House, Newark, Feb. 6, A.D. 1873.



## HTIS School News

### **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL ENRICHED FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN**

**Faith Based Kindergarten Program ~  
Academic growth through active learning and play.**

Also available:

7:30 am Breakfast Club  
Till 6:00 pm Afterschool Enrichment

Two Locations: Mountainside and Westfield

If you are interested in a tour, 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.

### **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.

As of March 22, 2017, we would like to thank our parishioners who have already contributed \$6,310.00.

If you have not yet made a pledge please consider doing so. Pledge envelopes are in the pews.

## Focus on Faith Formation

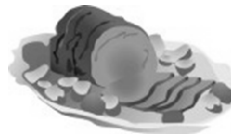


Family Faith students grades 3-6 and home schooled students who weren't able to attend one of our Lenten penance services, should attend confession at another time or at another parish and have a verification form signed by the priest. Confessions are held here every Saturday from 1-2 pm.

The next 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade rehearsal for the Living Stations will take place this Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm-9:30 pm in the Church.

Our next Family Faith session is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is also our 1<sup>st</sup> grade prayer day. We will have a video and activities on prayer, and 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> graders in weekly classes will have prayer day on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 5<sup>th</sup>.



## 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!

The parish priests thank the  
Rosary Society for their restricted  
gift of \$2,800.00 to the parish.

*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

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES WELCOMES BACK

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**PERFORMED BY STUDENTS FROM OUR  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017  
8:00 PM  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

**COME SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AS THEY  
CAPTURE THE TRUE ESSENCE OF OUR  
LORD’S SUFFERING.**



The snow plowing bill for the snow of 3 weeks ago is \$4,100.00. We are awaiting the new bill for the snow ploughing of March 14!!!

### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

The Baptismal Preparation Class will meet next Sunday, April 2 at 12:30 pm in the Library.

### **CHAPEL CLOSING AND REOPENING**

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