

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Pentecost Sunday + May 31, 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

Wednesday 7:30 am & 8:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Holiday As Announced

Penance Saturday 1:00 pm

Novena to the Miraculous Medal
Saturday following 8:00 am Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday following 7:30 am Mass

Baptisms scheduled Monday through 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. . . . Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Jack Schuvar, Luke ranger, 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.

Pentecost Sunday

THE SCRIPTURES



Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, as the readings and the whole Church celebrate the coming and ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Jesus breathes on his jittery followers and tells them, "Peace be with you" and fills them with courage.

Monday is the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, a relatively new feast on the Church calendar - a title given to Mary at the Second Vatican Council and a feast created by Pope Francis. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

The first readings this week are from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians.

We take up the Gospel of Matthew, which will be part of our readings for Ordinary Time. The week offers us the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus urges us to not hide our gifts under a bushel basket but to recognize that "you are the light of the world." Jesus transforms what the people had been taught. We are to go beyond not killing; we are to love our enemies. He tells us that he has "not come to abolish laws but to fulfill them." Jesus tells us that if we haven't forgiven someone, we should leave our offerings on the altar and go forgive those with whom we need reconciliation. He speaks about adultery saying, "If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna." By the end of the week, we hear Jesus encouraging us to live honestly, making elaborate promises and oaths unnecessary. "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No,'" he says. The words we use are less important than the life we lead.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 -- 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
- Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

ATTENTION

(Phase I)

The Cardinal has authorized the opening of the Church daily from 9 am to 12 noon.

Face masks must be worn and social distancing maintained.

Confessions will be held on Saturdays, from 1 pm to 2 pm.

Face masks must be worn.

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.

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**

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

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!

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

**Catholic Charities Bins
To Open Again**

Sentinel Management has notified Catholic Charities that our Donation Bins are anticipated to be open as of May 18th. We are grateful for your patience and look forward to your continued support. We need clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and children's books.

We pray for an end of this virus in our society and throughout the world.
Thank you with all our heart.

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020 Cycle A

Dear Boys and Girls:

May 31, 2020 is *Pentecost Sunday* and the last day of the Easter Season. I hope this letter about **Pentecost Sunday** will help you understand that :

1. *Pentecost signifies the beginnings of the church, its birthday.*
2. *It celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to guide the Church then and forever.*

The word Pentecost comes from the (Latin) prefix “penta” and the (Greek) “pente” meaning 5. It takes place 50 days after Easter and is the end of the Easter season. This is the day the Apostles received the power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of courage in order to share the Good News of Jesus with the world.

During Mass we usually light white candles as a sign of the presence of the risen Christ Today we can also light 7 colored candles. These flames are an expression of the Holy Spirit and the 7 gifts the Holy Spirit gives us.

- **Let us examine the readings for today.** They all come from the *New Testament and take place after Jesus’ death and resurrection.* **The 1st Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11, excerpt).**

On the day of Pentecost

all the Lord’s followers were together in one place.

Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind!

It filled the house where they were meeting.

**Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions,
and a tongue came and settled on each person there.**

**The Holy Spirit took control of everyone,
and they began speaking
whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.**

They were excited and amazed, and said:

“Don’t all these who are speaking come from Galilee?

Then why do we each hear them speaking our very own languages?

Some of us were born Jews,

and others of us have chosen to be Jews.

Yet we all hear them using our own languages

to tell the wonderful things God has done.”

The word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

The fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit that appeared to the apostles brought the help Jesus promised to send his disciples. This filled the disciples with peace when they were so scared. The Holy Spirit also gave them the ability to understand the Word of God so matter what language was spoken.

- **In this week’s Psalm (104.1abc and 24, 30-31excerpt) the person saying this prayer is describing the Holy Spirit.**

**You made so many things;
the whole earth is covered
with your living creatures.**

R/: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**You created all of them
By our Spirit,
and you gave new life
to the earth**

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020 Cycle A

R/: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

This Psalm reminds us that the Holy Spirit breathes life into all. As a result, the earth is covered with living creatures. It is filled with life.

The second reading is from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-13).

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,

but they all come from the same Spirit.

There are different ways to serve the same Lord,

and we can each do different things.

Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.

***The body of Christ has many different parts,
just as any other body does.***

Some of us are Jews,
and others are Gentiles.

Some of us are slaves,
and others are free.

***But God's Spirit baptized each of us
and made us part of the body of Christ***

Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R:/ Thanks be to God.

The body has many parts but it is still one body. The Church is that body and each of us has a special part to play within the Church. *How can we serve the LORD with our different Gifts received from the Holy Spirit? Is there anything you do especially well? How can you use that to serve the Lord?*

In the Gospel according to John (17:1-11a), Jesus comes back after his Ascension to talk to his disciples

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,

and on the evening of that same Sunday

they locked themselves in a room.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.

He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.

When the disciples saw the Lord,

they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,

"I am sending you, just as the Father sent me."

Then he breathed on them and said,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone's sins,

they will be forgiven.

But if you don't forgive their sins,

they will not be forgiven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020 Cycle A

Why did the Disciples lock themselves in a room? *They were afraid of the Hebrews (Jews) because they knew they could be crucified like Jesus.* **Why did Jesus suddenly appear and show his hands and side?** *He wanted the disciples to know that he was here and recognize who he was. Before Jesus died he promised his disciples that he would send them help, and that was the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would help them remember what Jesus had said and done. He would also give them strength to tell others about him. He also gave them the ability to forgive people's sins.* We should pray that world leaders develop the gifts that they have received from the Spirit, and act with love, kindness, and peace, and work together for the good of all.

- (Prayer to conclude the Liturgy of the Word)

Almighty Father,
may the Holy Spirit continue to inspire us and fill us with your grace.
We humbly ask you to hear our prayers
through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

Looking forward to seeing you again soon when we can gather together at Our Lady of Lourdes to share our prayers and work together.

Mrs. Michaela Quinlan
Children's Liturgy Of the Word, presider