

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Fourth Sunday of Easter + May 3, 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. . . 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....

When we stand before the crucified Jesus, we see the depth of His love, which restores our dignity and sustains us.

The Lord does justice for the innocent woman, forgives the sinner, condemns the corrupt ones, helps the hypocrites convert themselves. Each of us has our own story, our own sins. Let us look at the Lord who does justice, but who is also extremely merciful.

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.



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SCRIPTURES



On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Acts of the Apostles shows us Paul and Barnabas and the turmoil they faced. The Gentiles were delighted with the good news of Jesus but the Jews were angry and expelled them from their territory. In a brief, but powerful story from John's Gospel, Jesus offers comfort to those who follow him: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle, with its own special readings.

The first readings this week continue the story of the growth of the community, through the Acts of the Apostles.

For the gospels this week, we read from John's Gospel, chapters 10, 12, 13 and 14 - all emphasizing who Jesus is - from the Father and one with the Father. He has come to bring us light and life. He promises us that he is the gate, the way to life. And, he assures us that if we make our home in him, he will be in us, and we will thereby be one with Jesus and the Father. He says, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me." "From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM." "Do not let your hearts be troubled." "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." "If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Mass Book for 2020 is now open.

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.

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.

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!

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.



Forward In Faith by Cardinal Tobin
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I visit with parishioners, I am often asked, “What’s your vision for the Archdiocese?” For at least a year after arriving in Newark, my answer was, “I don’t have one.”

Yes, I knew the essential elements of the Church’s mission: proclaim the Gospel, pass on the faith, celebrate the Sacraments, and care for the poor. However, I did not know how those goals could be realized here in the Archdiocese in the second decade of the twenty-first century.

Today, I have something to share with you: a pastoral vision for our Archdiocese called Forward in Faith Together: Our Road Ahead.

Forward in Faith Together seeks to establish a positive path forward for the faithful, the clergy, and the Archdiocese while simultaneously addressing crucial challenges of the past and present. It is a foundation for healing that addresses the hurt and mistrust within our community, reinforces the changes we have begun to implement, and provides a firm foundation for our lives as missionary disciples of Jesus. Forward in Faith Together will ensure that we flourish as a community of disciples, companions of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Forward in Faith Together is my vision for the future of our Archdiocese and it is supported by six key pillars, each representing an area of action that calls for our renewed energy.

Pillar one concerns the Protection of the Faithful.

Pillar two focuses on Accountability, Transparency, and Communication. This pillar will explain how we will continue to provide greater transparency in the area of Archdiocesan and parish financial systems and property management.

Pillar three places emphasis on Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning. This will help improve direct engagement with each parish, allow us to be more responsive to the faithful, and create a stronger and more organized Archdiocese.

Pillar four recognizes the need for Lifelong Faith Formation and Education.

Pillar five, Ongoing Formation and Support of Clergy, will help strengthen our continued commitment to the life-long ministry of our bishops, priests, and deacons.

Pillar six acknowledges the crucial importance of an Active Engagement of the Laity. This pillar will help us add more leading roles for our laity in the Archdiocese and invest in ongoing training and development.

Now, more than ever, we need to depend on God’s gracious care. Please join me in praying for all the faithful of the Archdiocese.

SACRAMENTS RESCHEDULED

Due to the present closing of the Church and not knowing when we can reopen the Church for Mass, the two dates for First Holy Communion and the date for the Sacrament of Confirmation in early May must be rescheduled for a later date.

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**

**ST. JOSEPH
SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER**

April 8, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are praying for our global family as we navigate this pandemic crisis.

We are so grateful for your support of St. Joseph's during the past year, and especially to those who have offered prayers and assistance during these past few weeks. The outpouring of compassion from our beloved community has been incredible. Many people have stepped up to make sandwiches, donate food, and donate funds. Your on-going support is truly a blessing.

We pray for your health and thank you for your continued support of our sisters and brothers. May god bless you abundantly.

With gratitude,

Bernadette Murphy
Executive, Director

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

Circle of Compassion

“Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works”

Please continue your generous support of the efforts of the Circle of Compassion. You may bring your non-perishable food items any weekend and deposit these items in the containers at the entrances of the Church.

You may also make a monetary donation by submitting an envelope marked CIRCLE OF COMPASSION and placing it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. We will make the necessary purchases for delivery to St. Rocco's.

On behalf of Father Josephat and the many families in Newark that are sustained by your generosity, we ask God's continued blessing on the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. God Bless You!

The Circle of Compassion,

Mike Billy, Elizabeth Kelly, Norma Weinstein,
Mark Margello, Bob Miraglia and Gerry Gallagher,
Glen Rosivak and Barbara Plucienik

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:
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