

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday of Easter + April 30, 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 Mark Farinella.

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

Sunday, April 30th

5:00 pm - Family Faith

Monday, May 1st

1:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Meeting

7:00 pm - 1st Eucharist Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 2nd

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, May 3rd

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

Thursday, May 4th

9:15 am - Women’s Keeping in Balance

Saturday, May 6th

9:15 am - Confirmation Retreat

10:30 am - 1st Eucharist Mass

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

When we have reached the lowest point of our misery and our weakness, the Risen Christ gives us the strength to rise again.

Since Christ is resurrected, we can look with new eyes and a new heart at every event of our lives, even the most negative ones.

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

You Lord are good and ready to forgive,
and abundant in mercy to all those who
call upon You.
Psalm 86:5

Once we know that nothing, we have ever done can get God to reject us because of what we are, we feel free to forgive ourselves for whatever we have done. And each time we forgive ourselves we pull our feet out of yesterday's failure and begin to hope again for tomorrow's blessings.

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: 4 am, 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.



Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday Evening, April 29th, Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 30th, Third Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 1st, St. Joseph the Worker

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Tuesday, May 2nd, St. Athanasius

7:30 AM William Duffy
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
8:30 AM Joanne Esemplare Franzione
Req. by the Esemplare Family

Wednesday, May 3rd, Sts. Philip & James

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

Thursday, May 4th

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
8:30 AM Phyllis Baum
Req. by Meurice Lake

Friday, May 5th

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, May 6th

8:00 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Claire & Gordon Kwiatkowski

Saturday Evening, May 6th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM David Tidaback
Req. by Dianne Tidaback

Sunday, May 7th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Nellie O'Shea
Req. by Bill O'Shea
9:30 AM John Petic
Req. by Kristen Ciccimarra
11:30 AM Jack Ferrere
Req. by his wife, Florence
5:00 PM John Burke
Req. by the Cataldo Family

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 or, for the memorial,
Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

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

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

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 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

The Third Week of Easter begins with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. The gospels all week are about his being broken and given for us as Bread that Gives Life.

In our first readings from Acts of the Apostles this week, we read of Stephen, one of the earliest martyrs, and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Next 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.

Easter Collection 2017

as of 4/24/17

\$ 38,646

Easter Collection Budget

\$ 27,500

Surplus

\$ + 11,146

Collection

4/23/17

\$ 5,285

Year to Date Actual

\$ 358,259

Year to Date Budget

\$ 368,859

Year to Date Deficit

\$ - 10,600

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Tickets Sales	\$ 4,270.00
Basket Raffle	\$ 225.00
Revenue Total	\$ 4,495.00
Bag Piper	\$ 300.00
Social Affairs License	\$ 100.00
Food & Beverages	\$ 2,020.00
Expense Total	\$ 2,420.00
Net Proceeds	\$ 2,075.00

50/50 Raffle Results

Tickets Sales	\$ 12,800.00
Prizes Awarded	\$ 6,400.00
Licenses	\$ 40.00
Printing	\$ 736.00
Net Proceeds	\$ 5,624.00
Donation from Winner	\$ 500.00

Total Proceeds to Parish

\$8,199.00



**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.

The **Wednesday Evening Women's Keeping In Balance** sessions will resume with Lesson 19 (Balance Between Mediocrity & Perfectionism) on:

WE'RE BACK!

Date: Wed., 4/3/17

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)

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: 9:15 am - 10:30 am

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

Contact: Sue Zavodny at zavodnys@comcast.net or 789-8543 for more info.

The Parish is having a pancake breakfast to honor the Mother's of the Parish after the 9:30 am Mass on May 14th in Pollard Hall!



May is Poppy Month!

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be at the doors of the church next weekend asking for your support.

Proceeds from the sale of these Poppies go to support the work

of the VFW for veterans with special needs as well as those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan as well as other areas of the world. Please be generous.

OVERLOOK MEDICAL CENTER

Overlook Medical Center is seeking Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer at Overlook, Monday through Friday, if you are interested please contact Sue Thomas at Volunteer Services, at 908-522-2841.



Please remember the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate planning.

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.

Join us for prayer and reflection and sharing



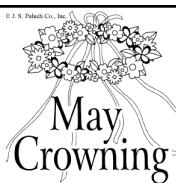
Saturday..... May 13th

Gathering of Women for Prayer

8:45 am - Gathering

9:00 am - Prayer: Preparation for the Easter of Pentecost

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER



MAY 1, 2016

1:00 PM - ROSARY IN CHURCH

1:30 PM - CROWNING

The pre-school children from Holy Trinity Mountainside Campus, will join the Rosary Altar Society in crowning the Blessed Virgin this Monday.

FOLLOWING THE CROWNING OF OUR LADY,
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**THIS EVENT WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE LOVING
MEMORY OF JOAN BIESZCZAK**

Focus on Faith Formation



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.

Congratulations to our 1th graders who did a wonderful job on Prayer Day! Our 1st graders proudly recited the Hail Mary, Our Father, and Glory Be!

The final 7th & 8th grade class of the school year will be this Tuesday, May 2nd.

Our final Family Faith session for this school year is this 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.

It is very important that all 2nd graders attend the last classes of the school year since we will be practicing for First Holy Communion and our weekly students will be going to confession, which is mandatory before making the Sacrament.

Catechists and Aides Needed:

The Faith Formation Office is currently setting up classes for the next school year, and catechists and aides are needed to teach the children about our faith and to help them develop a closer relationship with Christ. Please consider volunteering your time to this very important ministry. Help is especially needed Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 pm-5:15 pm. There are also opportunities available in our Family Faith program that meets once a month on Sunday evenings. If you can help, please contact the Faith Formation office at 908-233-1777 or reled@ollmountainside.org.

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! Catholic school students should contact us when entering 2nd grade for Sacrament Prep.

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2017 On-Call Adorer for our Midnight to 6 am Adoration Team.

Purpose: To cover for Midnight to 6 am Adorers during vacations, illness, etc.

Commitment Length: UP TO only 3X per year

Details:

- You would be 1 of at least 3 Adorers On-Call at a given time
- If you have any restrictions (e.g., weekends only, Mondays only, etc.), you can let us know what they are and we will note them
- Before contacting On-Call Adorers, we first ask regular and sub adorers for help
- Depending on our needs and other coverage resources, you may never be called
- Our Chapel is secure; additional information will be provided to you

Our number of On-Call Adorers has dropped significantly due to moves, illness etc., and we need to replace them in order to keep our Chapel going. Please prayerfully consider this special opportunity to serve the Lord. Remember, it would be for UP TO only 3X per year and that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.

Mother’s Day Novena of Masses

Sunday, May 14th is Mother’s Day. What better way to honor our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers living and deceased than to pray for them at Holy Mass. Beginning at the Saturday, May 13th evening Mass the Parish shall offer nine masses for our dear one’s, living and deceased. Remember the words of St. Monica to her Son, St. Augustine: “I care not where you lay this body of mine, only remember me at the altar of the Lord”. Novena envelopes are on the entrance table in the Church Vestibule or speak to one of the parish ushers to obtain one.

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 25, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, May 6th
10:30 am, First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 13th
10:30 am, First Holy Communion

Mother’s Day, May 14th

Ascension Thursday, May 25th
Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, May 26th
7:00 pm, Confirmation

