

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter + May 1, 2016

### 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, Helen Ahlquist, Marta Pares, Antonie Bachmeier, Kathleen Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Charles Ropars, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaeppel, Joeline Stearns, Meurice Lake, and Paul McGlynn.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week in loving memory of Jack Graziano requested by Irene Ciccarino.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased members 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, May 1<sup>st</sup>

10:30 am - Faith Formation  
5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

### Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 pm - Rosary Altar Society Meeting  
1:30 pm - May Crowning  
7:00 pm - Communion Rehearsal

### Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - Faith Formation  
7:30 pm - Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass

### Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am - Ascension Thursday Mass  
7:30 pm - Ascension Thursday Mass

### Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - Confirmation Retreat  
10:30 am - First Communion

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

To form a family is to be a part of God's dream, to join him in building a world where no one will feel alone.

Dear Young Friends, your names are written in the merciful heart of the Father.  
Be brave and go against the tide.

## Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of May 7 - 8, 2016

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
<b>5:00 PM</b>	MIKE MARGELLO	PATRICIA BITTNER FLORA SERVELLO	DOMENICO DELUCA GIULIA LYN GOGGI ZACH KISCIRAS
<b>7:30 AM</b>	RICH KRESS	PAT KNODEL JOSEPHINE TURNEY	JOHN BITTNER MICHAEL BITTNER SEAN QUIMSON
<b>9:30 AM</b>	YOUTH LECTOR	FRAN MICHETTI CONGREGATON VOLUNTEERS	MARCELLO CAMINITI SALVATORE CAMINITI WILLIAM ZIPETO
<b>11:30 AM</b>	BEN PARMA	MARIA DEANNA ROMANA SAWABI CONGREGATON VOLUNTEERS	CONLETH GORHAM JAMES SNYDER LAURA PARRELL ZACH PATER
<b>SUNDAY 5:00 PM</b>	TARA KENNEDY	FONTAINE GATTI CONGREGATON VOLUNTEERS	DANNY WHELAN JIMMY WHELAN

Everyone is welcome! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart-- these, O God, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE. Psalm 51:17

Jesus told the parable of the Prodigal Son to dramatize what He meant by the word repent. When the Prodigal Son repented he didn't just sit still and feel sorry about all his sins. He wasn't passive and limp about it. He didn't stay where he was, surrounded by the swine. He got up and left! He turned his feet in the other direction. He sought out his father and humbled himself before him, and then he was forgiven.

**Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!**

**One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!**

- Sunday: 4 am, 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm
- Monday: 9 am, 6 pm
- Tuesday: 12 noon, 1 pm, 12 midnight
- Wednesday: 1 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday:
- Friday: 12 noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 12 midnight
- Saturday: 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 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.



**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses will be celebrated:

- Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, May 5, 7:30 am & 7:30 pm



**Saturday Evening April 30<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn  
Req. by the Family  
9:30 AM Special Intentions Fr. Carlos Evangelista  
Req. by Teresa Evangelista  
11:30 AM Jack Ferrere  
Req. by Florence Ferrere  
5:00 PM Matthew Burvett  
Req. by the Family

**Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Athanasius**

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

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sts. Philip and James**

7:30 AM David Hart  
Req. by John & Maureen Racicot  
8:30 AM Patricia Diemer  
Req. by Pat and Jack Connolly

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Jack Whelan  
Req. by Bridget & John Colendenski  
7:30 PM For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, The Ascension of the Lord**

7:30 AM Domenica Papratto  
Req. by Eve Vitale  
7:30 PM Jack Graziano  
Req. by Carol & Carmine Venes

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Nellie O'Shea  
Req. by Bill O'Shea  
8:30 AM John Kontra  
Req. by the Family

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard  
Req. by the Family

**Saturday Evening, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
11:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
5:00 PM Anthony McGovern  
Req. by Lois Hertzberg and Louis Schulze

Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

John's Gospel offers us comfort and peace in a very direct way for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Tuesday is Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles. Thursday most of the world will celebrate Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, while the rest will celebrate it the following Sunday.

Our Easter season readings from Acts of the Apostles continue this week. We read of Paul converting a wealthy cloth trader, Lydia; of the dramatic conversion and baptism of the jailer and his family; Paul's bold speech to the crowd at the Areopagus and his fearless preaching in Corinth, despite the growing threat from the Jews. We also see how followers of Paul catch the fire of his faith and now begin to convert others.

In John's Gospel, we realize we are approaching Pentecost in a few weeks as Jesus begins to speak of his leaving the earth and of the coming of the "Advocate" - the Spirit of Truth. The image of the Trinity is clear: "when the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father..." To his disciples, the idea of his leaving fills their hearts with grief but Jesus reassures them, "it is better for you that I go" so that the Spirit can come to them. The Spirit "will guide you to all truth." Jesus promises, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy." "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." "Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

Whether the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated this Thursday or on Sunday, May 8, it is a stirring story from Acts of the Apostles of Jesus leaving his disciples and promising them the support of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of Luke tells of Jesus as he led his disciples out "as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html) Used with permission.

**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.



**COLLECTION**

4/24/16

\$7,191

**Year to Date Actual**

\$374,232

**Year to Date Budget**

\$377,528

**Deficit**

- \$3,296

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Ascension Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Day of Obligation

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am, First Holy Communion

**Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm, Confirmation

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am, First Holy Communion

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



**MAY 2, 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!



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Our parish offers prayerful congratulations to the following boys and girls who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am Mass. We thank our Faith Formation Director Mrs. Fran Michetti, her assistant Mrs. Cindy DiPietro and the teachers who prepared the children to receive this Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

#### May 7, 2015

Reid Bazydlo  
Isabel Caldis  
Edward Delmar  
Max DiDonato  
Thomas Dilkes  
David Dorsett  
Chloe Gonzalez  
Michael Healy

Ryan Hilongos  
Michael Klimas  
Dominic Labisi  
Allison Manna  
Liam McLaughlin  
George Newcome  
Anthony Palm  
Sophia Plaza

Eugenio Ripolino  
Hannah Sandholm  
Lily Sandholm  
Callie Schmidt  
Alexandra Staricco  
Joseph Staricco  
Julian Tharaud  
Chase Torres  
Ryan Torres

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CATECHISTS AND AIDES

Joan McLaughlin  
Diane McMurdo  
Kristine Cisko  
Michael DiCosmo  
Maureen Francisco  
Anna Marie Labisi

Jennifer Duca  
Christine Zagami  
Kate Francolino  
Stephanie Bazydlo  
Yoelma Pannacchione  
John Colendenski

Mary Hilongos  
Pam Kisciris  
Kathleen Healy  
Carolyn Klimas  
Marcia DiNorscio  
Sandra Dorsett



On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 am Mass, Fr. Richard having received delegation from Bishop Manuel Cruz, Vicar for Union County, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to Salvatore Caruvana and Ashley Phillips. Prior to reception, these confirmandi received the Sacrament of Penance. Both of these adults also received their First Holy Communion at this Mass. Thanks to Fr. Bill Benedetto our R.C.I.A. Director for instructing these adults and preparing them to receive the Sacraments of the Holy Mother Church.

#### POPPY SALE THIS WEEKEND!



Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be at the doors of the Church this weekend to ask for your support. Proceeds from the Poppy sale help support the work of the VFW for veterans with special needs, as well as those returning from Iraq & Afghanistan and other parts of the world. Please be generous!

#### Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



The Parish priests would like to thank 44 donors: individuals/families for making pledges to the Archdiocesan "Living Stones Campaign". As of Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> the Monies pledged for the Campaign amounts to \$131,225.00



#### SAINT ROCCO'S FOOD PANTRY

This weekend, members of the Circle of Compassion will distribute food bags after all Masses.

## Focus on Faith Formation



Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is our final Family Faith session for the 2015-2016 school year. Thanks to all of our volunteers, speakers, and families for making this a successful year. As usual, we will be meeting at the 5:00 pm Mass with our session to follow. Fr. Bill is going to be our speaker for the evening.

Our Confirmation retreat will take place on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm. Please be sure to turn in permission slips to Kevin. Also, Confirmation service logs need to be turned into Kevin ASAP. Confirmation rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Service logs are due by May 3<sup>rd</sup> and all homework must be completed by the last class, which is May 10<sup>th</sup> for our Tuesday students, and May 15<sup>th</sup> for our Sunday students.

First Eucharist Families: Family Faith students who have not yet attended confessions, please attend on any Saturday before First Eucharist and bring verification form to the rehearsals. Also, the First Eucharist rehearsals will take place on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church. Rehearsals are mandatory for all children and parents.

Registration is now open for the 2016-2017 school year. Please submit all registrations by May 20<sup>th</sup>. After May 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a \$50 late fee. All class assignments are done on a first come first served basis so get your registrations in early. Registration and emergency forms can be found on our website [ollfaithformation.org](http://ollfaithformation.org) under the registration tab.

Please consider becoming a volunteer in our program. Our program cannot run without the help of parents and parishioners. If you are interested in helping out as a catechist or aide, please contact the Faith Formation office at 908-233-1777.

If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September, please contact the Faith Formation office to register. First Holy Communion takes place in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, but it is a 2 year preparation program that begins in 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

**THE PARISH IS  
HAVING A PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST TO  
HONOR THE  
MOTHERS OF THE  
PARISH AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS  
ON MAY 8<sup>th</sup> IN POLLARD HALL!**



## Holy Trinity School News

Holy Trinity School in Westfield, NJ invites all current and prospective parents of students entering 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades for the 2016-2017 school year to attend **Holy Trinity's Curriculum Night on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at its Westfield Campus.** The evening will include an overview of the academic curriculum, special classes, and school activities as well as an opportunity to meet and interact with teachers and parents. Please share with family and friends. R.S.V.P's can be sent to [admissions@htisnj.com](mailto:admissions@htisnj.com). Please note this is a change of date.

The second graders finished writing free verse poetry to celebrate April Poetry Month. The poems are amazing! They have enjoyed listening to poetry in class as well as reading it at home. They are really looking forward to taking the train to the Patriots baseball game in May.

Julia MacDonald, an alumna of Holy Trinity School, was recently named valedictorian of Mount Saint Mary's Academy. Clark Burnett, also an alumnus of Holy Trinity, was named valedictorian of St. Peter's Prep last year!

The third graders are all about Earth Day! In addition to the Science curriculum, the students are using vocabulary, writing paragraphs, creating posters, and experimenting with composting to celebrate caring for our planet.

Looking for a strong faith based Early Childhood Program? There are a few places still available in our preschool and kindergarten classes. Please call 908-233-1899 for tours and information about the full day Pre-K and Kindergarten Program. Call 908-233-0484 for information about the Holy Trinity elementary and middle school classes at the Westfield Campus.



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who purchased a brick or bricks which enabled us to create the beautiful walkway to our Chapel.

Thank you to Architect, Dan Falcone with his expertise for designing the walkway. Many thanks as well to Tinkey and Rod Dunne, who tirelessly reviewed and coordinated all submissions to and from the brick company, and who arranged for any necessary adjustments. Their painstaking, but quiet efforts behind the scenes likewise helped to ensure the beauty of our "Chapel Way!" And lastly, to our custodian Michael Kerr for his assistance.

With your overwhelming support we were able to achieve a lasting memorial. Thank you all!

Brick Fund Committee



**Family Promise  
Interfaith Hospitality Network**  
Union County, NJ

**Tend My Sheep Ministry**

The last Tend My Sheep Ministry for this season is approaching soon. We will be hosting on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. A reminder has been sent to all Team 2 members and we will post an online sign-up sheet for donations.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we are having a training session from 7-8 pm on Monday, May 9, 2016, in the Library at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please join us if you would like to find out more about this worthwhile ministry.

If you cannot volunteer or sign up for a food donation, we are also seeking monetary donations. Donations can be given to Deacon Mike, dropped off or mailed to the rectory, or dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked TEND MY SHEEP DONATION.

Please watch the bulletin for future announcements and we look forward to "tending HIS sheep" and making our next experience even better.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hahner, [hahnerk@comcast.net](mailto:hahnerk@comcast.net) or at 908-789-4639 or Deacon Michael DeRoberts, [mderoberts@aol.com](mailto:mderoberts@aol.com), or at 908-868-0727.

Thanks again for all you do to make Our Lady of Lourdes a great parish!

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner  
Coordinators

**TWO EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS & CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION**

**Robert Greeley's Eagle Project Troop # 177**

A rose garden was created outside Pollard Hall. Underground pipes were run for an irrigation drip line, Belgium block curbing was cemented in place—gaps were intentionally left between the blocks so water could drain, and then the garden was planted. It is dedicated to the many years of service, dedication, and love that Marge Dabrowski and Joan Bieszczak have given to the parish. Special thanks to Williams Nursery and Gesumaria Contracting for their generous support.

**John Bittner Eagle Project Troop # 177**

John Bittner also from Troop 177 has finished his Eagle Project. The first part involved the removal of the four trees in the front of the Church building. These trees had damaged the gutters and prior roof and had the potential over time to affect the foundation in front of the Church. After this was completed, John with troop members removed the trees and ground them down to their stumps. The removal of these trees made visible the crosses and sign by the Church previously obscured. The second part of the project was the purchasing and planting of shrubs and flower plants with the assistance of troop members and other volunteers. The work was concluded on April 17<sup>th</sup>. This work is being dedicated to the priests of Our Lady of Lourdes, living and deceased. A plaque stating this remembrance will be placed in front of the Church.

***There will be a blessing after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass, May 1<sup>st</sup> in the front of the Church and another blessing in front of Pollard Hall.***