

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time + July 19, 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
Richard Crosta. 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 Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Marilyn Hart, Peter Spadaccini, Roberta Wegryn, Lenore Vega and Richard Kontra.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for deceased members of our Parish.

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.

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....

Evil never gives peace. It causes frenzy first then leaves bitterness. Instead, God's voice never promises cheap, easily acquired joy. He invites us to go beyond our ego to find that true good: peace.

Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God's love.

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

They shall reign forever and ever.
Revelations 22:5

Think for a moment. The One who created you and set all those loves and gifts in your heart, the Who has shaped all your life experiences (including the ones that seem to make no sense), this God has prepared a place for you that is more than a perfect fit for all your gifts and quirks and personality traits -- even those you don't know you have. Christ is not joking when He says that we shall inherit the kingdom prepared for us and shall reign with Him forever.

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.

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.

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.



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

Monday, July 20th, St. Apollinaris

7:30 AM Dr. Sean T. Fenton
Req. by the Family

Tuesday, July 21st, St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

Wednesday, July 22nd, St. Mary Magdalene

7:30 AM Patrick Fazzini
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Thursday, July 23rd, St. Bridget

7:30 AM Gerard Pares*
Req. by Marie & Ed Smith

Friday, July 24th, St. Sharbel Makhluf

7:30 AM Roger Flores*
Req. by Marissa Fischer

Saturday, July 25th, St. James

8:00 AM Laurence Meier*
Req. by Gregory Meier

Saturday Evening, July 25th, Vigil, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Militello & Shaneen Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Sunday, July 26th, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Frank Carpency*
Req. by the Family
9:30 AM Marie Kelly
Req. by the Fenton Family
11:30 AM Julie Spinelli
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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;

Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Financial Figures

July 12 - \$5,872

Retired Priests Fund - \$1,077

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!

This Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we are reminded that God has sown good seed, but, of course, an enemy has sown weeds in the same field. We are not supposed to go out there judgmentally pulling up weeds, but to leave judgment to God. The way the Kingdom of God grows is the way tiny seeds grow and the way yeast makes dough rise: it is surprising and slow and almost imperceptible. If we have ears, we ought to hear.

Wednesday we remember St. Mary Magdalene. Saturday is the feast of St. James, the Apostle. Both days have their own special readings.

The first readings this week, except for the feasts, are from the Book of the Prophet Micah and end on Saturday with readings from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, through next week and into the week afterwards.

We'll continue to read from Matthew's Gospel this week. The scribes and Pharisee ask Jesus for a sign to prove his credentials. He says that the only sign will be his death and resurrection. Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the sower. When asked why he speaks in parables and Jesus answers that the simple and those with open hearts will hear and understand. Then Jesus explains the parable: the importance of rich soil. Just so, the Son of Man "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." On the Feast of St. James, we hear how that the apostles miss the message of Jesus and are arguing about who is the greatest. He says, "Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave."

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

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.

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.

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.**

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!