

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— August 22, 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 remember in prayers the soul of :

Fred Raffa may he rest in peace.

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 Walter Olesofsky requested by The Plucienik Family.

Please Pray for our service member,
SGM. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and AZ2 Stephen Vesper USN and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.



- Saturday, August 21st, St. Pius X**
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
- Monday, August 23rd, St. Rose of Lima**
7:30 AM Ferdinando Conte
Req. by Maria Conte
- Tuesday, August 24th, St. Bartholomew**
7:30 AM Eileen Mary Gavitt
Req. by The Burvett Family
- Wednesday, August 25th, St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz**
7:30 AM Julieanne Carangelo
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Thursday, August 26th,**
7:30 AM Mary Leonhard
Req. by The Family
- Friday, August 27th, St. Monica**
7:30 AM Kirk Ochoa
Req. by The Miraglia Family
- Saturday, August 28th, St. Augustine**
8:00 AM Joan Troncone
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 5:00 PM Kevin P. Fenton
Req. by The Family
- Sunday, August 29th, Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM Dr. John P. Fenton
Req. by The Family
- 11:30 AM Margaret Selby
Req. by The Gorham Family

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: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. He is not indifferent to this.

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During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.

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 15th = \$2633.00
Assumption = \$3977.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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."**

Tuesday is the **Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**. Friday we remember **St. Monica** and Saturday, her son, **St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**.

Most of the first readings this week are from Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians**, the oldest book in the New Testament.

The letters are affectionate and frank reminders of the humiliation and challenges that Paul met in preaching to this community he loved so much.

These readings are a wonderful reminder that the letters of Paul were just that - letters to teach, encourage and support early communities of Christians.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees.

He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith.

He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message:

"Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!"

His criticism grows stronger:

"On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing."

Jesus teaches about preparation:

Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again,

"Stay awake."

Except for this year's special readings, Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

On the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the Gospel flows from the readings this past week.

When Jesus is challenged because his disciples don't follow the ritual washings, he defends them, quoting Isaiah:

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Jesus calls us to an inner cleanliness:

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

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 11:30 AM Sun. 10/3

Followed by in-person session

More Important Dates

Grade 1:

“Meet and Greet” orientation for parent & child 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 6:30-7:30 PM in Pollard Hall.

Grade 2 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parents:

Parent only Zoom Meeting 7 PM Tues. 9/28

Catechists Opening Meeting:

Zoom Meeting 7 PM Thurs. 9/16

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.

Newark priest exists to help encourage Christians to participate in the active discernment of their specific calling to love others. Whether you are discerning a call to the priesthood or trying to help someone else discern their call, we are here for you. www.newarkpriest.com

First Communion Families

Communion photos are in!
If you ordered pictures, **PLEASE** pick them up at the rectory

**Monday-Thursday 9 AM-3 PM
Friday 9 AM-12 PM**



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!

Dear Parishioners:

We are looking for your help..

There has been an overflow of garbage being placed in the church dumpster.

This cost indirectly affects you the parishioners, as we are charged additional fees for an abundance of garbage and household items placed in the dumpster.

If you see someone outside dumping personal items, please bring it to the rectory's attention, so we may address it properly.

Thanks for your help and support

PARISH OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

NEW SUMMER HOURS

Monday thru Thursday : 9 am to 3 pm

Friday—9 am to 12 pm

Please plan accordingly



MASS BOOK 2021

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

**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



Please note, there is no 7:30 am Mass on September 6th.
The morning Mass will be at 9 am.
The Parish offices will be CLOSED on Monday, September 6th
in observance of Labor Day!

*The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children
&
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Cordially invite you to a*

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

(20TH Anniversary)

*Wednesday Evening
8th day of September of 2021*

5:00 PM Mass

*Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred
Heart Newark, NJ*

Honorary chair

Kevin Cummings

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Event Co-Chairs

*Reverend Msgr. Robert E. Harahan, STD
Pastor, Saint Rose of Lima Church & SFIC Trustee*

*Ms. Elvira P. Murphy-Trayner
Founder, Patrick Murphy 911 Scholarship*

RSVP by August 30, 2021 to

Hope Rhodes at Hope.Rhodes@rcan.org

By attending this event, you voluntarily assume all risks to exposure to COVID-19. Masks are required for unvaccinated guests and everyone please follow current CDC guidelines for the safety of all participants.

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
Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf**

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**

THANKS ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

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.



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