

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time + July 12, 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

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers the soul of James Burke, Jr. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick. . . . Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Luke Ranger, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Looram, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Marilyn Hart, Peter Spadaccini, Roberta Wegryn, Lenore Vega, Richard Kontra and James B. Buckley.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for Henry & Stella Meier requested by Gregory Meier.

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.

ATTENTION GIFT BEARERS

Due to temporary regulations from the Chancery there will be no presentation of the gifts at the offertory of the Mass for the time being.

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.



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.**

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!

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

If you are looking for meaning in life but, not find one, you throw yourself away with "imitations of love", such as wealth, career, pleasure, or an addiction, let Jesus look at you, and you will discover you have always been loved.

Only those who see with the heart see things well, because they know how to "look into" each other: to see a brother or sister apart from his or her mistakes, hope amid difficulty. They see God everywhere.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Great is our LORD AND MIGHTY IN POWER;
His understanding is infinite.

No means of measure can define God's limitless love. No barrier can hinder Him from pouring out His blessings. He forgives and He forgets. He creates and He cleanses. He restores and He rebuilds. He comforts and He carries. He lifts and He loves. He is the God of the second chance.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Due to social distancing we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the Church very soon. I am awaiting a report from Kathy Snyder as to which adorers have committed to which hours of adoration. When that report is completed we will temporarily resume Eucharist Adoration in the Church.

MASS BOOK 2020

Due to the Virus Pandemic, 115 Mass intentions (all Masses for 14 weeks) must be transferred to the first available dates in the Mass Book. Except for those Mass intentions already taken, there are some new Mass intentions open after November 11th.

NEW UPDATE:

Visitation Hours & Limits On Family Members Increased, Continue Safety First Directives

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transitional period as we continue following CDC and state safety guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective Immediately, cemetery and mausoleum visitation will be permitted **weekdays, Monday through Saturday**, from **8:00 am to 6:00 pm**, and 8:00 am to 5 pm on Sundays (except Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will open 8 am to 3 pm everyday).

Summer hours have begun and the cemetery gates will be open for visitation everyday from **8:00 am to 5:00 pm**, and **Wednesdays until 7:00 pm (except Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will open 8 am to 3 pm everyday)**. Mausoleums will open 8 am to 6:30 pm on Wednesdays until September 15th, 2020.



Saturday Evening, July 11th, Vigil, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Mildred Plucienik
Req. by the Kempinski Family

Sunday, July 12th, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Michael Kerr, Sr.*
Req. by Mary Ann Golomb
9:30 AM For the Protection of Unborn Babies
Req. by K of C Westfield Council 1711
11:30 AM Thomas McLaughlin
Req. by Veronica Quillen

Monday, July 13th, St. Henry

7:30 AM Henry Meier
Req. by Gregory Meier

Tuesday, July 14th, St. Kateri Tekawitha

7:30 AM Patricia & George Shaneen
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Wednesday, July 15th, St. Bonaventure

7:30 AM Genevieve Powers*
Req. by Eve Vitale

Thursday, July 16th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 AM John Burvett Jr.
Req. by the Family

Friday, July 17th

7:30 AM Irene Ciccarino*
Req. by Carol & Carmine Venes

Saturday, July 18th, St. Camillus de Lellis

8:00 AM Vincent Mantone
Req. by Millie Juliano

Saturday Evening, July 18th, Vigil, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM William Hogan
Req. by Virginia Quillen

Sunday, July 19th, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Gerard Pares*
Req. by Eve Vitale
9:30 AM Anne De Meo
Req. by Maria Tomko & Family
11:30 AM John & Patricia Kontra
Req. by the Kontra Family

** This denotes rescheduled Mass due to pandemic.*

Adoration Chapel Candles

Intentions to be rescheduled when the church opens for temporary adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16;
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Financial Figures

June 28 - \$3,126

July 5 - \$4,497

Repair Fund - \$430

RESCHEDULING OF MASSES

As we have resumed the regular Mass schedule, those Mass intentions, beginning this past March will be rescheduled where there are presently Mass slots available.

Faith Formation for Incoming 1st Graders

If you have a child entering 1st grade public school in September, it is time to register for Faith Formation/First Communion Preparation. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharistic take place in 2nd grade, but the Archdiocese of Newark requires children to have two years of Faith Formation to participate in the sacraments. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at reled@ollmountainside.org or go to our website at ollfaithformation.org and go to the registration tab. Read about our program and print out the registration and emergency forms and send them in with your payment. If you are not a registered parishioner, please fill out the parish registration form/survey as well. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our program!

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is about God's fidelity. The promise of Isaiah 55 and Parable of the Sower from Matthew's Gospel remind us that no matter what obstacles we face as his disciples, as sowers of the Good News, God will work effectively through us. "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

Tuesday we celebrate Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin. Wednesday we remember Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor.

This week, the first readings are from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The preaching of the first part of Isaiah contains powerful words about the infidelity of the people and the kings, God's sanctions so as to purify a people who would be faithful. On Saturday, we begin reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

In our readings from Matthew's Gospel we read more about the challenge of being a disciple of Jesus. He calls us to a bond with him that is even greater than the bonds of family. "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus reproaches towns where he worked miracles and the people had not repented. Jesus thanks God that, though the wise and the learned remain in unbelief, the childlike are open to God's grace and believe. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Taking on discipleship we will find that it is easy and we will find rest in him. When controversy comes up about his disciples' picking grain to eat on the Sabbath, Jesus give a startling response to the judgment of the Pharisees: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Jesus leaves town when the Pharisees want to kill him to fulfill the Prophet Isaiah: "He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory."

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.

Does the Parish have your current email? Occasionally we reach out to parishioners in this manner especially during this period of social distancing. Please let us know the best way to reach you!

Email: lcandela@ollmountainside.org

Text or call: 908-391-3737

ORDINATIONS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

On June 23, Cardinal Tobin ordained 10 Deacons to the Holy Priesthood.

On June 27, Cardinal Tobin ordained 5 traditional Deacons to the Diaconate. God willing they will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood in May of 2021.

On June 30, Cardinal Tobin consecrated 3 Priests to the Episcopate: Bishops Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., Michael A. Saporito and Gregory J. Studerus. Pray for these new Priests, Transitional Deacons and our 3 new Auxiliary Bishops. May all the ordained follow in the example of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Focus on Faith Formation



Registration: The registration deadline for the 2020-2021 school year has passed! If you still haven't submitted your registration, please go to ollfaithformation.org, go to the registration tab, and read all descriptions as some of our programs have changed. Please print out the registration forms, emergency form, and volunteer form, if applicable. Fill out all forms and return them to the Faith Formation Office or to the rectory along with payment. Remember that children will be placed in programs and classes on a first come/first served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 908-233-1777.

First Communion/Confirmation Re-scheduling: Now that Masses have resumed, Fr. Richard will be meeting with Fran Michetti and Kevin Donahue to discuss the best times to schedule this current year's sacraments. As soon as the details have been worked out, we will send out emails.

Volunteers Needed!

In order for the Faith Formation program to run properly here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we need volunteers from our community to help the children of our parish learn about our faith. Please prayerfully consider sharing your faith with our children. We are in need of a 3rd grade catechist and a 6th grade catechist on Tuesdays from 4 pm - 5:15 pm and a 5th grade catechist on Wednesdays. If you can help or would just like more information, please contact Fran Michetti at 908-233-1777 or fmichetti@ollfaithformation.org.

True Freedom



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots throughout the ages fought for our freedom. There are still those today who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities donations bin located on our property. Thank you.

NEW DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

First Holy Communion

Saturday, September 19th at 10 am
Rehearsal Monday, September 14th at 7 pm

Saturday, September 26th at 10 am
Rehearsal Monday, September 21st at 7 pm

Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am
Rehearsal Monday, September 28th at 7 pm

Saturday, October 10th at 10 am
Rehearsal Monday, October 5th at 7 pm

CONFIRMATION

Friday, September 18th at 7 pm
Rehearsal Wednesday, September 16th at 7 pm

Friday, October 9th at 7 pm
Rehearsal Wednesday, October 7th at 7 pm

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Sunday, September 13th at 11 am

Circle of Compassion

We are asking the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes to resume their generous response for donations as we prepare to answer the appeals from St. Rocco's in Newark and St. Joseph's Social Service in Elizabeth. We have utilized whatever monetary donations were available to assist these communities the past two months. If you wish to purchase non-perishable food items, please leave them in the two containers at the entrances of the Church. You may also make cash donations by placing an envelope clearly marked "Circle Of Compassion" and place it in the collection basket.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

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!