

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter + May 14, 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 soul of* Antonie Bachmeier. May she rest in peace.

*Please pray for the sick.* . . Patricia Kane, Marta Pares, Kathleen Ruggeri, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaeppel, 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 Stella Meier requested by Gregory Meier and for the loving memory of Joseph Prevosto 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

### Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - Men's Group

### Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm - Women's Keeping in Balance

### Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am - Women's Resisting Happiness

### Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am - Gathering of Women

## Focus on Faith Formation



The deadline for the 2017-2018 registration is this Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please turn in all registrations by this date as classes are filling up quickly. After May 19<sup>th</sup>, a \$50 late fee will be charged. Thanks to all of our families who have already registered for the next school year.

All Faith Formation classes have ended for this school year, and an extra special thank you goes out to our volunteers, parents, and students for making this year so wonderful. We are looking forward to another successful school year beginning in September. We wish our families a happy, relaxing, safe, and healthy summer.

Confirmation is scheduled for Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

### **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 Wednesdays 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](mailto:reled@ollmountainside.org).

## OVERLOOK MEDICAL CENTER

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

If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Please contact the Faith Formation office at [reled@ollmountainside.org](mailto:reled@ollmountainside.org) or 908-233-1777 for more information. We look forward to working with you and your child!

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Fr. Richard would like to meet with all Parish Council Members on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. Members please plan to attend!

This Sunday, the Parish is having a pancake breakfast to honor the Mother's of the Parish after the 9:30 am Mass on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Pollard Hall!



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



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

11 TIMOTHY 2:13

Our moods may shift, but God's doesn't. Our minds may change, but God's doesn't. Our devotion may falter, but God's never does. Even if we are faithless, He is faithful, for He cannot betray himself. He is a sure God .

**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, 12 midnight
- Monday: 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,
- Saturday: 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, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Fifth 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 Mother's Day Novena

**Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Isidore**

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, St. John I**

7:30 AM Francis McGovern  
 Req. by the McGovern & Strong Families  
 8:30 AM Michael Durante  
 Req. by the Grossi Family

**Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Marie Busi  
 Req. by the Cataldo Family  
 8:30 AM John Moorman, Sr.  
 Req. by the Kelly Family

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Bernardine of Siena**

8:00 AM Peter Kuhn  
 Req. by the Family

**Saturday Evening, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM Francisco Gennaro  
 Req. by Arturo & Elisa Lopez  
 9:30 AM Josephine Tirone Nunez  
 Req. by the Viscuglia Family  
 11:30 AM Militello & Shaneen Families  
 Req. by Karen Shaneen  
 5:00 PM William Tomko  
 Req. by Mountainside Boy Scout Troop #177

**NOTE: Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last Sunday for the 5 pm evening Mass. It will resume after Labor Day.**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### 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 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21  
or Jn 17:1-11a

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.

#### Collection

5/07/17

\$ 7,011

#### Year to Date Actual

\$ 377,052

#### Year to Date Budget

\$ 385,578

#### Deficit

- \$ 8,526

### Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Today, Sunday, May 14<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 13<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.



## Holy Trinity School News

Congratulations to Sofia Leonetti, Holy Trinity Class of 2017, for making the USA Swimming New Jersey Junior Olympics. Sofia is part of the Westfield Area Y Devilfish Swim Team. The team sent only six swimmers to the highly competitive meet at Rutgers University. She qualified for the team with excellent times in the 100 m breaststroke, and the 200 m breaststroke. Sofia's hard work and dedication to her sport has definitely paid off. Congratulations Sofia!!

May is an exciting month in kindergarten with new life growing and changing all around. Marigold seeds have sprouted, and the students learned the parts of a plant, as well as its basic needs. They will continue to water and measure the seedlings until they proudly carry them home. The caterpillars will arrive this week, and students will observe them daily as they transform into chrysalises and finally Painted Lady Butterflies. They will release them into the garden at the end of the month. They have also observed the duck eggs in their incubators in the PreK-4 classes and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of many hatchlings.

The sixth graders collected linens, sheet sets, and towels to be donated to the YMCA homeless shelter in Plainfield as a community service project.

Our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders had an awesome class trip to NYC! It started with a tour of NBC Studios and sightseeing around Rockefeller Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral. They enjoyed lunch at Emmet O'Luney's, followed by a performance of *School of Rock* at the Winter Garden Theater. Next, it was off to a dinner cruise around Manhattan at sunset, complete with dinner and dancing on the Spirit of New York to end their special day in NYC.

Holy Trinity school is collecting Box Tops for Education. If you are able to clip and bring in your Box Tops, the proceeds will be used toward funding the Holy Trinity nurse fund. Any amount of Box Tops is greatly appreciated and collection boxes are in the back of the church.

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. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call 908-233-0484.

**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 6<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 13, 2017**

Chloe Del Cueto  
Matthew Filiaci  
Emma Francisco  
Julia Francisco  
Victoria Giuliano  
Sophia Joas  
Kiera Kelly

Ryan Lamera  
Devin Leontowycz  
Drew Leontowycz  
Hudson McLaughlin  
Maeve Murray  
Sophia Padin

Bryanna Pasuco  
Julien Plaza  
Max Quisumbing  
Nicholas Schiano  
Ava Servello  
Lily Venneri

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CATECHISTS AND AIDES**

Linda Andrew  
Daniela D’Aprano  
Maureen Francisco  
Adriana Gamboa

Pam Kisciras  
Steve Matejek  
Jennifer McElroy

**Loss of a Child Prayer Service**

The Bereavement Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower is offering the Loss of a Child Prayer Service on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm in the Little Church, 310 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights. A time of prayer and remembrance for anyone who has ever grieved the loss of a child for any reason (miscarriage, still birth, natural death, failed adoption, etc.), at any age either before or after birth. All are welcome. Any questions, you may contact Mariana or Maria at bereavement.lf@gmail.com or the rectory at 908-464-1585.

**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 thru 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](mailto:zavodnys@comcast.net) or 789-8543  
for more info.



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1036 are thankful for your donations at the poppy sale. They were able to raise \$656.00 for this great cause.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions 1917- 2017

In the year 1917, in a mountainous region at the center of Portugal, the Mother of God appeared six times to three young children. Elsewhere on the continent World War 1 raged. Portugal was in political chaos at home. There was a dizzy succession of governments following a revolution in 1910. Government officials, under the influence of Freemasonry, were not sympathetic to the Faith. But for the people themselves, the Faith was the air they breathed. There Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta were born and raised in homes where the catechism was their daily bread and stories from the Bible their recreation.

It is almost certain that we would not be celebrating the beatifications of Jacinta and Francisco Marto were it not for the apparitions which they experienced. Lucia, (Servant of God), Francisco and Jacinta, on May 13th, 1917, they chose to pasture their sheep in the Cove of Irene. It was there, with one exception, that the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary appeared on six occasions in 1917, and a seventh time in 1920 (to Lucia alone). At that moment the First World War raged in Europe. In far off Moscow Lenin prepared the revolution that would overturn the Russian social order in November 1917 and eventually engulf almost half the peoples of the earth. It was in that context that heaven condescended to earth providing the antidote to the moral and social evils of the world - the message of Fatima. For 5 consecutive months on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June to October, the Blessed Mother appeared to the three children.

The most important dimension of the Fátima event was not the supernatural and preternatural phenomena but the content and the meaning of the message communicated to the children. This message can be seen as comprising two essential elements: The first of these elements is the singular role of the Immaculate One in the economy of salvation, a dogmatic fact. The second of these elements involves the practical order, the value of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the individual life and for the future of the human race.

The Three Secrets of Fátima consist of a series of apocalyptic visions and prophecies which were given to three young Portuguese shepherds. According to the official Catholic interpretation, the three secrets involve Hell, World War I and World War II, and the Pope John Paul II assassination attempt.

It was Mary's final appearance, on Oct. 13, 1917, that became the most famous. "an estimated 70,000 people were in attendance at the site, anticipating the Virgin's final visit. As before, the figure appeared, and again only to the children. Identifying herself as 'the Lady of the Rosary,' she urged repentance and the building of a chapel at the site. After predicting an end to World War I and giving the children certain undisclosed visions, the lady lifted her hands to the sky. Thereupon Lucia exclaimed, 'The sun!' As everyone gazed upward, and saw that a silvery disc had emerged from behind clouds, they experienced what is known as a 'sun miracle'."

According to many witnesses, after a period of rain, the dark clouds broke and the sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky. It was said to be significantly duller than normal, and to cast multicolored lights across the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The sun was then reported to have careened towards the earth before zig-zagging back to its normal position. Witnesses reported that their previously wet clothes became "suddenly and completely dry, as well as the wet and muddy ground that had been previously soaked because of the rain that had been falling". Not all witnesses reported seeing the sun "dance". Some people only saw the radiant colors, and others, including some believers, saw nothing at all.

### The Message of Fatima

Our Lady came to Fatima to save the souls of her children from hell in the eternal order, and to bring peace to their world in the temporal.

The core of her message can be expressed in three simple sentences:

1. Addressing the eternal order, she told us that hell exists and that souls are being lost to it because there is no one to make reparation for their sins.
2. Speaking of the temporal, she said that war is a consequence of sin.
3. The salvation of souls and the attainment of world peace require the conversion of sinners. "People must stop offending God because He is already so much offended." [10-13-1917]

**Our Lady of Fatima continued.**

Almost everything else Our Blessed Mother said, the things she asked us to do, and her prophecies predicated on the nature of our response, relate either directly or indirectly, to these three fundamental elements.

A few examples:

She asks for the daily offering of prayer, penance and sacrifice in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners. Her request that we pray the rosary every day is aimed at both reparation for sin and world peace.

Wearing the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Practicing the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Communions of Reparation devotion makes available the graces necessary for the salvation of souls at the moment of their death.

The conversion of Russia will lead to the salvation of many souls and make an enormous contribution toward the attainment of world peace.

On this important anniversary in the life of the Church let us take the message of Fatima to heart, pray the Rosary daily, perform acts of reparation for our sins and the sins of others and pray for the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima intercede for us before thy Son!

**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 15, 2017, at Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. A reminder has been sent to all Team 2 members and we will be posting an online sign-up sheet for donations.

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

**Join us for the Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, June 4, 2017  
following the 11:30 am Mass  
on the Plaza in front of the Church**

**BURGERS, HOTDOGS, SALADS, SOFT DRINKS  
GAMES FOR THE KIDS  
SHARING TABLE FOR SALADS AND DESSERTS  
Tickets on sale after all Masses.**

