

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 11, 2019

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 pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Jack Ford, Logan Alseika, Anthony DePalma, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Kathleen Bachman, Mary Reich and Genevieve Powers.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory for Stella Meier requested by Gregory Meier and loving memory for C. Frank Serafin requested by Mark Farinella.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Vesper and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

The Lord invites all of us to conquer resentment with love and forgiveness, and to live the Christian faith with consistency and courage.

Holy Spirit, give us the joy of the resurrection,
the perennial youth of the heart!

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!

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!

New members are most welcome. We meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the library and sing at the 11:30 am Mass. Choir practice resumes in late September. If you have questions, please see Joe Neglia or call him at 973-503-9675.



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.**

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

The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.
Proverbs 11:25

Whatever we may own, whether in large or small measure, when placed gladly in God's great strong hands can be blessed and multiplied a thousand times to enrich countless other lives. If clutched tightly and timidly to our own selfish souls it will shrivel away to a mere whimsy wasted on one's self.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

Jesus longs for our company—just one hour...

PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Monday: Noon; 2 pm
- Tuesday: 10 am
- Thursday: 3 pm
- Friday: Noon; 8 pm
- Saturday: 3 am (that's Friday into Saturday); 3 pm

2nd ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Sunday: between 9 am & 1 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm
- Monday: 11 pm
- Tuesday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm
- Thursday: between 6 am & noon; 5 pm
- Friday: 7 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: between 9 am & 11 am, between 1 pm & 5 pm between 7 pm & 11 pm

All days of the week - between Midnight & 6 am.

SUBSTITUTE & ON-CALL ADORERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

CONTACT:

KATHY SNYDER (908-232-4817; auntkik@comcast.net) or MARIANNE TAYLOR (908-233-6074)

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!



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.



Saturday Evening, August 10th, Vigil, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Vincent Spagnola
Req. by Diane Manzano

Sunday, August 11th, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Donald Carrelli
Req. by the Stolting Family
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Shaneen & Militello Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Monday, August 12th, St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:30 AM Rita D'Anna
Req. by Eve Vitale & the Mountainside Seniors

Tuesday, August 13th, Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

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

Wednesday, August 14th, St. Sixtus

7:30 AM John P. Fenton, DDS
Req. by the Family
7:30 PM Virginia Lucas
Req. by Jeannie & Ken Dalrymple

Thursday, August 15th, Feast of the Assumption

7:30 AM Mary Della Serra
Req. by Esther Rinaldo
7:30 PM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Friday, August 16th, St. Stephen of Hungary

7:30 AM Rita D'Anna
Req. by Ed & Marie Smith

Saturday, August 17th

8:00 AM Stella Meier (4th Anniversary)
Req. by Gregory Meier

Saturday Evening, August 17th, Vigil, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families
Req. by Filippini Group of Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, August 18th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Maria Hubmann
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano
11:30 AM Edward Noha
Req. by Theresa Manzano

No Sunday 5 pm Mass.

The 5 pm Mass will resume on Sunday, September 8th.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;
Lk 12:49-53

Sunday is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cautions us to be ready for the coming of the Lord. "Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into."

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr. Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with its own special readings.

In the first readings this week from Deuteronomy, we hear about the entry into the Promised Land. Moses says farewell to the people. Then we have readings from the Book of Joshua, who was the successor of Moses. The people cross the Jordan, with the Ark of the Covenant clearing a path through the river. Joshua speaks to the people as a prophet and recounts all God has done for them. The people renew their covenant at Shechem.

In the daily readings from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus again warns his disciples about his upcoming passion, death and resurrection, but they are "overwhelmed with grief." Jesus resolves the temple tax question, as if to say, "it will be given you." When the disciples are wondering about "who is the greatest," Jesus points to a child and says the greatest is the one who is humble, like the defenseless child. He tells them to care for each other "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone," and to pray together for anything they need. When Peter asks Jesus how many times we must forgive, Jesus tells the powerful parable of the servant who is forgiven his debt but doesn't forgive his debtors. Jesus urges us to forgive from our hearts. Jesus tells his disciples about the sacredness of marriage. The disciples tried to prevent people from bringing children to Jesus and he said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Collection

August 4 - \$ 4,580

Indian Mission Appeal - \$1,904

Mass Book for 2019 is open.

BAGELS

Bagels will resume on September 8th
after the 9:30 am Mass.

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.



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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday, August 15, 2019 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses for this Holy Day are the following:

Vigil Mass on Wednesday Evening:
August 14th at 7:30 pm

On the Feast Day, Thursday:
August 15th at 7:30 am and 7:30 pm



**Statement of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., on New Jersey’s Assisted Suicide Law
July 31, 2019**

Human compassion fills our hearts with sadness when we hear about an individual who wishes to end his or her life to escape the pain and suffering of illness, disability, or disease. The fear associated with such devastating human conditions is real and legitimate.

However, as Pope Francis has noted, we must be careful not to yield to a false sense of compassion. Our Holy Father reminds us that we must never take a human life—even, or especially, our own, since “this is a sin against God, the creator.”

The gift of human life and dignity is sacred and must be respected and protected at every stage, from conception to natural death. Respect for human life encourages a trust and peace with God despite illness and suffering.

We remain united to Christ through our suffering. St. Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. We have Christ in life and death – when he will intercede for us and bring us to eternal joy.

We must be clear. What legislatures now refer to as “death with dignity” is legal permission for one to end their own life with a lethal overdose of prescription drugs. This new state law has become an answer to addressing one’s fear of affliction or suffering. What is more, in a for-profit industry like health care, there is the real danger that euthanasia will be seen as a cost-cutting measure. There is evidence in states that have already legalized assisted suicide that insurers encourage this “solution” instead of more costly medical care. The handicapped and impaired will feel pressure to end their lives.

This law also puts immense pressure on Catholics in health care ministries to follow their conscience instead of being coerced into providing assistance that is immoral.

Dying patients who request euthanasia should receive loving care, psychological and spiritual support, and appropriate remedies for pain and other symptoms so they can live with dignity until the time of natural death.

Many families surround loved ones with comfort in their final moments of life. The Little Sisters of the Poor provides a powerful witness to the conviction that loving, prayerful, and attentive presence offered in times of suffering and death can be redemptive. Their mission, which brings strength, peace, and assurance to those under their care, quietly proclaims their belief that “dying with dignity” comes with humble acceptance, not through the avoidance of suffering.

We only have to consider the cross of Christ to be reminded that God, in the hour of His greatest suffering, expressed His deepest compassion for us, and chose not to avoid painful torment and humiliation, but to accept it for our sake.

Archdiocese of Newark

SUMMER CHURCH ATTIRE

Some people may find it unnecessary to address the question of what to wear in Church, particularly during the summer months. The opinion is that God doesn’t care what you wear. Maybe, but the manner of your dress can affect in either a positive or negative way the worship of a fellow parishioner. One should not dress crudely or provocatively. Modesty and propriety should be the rule. After all the Church is a sacred space, the House of God, that deserves respect. One would not dress in vulgar manner for a job interview. The problem is when does summer casual dress become almost beach attire?

All we ask is that one think twice regarding how one dresses for Holy Mass especially during the summer months. To quote the Catechism of the Catholic Church: “Modesty is decency. It inspires one’s choice of clothing.” (2252)

Thank you. Fr. Richard

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

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

Focus on Faith Formation

Save These Dates:

Monday, Sept. 9, 6:30 pm: 1st Grade Orientation
 Thursday, Sept. 12, 7 pm: Catechist Meeting
 Sunday, Sept. 15, 9:30 am Mass: Catechetical Sunday Celebration
 Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 17 & 18, 4 pm: Weekly Classes begin
 Sunday, Sept. 22, 5 pm Mass: Family Faith Formation begins
 Monday, Sept. 23, 7:30 pm: 2nd Grade parent meeting
 Sunday, Sept. 22, 10:30 am & Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 pm: 8th Grade classes begin
 Sunday, Oct. 6, 11:30 am Mass: 9th Grade Rite of Enrollment
 Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:30 am: Catechist Doctrinal Training

We have an urgent need for teachers in our Faith Formation program on Tuesdays beginning in September for grades 4, 5, and 7. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping out to fill one of our needs. The lessons are prepared for you in advance so it's easy to follow, and the children are a pleasure to work with. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you can help. If you are a parent with a child in the program, you will receive a tuition discount for teaching.

The registration deadline has passed. If you still haven't sent in your registration, please do so ASAP and be sure to include the late fee.

If you have a child entering 1st grade in the public school in the Fall it is time to register for Faith Formation. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Men's Retreat San Alfonso Retreat

Please join us for the Men's Directed retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House from September 20th to September 22, 2019.

Registration starts at 4 pm on September 20th. The retreat House is run by the Redemptorists and is located at 755 Ocean Ave, Long Branch, New Jersey. (Cardinal Tobin is a Redemptorist.) The site is located on 8 beautiful acres overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. We have had a group from our Parish that make the trip every year. It is a place to experience the presence of God and to reflect on the action of God in one's life. The theme this year is 'The Call to Holiness: Journeying with Christ and Others towards the Fullness of Life'. The cost is \$240. A \$50 non refundable deposit is due by September 10. Make check payable to San Alfonso Retreat House but Please mail to Michael Billy, 1275 Virginia Avenue, Mountainside NJ 07092. Retreatants outside the parish are certainly welcome. A Brochure is posted on the bulletin boards in the front and rear of the Church. For further information or to sign up contact Michael Billy, by phone at 908-233-4841 or email him at Bmichael103@aol.com. Or see him at the 11:30 am Mass where he is an usher. Also there are several dates available for a women's retreat in October and November. I can help you organize a women's retreat."

RCIA

Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Are you searching for meaning or trying to make sense out of life? Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic and wonder what Catholics believe? Have you considered sharing the same faith as your spouse or your kids? Were you baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation? MAYBE GOD IS CALLING YOU... The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which we "make new Catholics": a process of learning, and asking questions, and growing together in a nurturing welcoming community of faith. Find out more: contact Fr. Bill Benedetto at frbill@ollmountainside.org or you can call the parish office at 908-232-1162.

A Time To Relax



Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System
 Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.



**GOD ANSWERS
OUR PRAYERS**

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**To benefit St. Joseph's Social Service Center
in Elizabeth, New Jersey**

School Supplies Needed to help relieve the financial strain for the families dependent on the generosity of parishes like Our Lady of Lourdes who support the work at St Joseph's Center.

The Circle of Compassion is seeking assistance in our annual drive to benefit the young students who need the most basic of supplies for the coming academic year.

Please consider responding by donating the following essential items:

- Backpacks**
- NEW Notebooks**
- Accent Markers**
- Loose Leaf Paper**
- Construction Paper**
- NEW Pens & Pencils**
- Large Pink Erasers**
- NEW Crayons & NEW Colored Pencils**
- Pencil Sharpeners (with two openings for pencils & crayons)**

**Donations can be brought to OLL the weekends of
August 10/11th, 17/18th, 24/25th.**

The Circle of Compassion will sort and distribute beginning on August 26, 2019

*(If you wish to support this effort with a donation, please deposit in envelope at the Church clearly marked **School Supplies-St. Joseph's** and the Circle of Compassion volunteers will do the shopping)*

Thank you for your continuous support.

Any questions, please call Gerry Gallagher 908-232-4687.