

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord + April 1, 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 remember in your prayers the soul of Marge Dabrowski. May she rest in peace.

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 Henry & Stella Meier requested by Gregory Meier.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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.

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 2nd

1:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday, April 3rd

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 4th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:30 pm - Youth Group

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!

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.

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 12:2-3 NCV

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, 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 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 Manzano
Req. by Theresa Manzano

NO 5PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 2nd
7:30 AM James Quinn
Req. by Joseph & Phyllis Ventura

8:30 AM Elizabeth Knodel
Req. by Eve Vitale

Tuesday, April 3rd
7:30 AM John Zampino
Req. by Lauren, Laura, Melissa & Randi

8:30 AM Matthew Gallagher & Family
Req. by Raymond Gallagher

Wednesday, April 4th
7:30 AM Henry & Stella Meier
Req. by Gregory Meier

8:30 AM Kathleen Ruggeri
Req. by Dot & Rudy Albert

Thursday, April 5th
7:30 AM Rose Frieri
Req. by Debbie & Miguel Perez-Santalla

8:30 AM Isaura Oliveira Barreiro
Req. by Ester Fusco

Friday, April 6th
7:30 AM Jesus Perez-Santalla
Req. by Miguel & Debbie Perez-Santalla

8:30 AM Joseph Aiello
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Aiello

Saturday, April 7th,
8:00 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Saturday Evening, April 7th, Vigil, Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Anna Herbst
Req. by Jeannette Fulton

Sunday, April 8th, Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Elizabeth Knodel
Req. by Barbara & Mildred Plucienik
9:30 AM William F. Cisko III
Req. by the DiPietro Family
11:30 AM Kathleen Ruggeri
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano
5:00 PM Angela Amato
Req. by Greg & Rita Federico

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

PLEASE NOTE:

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

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.

Collections

March 18, 2018
\$7,987

Peter's Pence
\$1,770

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.



Easter Sunday, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The Gospel is from John's Gospel and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.

The first reading for Easter Week is from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear Peter's preaching the Good News and experience the first deeds of the Apostles, which parallel the acts of Jesus, including the conflicts he experienced and his power to heal.

The Gospels this week are all resurrection appearances. These wonderful stories contain some common elements. They appear designed to make it clear that this was not a group of disciples who dreamed up the resurrection, because they were hoping for it so much. In fact, they found it difficult to believe. The Jesus they saw and experienced was not a "ghost." Instead, he had a body. Monday, is the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, as well as the "cover-up story" and pay off of the guards. Tuesday, we read of Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene, through the eyes of John's Gospel. Jesus missions her to announce the Good News to his brothers. On Wednesday we are treated to Luke's marvelous story of Jesus' appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were sad, because they had hoped the story would have turned out differently. Jesus tells them why he had to first suffer and die in order to enter into his glory. As they stopped to eat, "he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Thursday Jesus appears in the room where the disciples are gathered. "Peace be with you" he says and then eats with them and shows them his wounds. On Friday, we have the powerful appearance in John's Gospel at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter decided to return to fishing. Jesus appears and re-missions him. On Saturday, the week concludes with the summary of appearances in what appears to be an addition to the end of 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.

Hospital Privacy Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. **If you or a loved one is going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the parish**



Easter Message of Pope Francis

“After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb” (Mt 28:1). We can picture them as they went on their way... They walked like people going to a cemetery, with uncertain and weary steps, like those who find it hard to believe that this is how it all ended.

“And suddenly there was a great earthquake” (Mt 28:2). Unexpectedly, those women felt a powerful tremor, as something or someone made the earth shake beneath their feet. Once again, someone came to tell them: “Do not be afraid”, but now adding: “He has been raised as he said!” The heartbeat of the Risen Lord is granted us as a gift, a present, a new horizon. The beating heart of the Risen Lord is given to us, and we are asked to give it in turn as a transforming force, as the leaven of a new humanity. In the resurrection, Christ rolled back the stone of the tomb, but he wants also to break down all the walls that keep us locked in our sterile pessimism, in our carefully constructed ivory towers that isolate us from life, in our compulsive need for security and in boundless ambition that can make us compromise the dignity of others.

Now that, like the two women, we have visited the tomb. Let us all retrace our steps and change the look on our faces.. Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. May we allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. May we allow the beating of his heart to quicken our faintness of heart?

EASTER MESSAGE

From the Pastor’s Desk...

“You are looking for Jesus the crucified, but He is not here. He has been raised, exactly as He promised.” (MT28:5-6)

During this time of Paschal Joy, Orthodox Christians and Byzantine Catholics greet each other with this refrain in their respective languages “Christ is risen” and the response is “He is truly risen”. Unfortunately, in the Latin Church we simply say “Happy Easter”. Previously in centuries gone by a Catholic of the Latin Rite would say: “Resurrexit sicut dixit”: “He has risen as He said, Alleluia”. All these expressions of Paschal joy are based on the fact of the Historical Corporeal Resurrection of the Lord. The same body which experienced the ignominy of criminal crucifixion overcame death that first Easter Sunday. As St. Paul writes: “If Christ is not raised your faith is worthless.” (1Cor.15:17) The veracity of the Christian Faith rests upon the foundation of the corporeal resurrection. It is the proof that Christ is Our God, Our Lord and Our Savior.

Because of the Resurrection, you and I have one of two choices; to ignore it as did the chief priests and scribes when informed by the soldiers who guarded the tomb that He has been raised up or we can live as a changed people. Let us imitate the faith of the holy women who came to the tomb that first Easter Sunday. In his Easter homily of centuries ago Pope Gregory the Great wrote: “You have heard dearly beloved brethren how the holy women who had followed the Lord came to the tomb bringing sweet spices; the one they had loved in life, in death also they would serve with all care and tenderness. Now therefore, if we who believe in Him who was dead, come and seek the Lord bearing with us the perfume of virtues, together with the repute of good works, we do indeed come to his sepulcher bringing sweet spices.” In other words we profess our faith in the Resurrection of Christ by living as a resurrected people. A transformed and different people because all our hope is in the Risen Christ.

I wish all parishioners a Blessed Easter Tide!

‘Laudetur Iesus Christus!’ Praised be Jesus Christ!.

Fr. Richard

Focus on Faith Formation



Classes reume for our TCM elementary students this Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3rd and 4th.

1st grade parents: Prayer Day is coming! Our weekly students will have prayer day this Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3rd and 4th. Our Family Faith students will have prayer day next Sunday, April 8th. 1st graders will need to make the Sign of the Cross, and recite the Hail Mary, Our Father, and Glory Be.

The 9th grade Confirmation retreat will take place next Sunday, April 8th. All students need to arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes by 9:15 am. The bus will be leaving at 9:30 am promptly. Please be sure to bring the permission slip.

Our next Family Faith session will take place next Sunday, April 8th beginning with the 5 pm Mass.

All students in our program in grades 3-8 should have gone to confession during Lent. If you have not turned in your child's verification form, please turn it in ASAP.

Registration will be opening this week. All registrations will be due May 18th.

Volunteers, please let us know your choices for next year as soon as you can. We truly appreciate all you do for our program!

SPECIAL THANKS

The Parish Priests would like to thank all members of the Parish Social Committee for their hard work and dedication in making the St. Patrick / 60th Mass Anniversary Reception a success. They had been planning this event in weekly meetings since January. A special thanks to Mark Farinella who chaired these meetings and decorated the hall with his usual artistic flare. Also a special thanks to all parishioners who supported the 50/50 raffle. The winners were drawn by Cardinal Tobin himself!

1st Prize

Tony Inguagiato of Mountainside
Ticket # 13011 \$ 5,633.00

2nd Prize

Barbara Plucienik of Mountainside
Ticket # 19691 \$ 3,379.00

3rd Prize

Blum Family of Mountainside
Ticket # 15842 \$ 2,253.00

Profit to the Church was \$ 11,265.00

Lastly a thanks to the parish choir, altar servers, Deacon Mike and visiting clergy who made Holy Mass with Cardinal Tobin a prayerful and memorable event.

Fr. Richard & Fr. Bill Benedetto

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday, April 8th is Divine Mercy Sunday as decreed by St. John Paul II. We will have exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the Mercy Hour of 3:00 pm.

This Feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus himself the greatest promises of Grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. Specifically, Jesus states that the soul that goes to Sacramental Confession within eight days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and receives Holy Communion on that Sunday, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and pardon from all temporal punishment due to sin. Additionally, Holy Mother Church grants a plenary indulgence, observing the usual rules with the recitation of some simple prayers.

“This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it.” (Jesus' words, Diary 420)

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 25.54% 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.



Senior Resource Fair

Wednesday April 24th, 2-4pm
Church of the Little Flower Cafeteria
110 Roosevelt Ave.
Berkeley Heights, NJ

Hear presentations and receive information from an elder lawyer, Union County Center for Aging, a social worker, and more! This educational event is open to all elderly and their caretakers. This is a free event, but please RSVP to Margaret at 908-464-1585. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

Tend My Sheep Ministry

The next Tend My Sheep Ministry will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, located at 1 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090. All Team 1 members have been notified.

Food and other nonperishable items can be dropped off at Pollard Hall from 3-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018. The link to the sign-up sheet is:

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

If you do not have internet access and wish to donate, or, you cannot access the sign-up sheet, please contact Karen Hahner to send you the link or enter the donation for you. We are also seeking monetary donations. These can be given to Deacon Mike, dropped off or mailed to the rectory, or dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked TEND MY SHEEP DONATION.

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!



Holy Trinity School News

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
EARLY EDUCATION CENTER TWOS PROGRAM**

Mrs. Mari Melao motivates her two year old students through music, stories, games and sensory experiences. Her program focuses on social skills, language development, mastering their classroom routines and sensory activities. Most importantly, it is always fun and happy. We have some availability for the 2018-19 school year.

**Lunch Bunch with Mrs. Melao
Wednesday, April 11, 11:30 am -1:00 pm
Holy Trinity School Early Education Center
Twos Program**

Join this parent/child Lunch Bunch for toddlers and discover the joy of the HTS Twos Program. Bring a friend and your child receives a free HTS tee shirt. Register now at htismc@comcast.net or call (908) 233-1899.

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 Mountain-side 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

