

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday of Easter + April 15, 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, 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 Patricia Knodel requested by Miguel & Debbie Perez-Santalla, and for the special intentions for Margarita de Aguilar requested by the Schlutter Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week 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 16th

7:00 pm - Men's Group

Tuesday, April 17th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 18th

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!

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

The Lord calls each of us to holiness, you too.

Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church.

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

When it comes we will be like Him for we will see Him as he really is.

1 John 3:2 NLT

When the disciples saw Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, they got a peek at His glory. He was radiant, beautiful, magnificent. He was Jesus, the Jesus they knew and loved -- only more so. And we shall be glorious as well. Jesus called Himself the Son of Man to state clearly that He is what mankind was meant to be. What we see in Jesus is our personal destiny.

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, 12 midnight
- Monday: 4 am
- Tuesday: 7 am, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 2 am, 6 pm
- Thursday: 3 pm, 4 pm
- Friday: 4 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: 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, April 14th, Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Dave Tidaback
Req. by Diane Tidaback

Sunday, April 15th, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Daniel Vesper, Sr.
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
11:30 AM Gaspar & Teixeira Families
Req. by the Family
5:00 PM Special Intentions for Ethan Vilasoa
Req. by Aunt Marie

Monday, April 16th

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Pat Knodel
Req. by Dolores Mayer

Tuesday, April 17th

7:30 AM Helen Wybrandt
Req. by Bill Leber
8:30 AM Liam Kelly
Req. by Maureen & Jim Murphy

Wednesday, April 18th

7:30 AM James Begley
Req. by Lee Candelino
8:30 AM Kathleen Ruggeri
Req. by Dot & Rudy Albert

Thursday, April 19th

7:30 AM Marge Dabrowski
Req. by Ed & Marie Smith
8:30 AM Martha Simonelli
Req. by the Hilongos Family

Friday, April 20th

7:30 AM Joseph Aiello
Req. by Geraldine Aiello
8:30 AM Nancy Whelan
Req. by Bridget & John Colendenski

Saturday, April 21st

8:00 AM Patricia Knodel
Req. by Ellie McMahon

Saturday Evening, April 21st, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Anna Herbst
Req. by Ann & Michael Martinelli

Sunday, April 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Benjamin V. Mirto
Req. by Pauline Truesdell
11:30 AM Ray Palovcak
Req. by Evelyn Palovcak
5:00 PM Patricia & George Shaneen
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Third Sunday of Easter

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,
29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.

Collections

April 8th

\$5,597

Please stop by Pollard Hall
after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass
for a cup of coffee.



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 37.56% 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.



On the Third Sunday of Easter, Luke's Gospel has the very human story of Jesus' appearing to the disciples after the Resurrection, inviting them to touch his hands and feet to see that he is real. He ate with them and "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

In our first readings from Acts of the Apostles this week, we read of one of the earliest martyrs, Stephen and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Also this week is the story of Saul, persecutor of Christians being blinded and then healed by Ananias in the name of Jesus. The week ends with Peter traveling the region and healing.

The gospel for this week is from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel on Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Like so many stories in this gospel, Jesus teaches from one layer of understanding to another, taking us deeper into understanding his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus says, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him." This marvelous dialogue ends with this exchange with his disciples: "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"

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.

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

Focus on Faith Formation



Congratulations to our 1st graders who did a wonderful job on prayer day! I am pleased to report that these students now know how to make the Sign of the Cross and recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be! We are very proud of everyone!

We would also like to congratulate and thank all of our Faith Formation families who collected change for the Circle of Compassion to help provide food to the poor at Easter time. As of this weekend, we have collected \$724 to turn over to the Circle of Compassion! A special thank you goes out to the parents for helping to teach our children about almsgiving.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is underway. Please go to our website, ollfaithformation.org, click on the registration tab, and print out the forms. All registrations will be due May 18th. There will be a \$50 fee imposed on all late registrations.

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

2nd grade Family Faith and Catholic School students, please remember to bring your child to confession as part of the Sacrament preparation on Saturday, April 21st or Saturday, April 28th at 1 pm. Our weekly students will go to confession during class.

All 2nd grade parents, please be sure to practice the 1st Communion songs and how to properly receive Communion with your child. We will begin practicing during class and we will need the children prepared.

We are coming to the end of our Faith Formation school year. The last weekly classes will take place Tuesday and Wednesday April 24th and April 25th. Our last Family Faith will be Sunday, April 29th.

8th grade parents, please be sure to sign your child up for a Confirmation interview on sign up genius. The link was sent in an email.

If you have a child entering 1st grade in September, it is time to register for Faith Formation. Sacrament preparation for First Holy Communion is a two year process that begins in 1st grade. Please contact the Faith Formation office at reled@ollmountainside.org or 908-233-1777 for more information. We look forward to working with you and your child!

For the Men of the Parish

Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes will have a meeting on Monday night, April 16, 2018 in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. New members are welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. We aim to serve not only the spiritual needs of ourselves but also to foster the well being of our Parish and the greater community. Light refreshments will be available.

We will be showing a film series on the Sacrament and the Bible produced by St. Paul Center for Theology which is Scott Hahn's company, the noted Catholic convert and apologist. Each film is about 30 minutes and a discussion will follow.

The Bible and the Sacraments examines the Sacraments of the Catholic Faith. Not simply looking at the basic teaching of the Church but by also delving into their meaning and origin. It investigates the deeper mysteries they contain as illuminated by Scripture. Based on the work of renowned theologian Scott Hahn, the films are presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. The deep mysteries and truths of the Sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

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.

THE GENNESARET RETREAT

A retreat for those living with serious illness

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of May 18, 19, 20 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 pm and end with a closing Prayers Service Sunday at 1:30 pm. There is not cost to you for the retreat.

For information: Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237
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Linda Capobianco 732-608-7277

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