

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Sunday of Divine Mercy + April 23, 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 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 Joan Bieszczak requested by Ken & Jean Dalrymple.

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

Tuesday, April 25th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 26th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:30 pm - Women's Keeping in Balance Program

Thursday, April 27th

9:15 am - Resisting Happiness Program

Saturday, April 29th

1:00 pm - 2nd Grade Confessions

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

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

During the week of Easter it would do us good every day to read a passage from the Gospel which speaks of the Resurrection of Christ.

Yes, we are sure of it: Christ indeed from death is risen!

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!



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.

SPECIAL FOR ALL WOMEN!

Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly

Please join us for a study of this book which will help us learn why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams and lack the courage to simply be ourselves...and how to choose happiness again so we can become the best versions of ourselves and start living with passion and purpose.

Who: All Women

Where: Spirituality Room at OLL

When: 6 Thursday mornings from
April 27 - June 1, 2017

Time: 9:15am-10:30am

Cost: \$3 for the book
(unless you already have it!)

Contact: Sue Zavodny at

zavodnys@comcast.net or 789-8543
for more info.

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

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
Matthew 6:33

When you live to please God and to keep the inner person healthy, you discover that life gradually becomes unified. Instead of running here and there trying to do everything and please everybody, you calmly face the challenges of each day without feeling pulled apart. You find its much easier to make decisions because life is centered on one thing: seeking first "the kingdom of God and His righteousness"

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.

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 22nd, Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Doris T. Eason
Req. by the Dilkes Family

Sunday, April 23rd, Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM John & Lucy Cangro
Req. by Linda Fedey
11:30 AM George & Patricia Shaneen
Req. by their daughter
5:00 PM Antonio Marucci
Req. by the Zipeto Family

Monday, April 24th

7:30 AM For the Deceased Members of the Leick Family
Req. by Carol & Al Leick
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 25th, St. Mark

7:30 AM Peter Buhlinger
Req. by Barbara Oberding
8:30 AM Matthew Burvett, Jr.
Req. by the Family

Wednesday, April 26th

7:30 AM Helen Boyle
Req. by Gerald & Lisa Aiello
10:30 AM James J. Glynn, Jr.
Req. by Jon & Shirley Moberg

Thursday, April 27th

7:30 AM Alfred D. Reid, Jr.
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Scharffenberger Family
Req. by Mary Ann Golomb

Friday, April 28th, St. Peter Chanel

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
8:30 AM For the Deceased Members of the Stolting Family
Req. by Barbara Stolting

Saturday, April 29th, St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 AM Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, April 29th, Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Mae Klebous
Req. by the Stolting Family

Sunday, April 30th, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Gerald Glackin
Req. by Jean Pascuiti
11:30 AM Matthew Burvett, Jr.
Req. by the Family
5:00 PM Christopher Wallerd
Req. by the Cataldo Family

Second Sunday of Easter

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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On the Second Sunday of Easter, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." John's Gospel gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The Acts of the Apostles all this week offers us the challenges the apostles faced from the earliest communities and from the Jewish authorities.

For the remaining five weeks of the Easter season, our readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and from John's Gospel, with stories of Jesus' ministry not heard during the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year.

The weekday readings begin with the frightened Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming at night to speak to Jesus, asking how anyone can be "born again." Jesus says we must be born of water and Spirit. The gospel offers a poetic look at light and darkness, good and evil: "the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light...But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." John writes, "For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God." After Jesus' disciples tell him to send 5,000 people away, he shows them how to feed them all. He walks across the sea to meet his apostles in their boat, saying, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

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 April 6, 2017, we would like to thank our parishioners who have already contributed \$7,655.00.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday, April 23rd 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)

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



Holy Trinity School



Please join Holy Trinity School for our first ever Derby Day & Casino Night. Derby Day will be Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Come watch the Kentucky Derby, bet on the horses and at the tables! Dinner, Drinks, Dancing & More. Silent Auction items and great tricky tray baskets. Help support the Holy Trinity School Home & School Association's major fundraiser this year. Friends, family and neighbors are more than welcome. The more the merrier! If you are interested in attending, please contact the Holy Trinity School office by phone at (908) 233-0484 or by email at office-wc@htisnj.com.

Holy Trinity School is selling Super 50/50 tickets. Tickets will be for sale until Saturday, May 6, 2017. The ticket price is \$20 each. Please consider buying a ticket to support Holy Trinity School. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact the Holy Trinity School office by phone at 908-233-0484 or by email at office-wc@htisnj.com.

Austin Ruse to speak at the Knights of Columbus Hall Westfield

When: April 25, 2017, 8 pm
Where: K of C, 2400 North Avenue, Scotch Plains NJ
Cost: Free-will donation

Austin Ruse is president of C-Fam (Center for Family & Human Rights), a New York and Washington DC — based research institute focusing exclusively on international social and legal policy.

Austin is a bi-weekly columnist for Crisis Magazine, host of the weekly UN Minute heard on Catholic radio around the country and the author of two new books: *The Littlest Suffering Souls: Children Whose Short Lives Point Us to Christ* (Tan Books) and *Fake Science: Exposing the Left's Skewed Statistics, Fuzzy Facts and Dodgy Data* (Regnery Publishers).

Austin and his wife Cathy and daughters Lucy and Gigi live in Virginia where Austin's ancestors arrived as colonists in the early 18th Century.



WELCOME CARDINAL TOBIN TUESDAY, MAY 9th 7:30 PM MASS

His Eminence, Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin will visit the Union County Northwest Deanery consisting of six parishes (Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Peace, St. James the Apostle, St. Rose of Lima and St. Teresa of Avila) on Tuesday, May 9th. The 7:30 pm Mass will take place at St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield followed by an informal discussion and light refreshments. All parishioners of the Deanery are invited to attend and join in this special evening.

Circle of Compassion

Thank you to all the parishioners for the generous response to our appeal this Easter Season. A special recognition to the children enrolled in our Faith Formation Program and their generous donation of \$1,200 through the Lamb of God Collection boxes during the weeks of Lent. We will be distributing these funds to St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, the Catholic Parish of the Transfiguration and the Archdiocesan HIV/AIDS Residence in Newark.

Collection

4/9/17
\$ 23,145

Year to Date Actual

\$ 351,992

Year to Date Budget

\$ 352,154

Year to Date Deficit

\$ 162

As of Monday, April 17th the Easter Collection totaled \$24,535.00



HTIS School News

The fourth graders are currently studying New Jersey. They will wrap up this unit by visiting Trenton in late Spring.

Mrs. Pantano's 8th grade class combined STEM learning with their religious studies. Working in small groups, they have researched and built model Gothic Cathedrals. They have incorporated engineering techniques along with their artistic abilities to build amazing models of some of the world's most beautiful churches. Their projects will be on display in the school until June.

In March, the 2nd grade girl scouts visited St. Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity Sisters in Plainfield to earn the Mother Teresa Award. The girls learned about St. Teresa and the Sisters' work and then stayed for Vespers, Adoration, and the Rosary.

Throughout the month of March, the students of Holy Trinity School's Mountainside Campus celebrated reading in honor of Dr. Seuss. Each week students read in class, read on their own and read with their families, then everyone tallied and posted how many books they read. Together, the students PreK-2 to Kindergarten read 1,735 books in March. The kindergartners took it one step further by writing what they would do if "Cat in the Hat" visited them at home. They knew the story and enjoyed using their imaginations and writing skills once they decided whether to let that Cat in, or not! "Strong school success starts with a child on your lap with a book. Reading to your child helps develop the skills needed to read independently," said Leslie Lewis, Director of Holy Trinity School's Early Education Center. Holy Trinity School's Early Education Center curriculum has a strong focus on language arts and reading in each of its preschool and kindergarten classes.

Would you like to have your child in a full day PreK or Kindergarten program in September? *Breakfast Club and Afterschool Enrichment can extend the Kindergarten and PreK-4 day from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.* To book your tour or for more information about our kindergarten and preschool program, please contact the Mountainside Campus at 908-233-1899.

If you have a child entering 1st grade in September, it is time to registration 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!

Focus on Faith Formation



Thank you to our Faith Formation children and their families for donating money to our charity project for Lent. We collected \$1,200 for the Circle of Compassion plus an additional \$100 from the 2nd and 9th grade Sacrament prep envelopes. Great job by all!

Registration for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year is now open. Please go to ollfaithformation.org and click on the registration tab to obtain the forms. Registrations must be in by May 19th and classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. After May 19th, a \$50 late fee will be imposed.

2nd graders from our Family Faith program or who attend Catholic school must go to Confession before making the Sacrament. We have one more scheduled confession opportunity this coming Saturday, April 29th at 1 pm in the Church. If you are unable to attend, please obtain a verification form from the Faith Formation Office and go at another time or to another Church. Verification forms are due at the First Communion Rehearsals.

7th and 8th graders will meet this Tuesday, April 25th at 7 pm. The final 7th and 8th class for the school year will be Tuesday, May 2nd.

Our final Family Faith session for this school year is next Sunday, April 30th beginning with the 5 pm Mass. Fr. Bill will be presenting to the parents after Mass.

First Communion Rehearsals will take place Monday, May 1st at 7 pm for the May 6th Communion and Monday, May 8th at 7 pm for the May 13th Communion.

Our traditional classroom model weekly classes will end on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2nd & 3rd.

The 9th grade Confirmation retreat is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th. Details to follow.

The Wednesday Evening Women's Keeping In Balance

sessions will resume with Lesson 19 (Balance Between Mediocrity & Perfectionism) on:

Date: Wed., 4/26/17
Final Session: Wed., 5/17/17
Time: 7:30 pm Gathering;
7:45 pm Discussion Start Time
Location: OLL Spirituality Room

All are welcome!! Any questions, contact Kathy Snyder (908-232-4817; auntkik@comcast.net)

WE'RE BACK!

Easter Flower Offerings

Frank & Edna Iappette by M/M Lester Kotas	John & Connie Dorio by M/M Jeffrey McMahon	Josephine Martin Ann Snyder by Dr./Mrs. David Snyder	William S. McKinlay by M/M Robert Hilongos
Caterina & Francisco Gennaro by Maria Capik, Caterina & Daniel D'Agostino	Gionta & Solski Families by M/M Albyn Gionta	Souls in Purgatory by M/M James Whelan	Russell Scutari Virginia Giaccio by Gene & Joann Scutari
Deceased Members of the DeRose & Clinch Families by M/M James DeRose	Brady & Ford Families by M/M John Ford	Sam Juliano by Millie Juliano	Pauser & Cotter Families by M/M Richard Cotter
Elizabeth & Andrew Bukva Mary & Louis Montsko Theresa & Nicholas Bukva Mary & Louis Franz by Norma Weinstein	Ann & Ed Tarby by M/M William McNamara	Ana Mae Kearney by M/M Kevin Tedesco	Evangelho & Santos Deceased Members by M/M Antonio Santos
Deceased Parents by Yvonne & Norman Hobbib	Andrew Dachnowicz by Eileen Dachnowicz	M/M Frank Conde Antonio DaCunha by M/M Frank Conde	Irene Basta by M/M Richard Basta
Joanne Esemplare Franzoni by Linda Esemplare	Arthur, Diane & Edward Sauerborn by Theresa Sauerborn	Mary & Joseph Presuto by Yolanda Hummel & Frank Liguori	Wrobleski Family by M/M Anthony Corsi
Frankshun & Forcella Families by M/M Michael Frankshun	Bill Dabrowski Jim Dabrowski Donna Beardsworth by The Dabrowski's	Paul McGlynn by M/M James Kennedy	Parents by M/M Walter Gierla
Jose & Felicitacion Evangelista by Teresa Evangelista	Joan & John Bieszczak by The Dabrowski's	Elio DiCosmo by M/M Michael DiCosmo	John Vitale by Eve Vitale
Theresa & Robert Geraghty by Maureen Geraghty	Deceased Members of the Bowling & Yurochko Families by M/M Robert Yurochko	Blewis & Kazanowski by M/M John Blewis	Dimler & Krajcik Families by Marilyn Krajcik
Dell'Osso & DeAnna Families by M/M Cliff DeAnna	Caterina & Francisco Gennaro by M/M Jose Gennaro	Paul J. McGlynn by Barbara McGlynn	John C. Elizabeth Ilg by Mrs. Robert Kaepfel

Gift by....

M/M Thomas Beke	M/M Gregory Federico	William Leber	M/M John Skinner
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