

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time + August 16, 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 souls of
Rita Ragno and Carmen Bolano. May they rest in peace

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

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the special intentions for Stella Meier requested by Gregory Meier

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for Walter Olsofsky requested by the Plucienik Family.

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.

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!

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.**

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

How important it is to put God's forgiveness, which 'generates heaven' in us and around us, back at the center.

When someone offers us a service, we should not think that we deserve everything. Gratitude, appreciation is, first of all, good manners, but it is also a characteristic of a Christian. It is a simple but genuine sign of the Kingdom of God.

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

If by one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ abounded to many.
ROMANS 5:15

We do not come to know God through works -- we come to know Him by faith through grace. We cannot work our way toward happiness and heaven; we cannot moralize our way, we cannot reform our way we cannot buy our way. Salvation comes as a gift of God through Christ.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

Adoration Chapel Candles

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

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.

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!



Saturday Evening, August 15th, Vigil, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Mary Della Serra
Req. by Esther Rinaldo

Sunday, August 16th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Stella Meier (5th Anniversary)
Req. by Gregory Meier

9:30 AM Robert Wyckoff
Req. by Joyce Wyckoff

11:30 AM Michael Sr. & Jr. & James Geron
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Monday, August 17th
7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

Tuesday, August 18th
7:30 AM Maria Hubmann
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano

Wednesday, August 19th, St. John Eudes
7:30 AM Hunter Taylor
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Thursday, August 20th, St. Bernard
7:30 AM Morreale & Castaldo Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Friday, August 21st, St. Pius X
7:30 AM Robert Kaeppl
Req. by the Family

Saturday, August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM Irene Ciccarino
Req. by Dr. & Mrs. Dunne

Saturday Evening, August 22nd, Vigil, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Gerard Pares
Req. by Jose & Maria Gennaro

Sunday, August 23rd, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Irene Ciccarino*
Req. by Tony & Chantal Uyttendaele

9:30 AM William Dillon, Sr.
Req. by the Family

11:30 AM Michael Kontra
Req. by the Kontra Family

** This denotes rescheduled Mass due to pandemic.*

No Sunday 5 pm Mass.

The 5 pm Mass will resume on Sunday, September 13th.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary TimeTHE SCRIPTURES**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Financial Figures

August 2 - \$5,058

August 9 - \$3,242

Solidarity Fund - \$513

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will resume in the Church on September 14th, Feast of the Exhalation of the Cross.

The hours are the following:

Monday thru Friday 9 am (following the 8:30 am Mass) to 9 pm.

Saturday, 8:30 am (following the 8 am Mass) to 4 pm.

Sunday No Adoration.

Masks must be worn in Church

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

God's love belongs to all of us, according to the readings of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Isaiah, God promises "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, tells us "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" and refers to himself as the "apostle to the Gentiles." In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus hears the pleas of a "foreign" woman, a Canaanite who begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Pius X, pope. Friday is the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We continue reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel. We are treated to some of the best of Ezekiel's prophesy this week. He is sharp and biting in his calls for conversion and comforting in his prophesy about God's fidelity and mercy, especially in the field of dry bones that come to life.

In this week's selection from Matthew's Gospel we read some wonderful words of Jesus about being his follower. Jesus tells a rich, young man to sell what he has and give it to the poor. "Then come, follow me." The man went away with sadness because "he had many possessions." When Jesus tells his disciples how hard it is for the rich to be saved, his disciples worry, but he says "for God all things are possible." Jesus says there will be a great turning of the tables - the last being the first and the first falling to last place. But, he tells them the parable of the landowner that hires workers throughout the day, including the last hours. When he pays them all the same, the workers who worked all day grumbled. Jesus asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" He adds again, "The last will be first, and the first will be last." A king gives a wedding banquet for his son but many were too busy to come. Others killed the servants who carried the invitation. "Many are invited, but few are chosen." When asked the greatest commandment he gives the double command of loving God and neighbor. Jesus warns against the self serving ways of the religious elite. He says, "The greatest among you must be your servant."

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.

Circle of Compassion

We continue to receive requests to assist the Transfiguration Catholic Church (formally St. Ann's Church and St. Rocco's in Newark) and also from St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. We have utilized whatever funds were remaining in the benevolent account and with the limitations placed on the Archdiocese of Newark to maintain social distancing, the donations of non-perishables have also been impacted. It is not the ideal situation. Covid-19 is not limited to the inner-cities and we know there may have been difficulties within family situations in Mountainside. We are asking the parishioners to respond to this appeal that best fits their circumstances, even if that is simply keeping us in your prayers. God Bless you abundantly!

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE SCRIPTURES
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME**

Deuteronomy 31:8—The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Psalms 23:4—Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 145:18—The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Isaiah 41:10—So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

John 16:33—I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9—We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Our New Virtual Faith Formation Program for Grades 1-8 Starting in October

As part of our new virtual program, all families will need to fill out a google form for each child to be placed in a virtual google classroom. If you haven't done this yet, here is the link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewqE1TGVvmUo-6KUHxE08oaCNOvffOz_cBt5RkqSGrcqZDWg/viewform?usp=sf_link but you can also access it from a link that was emailed to all registered families a few weeks ago. If you have not yet registered, please go to the ollfaithformation.org website and click on the registration tab. Print out the registration and emergency forms and return the forms to the Faith Formation Office along with payment ASAP.

We will begin the virtual program in October and we will cover one unit per month. The assignments for the month will be posted on google classroom for each grade level.

Here is a general outline of the virtual program. The students will have the entire month to work on the material. There are 3 chapters in each unit for elementary. **Grades 1-6** will have to:

1. watch a video of one of our priests doing an opening prayer and talking about the current liturgical season
2. read the pages in the book (younger children may need parent assistance)
3. watch 3 videos that help teach each chapter in the unit
4. complete a short attendance assessment - not for a grade but to let us know the child has read the book and watched the videos
5. complete a family activity and take a picture doing it such as saying grace before meals or donating food to the poor
6. go on a zoom class at the end of the month to review the unit with a catechist

If your child cannot attend the time of the assigned zoom class, the recorded class will be on google classroom at a later time and we ask that your child watch it. An attendance assessment will be given to let us know your child watched the zoom class.

7th & 8th grade will work the same as above except the family activity will fulfill the community service requirement, which will be socially distant and explained on google classroom.

More details have been sent to each family and questions can be directed to the Faith Formation Office at 908-233-1777 or reled@ollmountainside.org.

Kevin Donahue is working on the details of the **9th grade** Confirmation preparation program and will be released as soon as they are 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!