

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord + April 5, 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 pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri,
Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera
Kaepfel, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto,
Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, James Leung,
Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira,
Logan Alseika, Anthony DePalma, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh,
Jim Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Marilyn Hart, Peter Spadaccini,
Roberta Wegryn 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.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

In the context of the pandemic that threatens human life and
the global economy, today we reiterate the teaching of
#EvangeliumVitae to transmit the culture of life to future
generations: an attitude of solidarity, care and welcome.

With her "yes" given to the Angel, the Virgin welcomed the
Word made flesh and accepted to become the mother of the
Son of God. So, in Mary, the encounter between God and
man becomes reality.

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
FR. BILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

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.

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. Your statement
can be mailed or emailed to you.



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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
 Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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 Matthew'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 Easter Sunday.

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.

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.

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

No Collection

WHEN THE CHURCH IS REOPENED, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS URGENT.

IN THE MEAN TIME, YOU ARE CERTAINLY WELCOME TO MAIL YOUR OFFERINGS TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Mass Book for 2020 is now open.

CELEBRATION OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Message of POPE FRANCIS

Joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year, as reflected in the two characteristic moments of today's celebration: the initial procession with palm branches and the solemn reading of the Passion.

Let us enter into this movement, guided by the Holy Spirit, and thus obtain the grace we sought in our opening prayer: to follow in faith our Saviour's example of humility, to heed his lesson of patient suffering, and thus to merit a share in his victory over the spirit of evil.

It is God's hour. At the hour that God comes forth to fight, we have to let him take over. Our place of safety will be beneath the mantle of the holy Mother of God. As we wait for the Lord to come and calm the storm (cf. Mt 4:37-41), by our silent witness in prayer we give ourselves and others "an accounting for the hope that is within [us]" (1 Pet 3:15). This will help us to live in the sacred tension between the memory of the promises made, the suffering present in the cross, and the hope of the resurrection.

Holy Week Observance / Office of Divine Worship Archdiocese of Newark

According to the Decree "In Time of Covid 19," from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the dates of the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Sunday) cannot be transferred to another time. IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK, ALL PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY WEEK, INCLUDING PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY, HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. Churches may not be open for public prayer during the Paschal Triduum; no public liturgies or events may be scheduled.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Priests may celebrate Palm Sunday Mass privately.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

- Where and in the measure that there is a real possibility of doing so, the priest(s) of the parish may celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper privately.
- The faculty to celebrate Mass on this day without the people is granted in an exceptional manner to all priests.

Good Friday

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

- Where and in the measure that there is a real possibility of doing so, the priest(s) of the parish can celebrate the Passion of the Lord privately.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

The Easter Vigil

- The Easter Vigil is to be celebrated privately only in parish churches where there is a real possibility of doing so.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Mass

- Priests should celebrate Mass in private on Easter Sunday.

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 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday
(Pending Developments)**

Sunday, April 19th 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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Dear Families and Friends,

Due to the recent developments regarding Coronavirus/ COVID-19, and the March 21, 2020 Executive Order 107 from New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy that states all New Jersey residents are to stay at home until further notice - all cemeteries and mausoleums of the Archdiocese of Newark are closed to visitations effective immediately.

Peace,

Andrew P. Schafer
Executive Director
Catholic Cemeteries—Archdiocese of Newark

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.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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.



Rachel's Vineyard

Are you suffering from an abortion experience? Do you have feelings of guilt and anxiety? Do you suffer from depression? There is Hope! Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: rachelvineyard.org. May 8-10, 2020, September 11-13, 2020.

For more information contact the Respect Life Office: Patricia.Decker@rcan.org, 973-497-4348.