

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter + May 10, 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. Sunday Mass from Our Lady of Lourdes is broadcast on youtube.com Mountainside TV.

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.* . . Patricia Kane, 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 Looram, 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.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

THE SCRIPTURES



The Fifth Sunday of Easter brings us stories from Acts of the Apostles of Paul and Barnabas and their work in the early church. They spread the good news to the Gentiles and then “called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.” John’s Gospel returns to the Last Supper. Jesus gives his followers a new way of life: “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

All week, as we read about the inspiring development in the early community - with the acceptance of the good news by the Gentiles - we experience the assurance of Jesus.

The Gospels this week continue the “Last Discourse” of our Lord, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel. In these marvelous chapters we experience Jesus, “the way, the truth and the light.” He consoles his disciples with the gift of his peace, which is different than the peace the world offers.

What Jesus gives is a relationship as close as a vine is to its branches. He calls us to remain connected with him so that we can remain fruitful. Without him, we dry up and wither. When we are so united with Jesus, we can ask him for whatever we need to be fruitful. His invitation is for us to remain in his love, to make our home there. The resulting relationship is that of a friend. And this friendship is his gift to us - not our choosing him, but Jesus choosing us as friends who can open our hearts to him.

Therefore, in this relationship of connectedness and fruitful love flowing to us and through us to others, Jesus says that the one command he gives us is that we love one another - that we stay loving and fruitful.

Finally, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn't like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won't like our announcing and living it either.

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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26

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

**Mass Book for 2020 is now open.**

**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](http://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.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

The Parish Priests with Deacon Mike wish all our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers best wishes on this Mother's Day! With all masses temporarily suspended the Mother's Day Novena of Masses for all living and deceased will be re-scheduled when the Church reopens for public Mass. Below is offered a meditation on the Motherhood of Mary by Pope Francis.

“Jesus, newly born, was mirrored in the eyes of the woman, in the face of his mother. From her, he received his first caresses; with her, he exchanged the first smiles. With her began the revolution of tenderness. The Church, looking at the Baby Jesus, is called to continue that revolution. For she too, like Mary, is both woman and mother. The Church is woman and mother, and in Our Lady, she finds her distinctive traits. She sees Mary immaculate, and feels called to say no to sin and to worldliness. She sees Mary fruitful, and feels called to proclaim the Gospel and to give birth to it in people's lives. She sees Mary a mother, and she feels called to receive every man and woman as a son or daughter.

In drawing close to Mary, the Church discovers herself, she finds her center and her unity. The enemy of our human nature, the devil, seeks instead to divide, to highlight differences, ideologies, partisan thinking and parties. But we do not understand the Church if we regard her by starting with structures, programs and trends, ideologies and functions. We may grasp something, but not the heart of the Church. Because the Church has a mother's heart. And we, as her sons and daughters, invoke today the Mother of God, who gathers us together as a people of believers. O Mother, give birth to hope within us and bring us unity. Woman of salvation, to you we entrust this year. Keep it in your heart. We acclaim you, the Holy Mother of God. All together now, for three times, let us stand and acclaim the Lady, the Holy Mother of God.”

**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**

**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

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**GO FUND ME PAGE**

The Archdiocese of Newark has established a “Go Fund Me Page” to assist in donations to parishes during the pandemic. Simply go to: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) Archdiocese of Newark Parish Support Initiative and hit the CONTRIBUTE ICON and follow the directions. So far \$515,371.00 has been collected for the various parishes in our archdiocese.

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