

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent + April 2, 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 souls of
A. William Rose, Jr. and Agnes Hogan. May they 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, Nancy Smith, Louise Stacey and Eve Vitale.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Henry & Stella Meier requested by Gregory Meier, for the loving memory for Francisco Gennaro requested by the Gennaro Family and for the special intentions for Marge Dabrowski requested by Stephanie Szabo.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased members of the parish.

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, April 2nd

11:30 am - Confirmation Session
5:00 pm - Family Faith

Monday, April 3rd

1:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Rosary
1:30 pm - Rosary Altar Society Movie

Tuesday, April 4th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Living Stations Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 5th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Lenten Scripture Program
7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

Saturday, April 8th

8:45 am - Gathering of Women

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

May the certainty of faith be the engine of our lives.

The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable.

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.

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, 12 midnight
- 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.



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, April 1st, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, April 2nd, 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 Manziano
Req. by Theresa Manziano
5:00 PM Dominick Deluca & Joan Bieszczak
Req. by Flora Servello

Monday, April 3rd

7:30 AM Jennie Bassillo
Req. by Karen & Phil
8:30 AM Lamendola & Bassillo Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Tuesday, April 4th

7:30 AM William Tomko
Req. by Susan D'Auria & Ann DeMeo
8:30 AM George Orlando
Req. by Cynthia Casale

Wednesday, April 5th, St. Vincent Ferrer

7:30 AM Rose Frieri
Req. by Debbie & Miguel Perez-Santalla
8:30 AM Henry & Stella Meier
Req. by Gregory Meier

Thursday, April 6th

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Kitchell Family
Req. by Mary Ann Golomb
8:30 AM Mae Klebous
Req. by David, Betsy Karalis & Family

Friday, April 7th, St. John the Baptist

7:30 AM Joanne Esemplare Franzone
Req. by the Donohue Family
8:30 AM Stephen Heckel
Req. by the McMahon Family

Saturday, April 8th

8:00 AM Special Intentions for Marge Dabrowski
Req. by the Priests

Saturday Evening, April 8th, Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM Domenica Papatatto
Req. by the Family

Sunday, April 9th, Palm Sunday

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by Pat & Linda Esemplare
11:30 AM Eleanor Blaber
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
5:00 PM Francis Landers
Req. by the Zipeto Family

Fifth Sunday of Lent First Sunday of the Passion

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: 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: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,
17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 -- 27:66
[27:11-54]

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 9:30am Mass for the next two weekends: Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent brings us closer toward the Passion and death of Jesus. This is the third and final week of *Scrutinies* in our parishes for those in the RCIA program. In John's Gospel, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus was not there when his dear friend, Lazarus died, but after meeting with Lazarus' grief-stricken sisters and weeping himself, he stood at the door of the tomb and called, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

The first readings prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but wonderful story of Susanna, who trusted in God. 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 enters a covenant with Abraham. Despite his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, "For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" God promises the people of Israel "a covenant of peace."

Our gospels are again from the John's Gospel, also known as the Fourth Gospel. On Monday, Jesus is presented with a woman caught in adultery. 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."

Collection

3/26/17

\$ 6,156

Year to Date Actual

\$ 333,466

Year to Date Budget

\$ 371,318

Year to Date Deficit

\$ 37,852 *

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



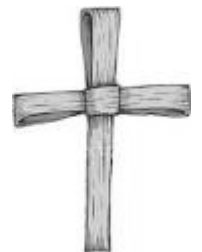
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

April 7th

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.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2017

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



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.



HTIS School News

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Mineo’s PreK-3 class are exploring stories about fish and sea life during Lent. They are reading Swimmy by Leo Lionni, the Rainbow Fish series of books by Marcus Pfister, Pout Pout Fish in the Big-Big Dark by Deborah Diesen and Dan Hanna, and Fish Out of Water by Helen Palmer, in addition to some non-fiction books. The students painted, cut, drew, glued, and stamped a whole class mural of under the sea. They also stamped and painted with watercolors for other projects.

In celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, Ms. Wickwire’s kindergarten little leprechauns used their engineering skills to build a trap to catch Tom, the mischievous leprechaun who left them notes and their classroom in shambles every night. Additionally, the students wrote stories about what they would do if they found a pot of gold.

The second graders enjoyed grouping with the sixth graders for Old Testament stories. After reading together, they completed an activity based on the story they read. The second graders enjoyed spending time with the big kids.

The fourth graders have been exploring mass, volume and capacity. As an enrichment to the science unit content, the students excitedly experimented in the lab with the three states of matter – solid, liquid and gas.

Would you like to have your child in a full day PreK or Kindergarten program in September? If you are interested in providing your children with an excellent preschool and full day Kindergarten experience anchored in a faith based program, 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.

Why Do We Veil Crucifixes and Images on the 5th Sunday of Lent?

Traditionally, the two weeks of “Passiontide” begin on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The first week is Passion Week, and the second week is Holy Week. The rubrics can guide us. In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, “In the Diocese of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from Fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.” First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, immediately know that something is different. It is time to focus on the forthcoming Passion & Death of the Lord for our salvation. The statues remain covered until the Gloria of Holy Saturday. This is the moment at which the fast of Lent ends and the glory of Easter begins. This unveiling reveals that Christ has revealed himself as risen and victorious.

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

Focus on Faith Formation



Our next Confirmation session will be this Sunday, April 2nd beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

Our next Family Faith session is this Sunday evening beginning with the 5 pm Mass. 1st grade parents: please remember that it is Prayer Day for our 1st graders.

7th and 8th graders participating in the Living Stations of the Cross: rehearsals will be Tuesday, April 4th from 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Sunday, April 9th from 6 pm - 8 pm, and Monday, April 10th from 7 pm - 9 pm.

Lamb of God boxes are due no later than this Wednesday, April 5th. Boxes can be returned to class, dropped off at the rectory, or left at the Faith Formation office. All donations will be going to the Circle of Compassion to help provide food for the needy at Easter. Thanks for your support of our Lenten project.

There will be no Faith Formation classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11th and 12th due to spring break.

Join us for Prayer and Reflection as we prepare to enter into Holy Week.



Saturday..... April 8th

Gathering of Women for Prayer

8:45 am- Gathering
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Holy Week: Journeying With Jesus



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!

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 29, 2017, we would like to thank our parishioners who have already contributed \$7,455.00.

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



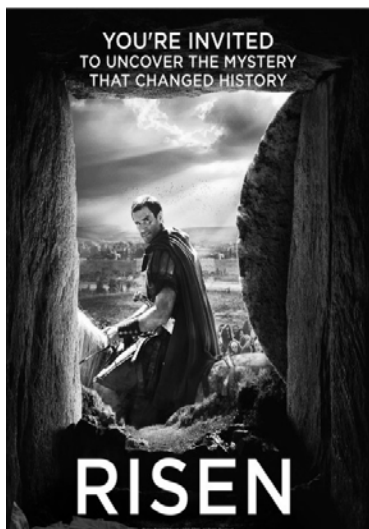
Brothers in Christ, The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a special Saturday meeting on April 22nd following the

8 am Mass in Pollard Hall. The upcoming Gospel and ways to serve the Parish and the Community will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

On April 3, at 1:30 pm in Pollard Hall there will be a movie “Rediscovering God In America.” Following the movie, the Rosarians will make sandwich’s for St. Joseph’s. All are welcome.

St. Joseph Social Service Center will hold a special fundraiser event, "A One Night Jazz Festival" on April 29th in the auditorium of Union Catholic High School. Tickets: \$25. For information, visit the St. Joseph website: sjeliz.org.



The Brothers In Christ Men’s Group Presents

RISEN

April 17, 2017 @ 7:30PM
Pollard Hall

Risen is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

Rating: PG-13

(for Biblical violence including some disturbing images) Genre: Action & Adventure, Drama

Runtime: 107 minutes