

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— August 15, 2021

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
Weekdays	7:30 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 : Helen Ahlquist, Logan Alseika, Judy Burns, Ramona Fernandez, Gerry Gallagher, David Gagliardotto, Christopher Gore, Joseph Iacono, Frances Kayton, Conner LaVile, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, James Leung, Jim Loram, Janice Machin, Romaine Malaker, Martha Pares, Fred Perna, Joe Roughbaugh, Valerie Santiago, Michael Servello, Peter Spadaccini, Edward Stacy, Betty Lou Stypa, Manny Teixeira, & Eve Vitale.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

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.



- Saturday, August 14th, St. Maximillian**
5:00 PM Dr. John P. Fenton
Req. by The Family
- Sunday, August 15th, The Assumption of Blessed Mary**
7:30 AM Gasper & Teixeira Families
Req. by The Family
9:30 AM Mary Della Serra
Req. by Ester Rinaldo
11:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn
- Monday, August 16th**
7:30 AM Marie Carole Jean-Pierre
Req. by Self
- Tuesday, August 17th**
7:30 AM Marie Maggio
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Wednesday, August 18th**
7:30 AM Special Intention for Protection of Baby
In Womb & Families
Req. by Life Net
- Thursday, August 19th, St. John Eudes**
7:30 AM Robert Wyckoff
Req. by Joyce Wyckoff
- Friday, August 20th, St. Bernard**
7:30 AM Special Intention for Protection of Baby
In Womb & Families
Req. by Life Net
- Saturday, August 21st, St. Pius X**
8:00 AM David Kearny
Req. by The Hahner Family
5:00 PM Maureen Murphy
Req. by Angela Pagano
- Sunday, August 22nd, Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Timothy DelPreore
Req. by Karen Shaneen
11:30 AM Michael Sr. & Jr. & James Geron
Req. by Karen Shaneen

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, we ask that you please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.
THE PRIESTS ASK THATAll lectors, altar servers, & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please report to the Sunday Sacristy at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass. This will allow the priest celebrant to know what type of help he has or does not have before the scheduled 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.

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



WE ARE IN NEED OF USHERS FOR ALL MASSES

If interested, please contact Mike Billy for further details.
Bmichael103@aol.com

The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THE SCRIPTURES



Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex
A few tweets from Pope Francis...

It would be good to ask ourselves every day:
"What do I bring to Jesus today?"

He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.

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The Lord is always close to us: through new invitations, new words, with His consolations. The Lord is eternal. He never, ever retires.

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!



August 8th = \$4241.00

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa= \$1453.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



August 15th: Assumption

August 22nd: Repair Fund

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** the key question the people are asking in **John's Gospel** is:

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus tells us that eating his flesh and drinking blood is real food and drink. It gives us life, eternal life. We are one with him and he is one with us.

Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**; Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope**.

In the first part of the week, we have readings from the **Book of Judges**. We read of how Israel worshiped other gods and fell into the power of their enemies; how God called Gideon to be a leader of his tribe; of Gideon's son Abimelech who was unfairly made king and his brother Jotham's response; and of Jephtha's promise to God to sacrifice the first person he saw if only he was victorious in battle.

After his victory, Jephtha's only child ran to greet him and he sacrificed her.

The **Psalm** reading for that day reminds us that
"Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience."

Two days of readings from the **Book of Ruth** tell the moving story of Naomi and her loving daughter-in-law Ruth.

Ruth leaves her own homeland to return with Naomi to Bethlehem, where Ruth remarries and has a child, Obed, who will become the grandfather of the great king, David.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes some favorite parables, like the rich young man.

Jesus says

"it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God,"

and we know he is introducing the counter-cultural idea that riches may make it more difficult to be saved.

Those are followed by stories of the Master of the vineyard who leaves us with the phrase **"The last will be first and the first, last."**

Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who hires workers throughout the day, including the last hours. When he pays them all the same, those who worked all day grumbled.

"Are you envious because I am generous?"

He offers the parable of the guests who are too busy to attend the wedding feast of the king's son.

Friday, Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Saturday, Jesus says,

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

On the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we continue with **John's Gospel** and the Bread of Life discussion, with many of the disciples finding Jesus' call to be nourished on his body and blood as tough to swallow.

And they leave him. Peter speaks for the others:

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

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.



**It's Time for Faith Formation
Program Start Dates**

Traditional Classroom Model:
4-5:15 PM Tues 10/5 and Wed 10/6.

Family Faith:
Google Classroom assignments will post Fri 10/1.
first Zoom classes Sun, 10/17.

Grades 7 & 8:
Google Classroom assignments will post Fri 10/1.
First in-person class 7-8:15 PM Tues 10/5 .

Grade 9 Confirmation:
Rite of Enrollment Mass 11:30AM Sun 10/3.
Followed by in-person session.

More Important Dates

Grade 1:
“Meet and Greet” orientation and book pick up 6:30-7 PM. Wed
9/8 in Pollard Hall.

Family Faith and Catechists:
Book pick up Mon 9/13 -
2:30-3:30 PM and 6:30-7 PM in Pollard Hall.

Grade 2 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parents:
Parent only Zoom meeting 7 PM Tues 9/28

If you still need to register for the Fall:

Please go to ollfaithformation.org, click on the registration tab,
then print out the volunteer, emergency, and registration forms.
Fill forms out completely, place in an envelope marked
“**Faith Formation**” along with payment and drop it off at the
rectory.

**If you have a child entering 1st grade in the Fall and attending
public school, it's time to register your child for
Faith Formation.**

The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist take place in
2nd grade, but the preparation is a 2 year process that begins in
1st grade.

Please contact the Faith Formation office or visit our website
ollfaithformation.org, and click on the registration tab for
more information.

**If you have a child entering 2nd or 9th grades and attending
Catholic school, please contact the Faith Formation office to register
for the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation.**

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MASS BOOK 2021
The Mass Book for the year 2021 is now open.
The Mass Book is presently open for Masses through December 2021.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS CHANGING
NEW SUMMER HOURS
Monday thru Thursday : 9 am to 3 pm
Friday—9 am to 12 pm
Please plan accordingly



Protecting God's Children
We are holding a **Protecting God's Children** class on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 PM in Pollard Hall.
If you are a new volunteer for the parish, or you need to re-certify, please contact Fran Michetti at 908-233-1777 or fmichetti@ollmountainside.org for registration information.

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!

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.

Brothers in Christ!
The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a meeting at 7:00 pm on August 16, 2021.
The meeting will be held outside, weather permitting.
Catholic issues and ways to serve the Parish and the community will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served.
New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. Join us at anytime during the meeting.
For further information contact Mike Billy (bmichael103@aol.com).

**Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network
Union County, NJ**

Tend My Sheep Ministry

Summer is the time of the year to enjoy the outdoors. From swimming to hiking to picnics with friends and family, summer is a great time to indulge in the fun, natural activities our planet has to offer. However, the Bible encourages us to work and remain prudent during this time since historically, this season includes cultivation and shepherding. In that vein, we would like to make August the month of cultivation and shepherding.

Our Family Promise guests are in need of gift cards in small denominations (\$25) to purchase food, summer items as well as back to school supplies. Gift cards to ShopRite and Costco will allow them to shop for what they need and to prepare home cooked meals for their families. We would like to provide cards throughout the month of August so that our guests can also enjoy the end of the summer.

These can be dropped off at the rectory, given to Deacon Mike, or put in the collection basket during all masses, in an envelope marked

Tend My Sheep Ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hahner, hahnerk@comcast.net or at (908) 789-4639 or Deacon Michael DeRoberts, 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

Fr. Jeivi Hercules– My Biography

My name is Fr. Jeivi Hercules. I was born in El Salvador during the civil war. I came to the United States when I was a boy and grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey.

I come from a large family of nine, and all live in New Jersey. I attended Plainfield High School. My dream, right after graduation, was to join the Navy.

Unfortunately, it was not realized, which disappointed and frustrated me. Yet God had a better plan than I thought.

Even though I grew up Catholic, I was not seriously practicing the faith during my High School years. After completing my High School education, I was invited to participate in a youth retreat. It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

During that weekend, I had an encounter with the love of God. God became real for me.

After that experience, I started to get more involved in my home parish, St Mary’s Church.

At this point, my life had changed so much. While being a leader at a prayer group, I felt God inviting me to follow him more radically.

With great fear, I took the first step and entered the seminary, St. Andrew’s Hall.

I attended Seton Hall University for both undergraduate and graduate studies. I encountered several challenges during those eight years, but they led me to deepen my faith and love for the Eucharist.

I was ordained at the age of twenty-nine and was sent to Queen of Peace in North Arlington, of which I served the parish for five years.

For the past four years, I served St. Patrick’s and Assumption/All Saints in Jersey City.

While the life of priesthood is challenging and rewarding, I find reading, running, and spending time with family and friends are vital hobbies in living a balanced life.

I am humbled by the gift of the priesthood to celebrate the Eucharist and serve God’s people.

I am blessed to have completed the training in spiritual direction program, offered by IPF, from 2014 to 2017, which enables me to provide spiritual direction.

Currently, I am an adjunct spiritual director at the Immaculate Conception Seminary and the Institute of Priestly Formation in Nebraska. In the past years, I have directed silent Ignatian retreats.

My great love for the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother have strengthened me to embrace priestly ministry. I believe that by modeling the life of the Blessed Mother, we can see what it means to receive and share the love of God with those around us.

2021 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

Our parish goal is \$52,682.00

Your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:

**Office of Evangelization * International Missions
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The Parish Priests wish to thank all parishioners who have contributed to the Annual Archdiocesan Appeal.

Monies received to date: **\$ 59,633.00**

Donors Have Pledged : **\$62,933.00**

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