

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 25, 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
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. . . 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 William Quandt 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.



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. If you have questions, please see Joe Neglia or call him at 973-503-9675.



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

With God, the burdens of life rest not upon our shoulders alone:
the Holy Spirit comes to give us strength, to encourage us,
to bear our burdens.

Let us ask Our Lady to protect and sustain us; that we may have
a strong, joyful and merciful faith; that she may help us to be
saints, to meet her one day in Paradise.

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.**

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

Blessed be the...Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation. 11 Corinthians the Scriptures 1:3.4

Sometimes we just don't feel like singing or smiling. Matter of fact, there are times it is hypocritical to paste a smile on your face.

It is in those times that I am most thankful for the Scriptures. In God's word we not only discover His will for our lives, we find words of genuine comfort for those times when life comes unglued.

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 24th, Vigil, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Eileen Mary Gavitt
Req. by the Burvett Family

Sunday, August 25th, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Jack & Doris Barrington
 Req. by Michele Hopkins
 11:30 AM S. Hunter Taylor
 Req. by Bill & Marianne Taylor

Monday, August 26th

7:30 AM Mary Leonhard
Req. by the Family

Tuesday, August 27th, St. Monica

7:30 AM Kevin Ward
Req. by Ethel Ward

Wednesday, August 28th, St. Augustine

7:30 AM Kevin P. Fenton
Req. by the Family

Thursday, August 29th, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:30 AM John P. Fenton, DDS
Req. by the Family

Friday, August 30th

7:30 AM Sally Specht
Req. by Phyllis & John Triarsi

Saturday, August 31st

8:00 AM Alice Hrinewski
Req. by the Miller Family

Saturday Evening, August 31st, Vigil, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Maria Secco (1st Anniversary)
Req. by Eve Vitale

Sunday, September 1st, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Helen Berry Quinn
Req. by the Family
 9:30 AM Donald Carrelli
Req. by Annemarie & Bill Stolting
 11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Geron Family
Req. by Karen Shaneen

No Sunday 5 pm Mass.

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



On the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time Jesus cautions us about the difficulty of the Christian life, saying many will be unable to "enter through the narrow gate." Jesus indicates it is those we do not expect who will be the first in the Kingdom: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Monica. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist.

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." 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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17;
Mk 6:17-29

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: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Collection

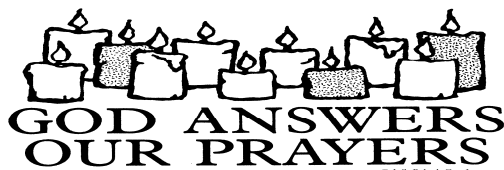
August 18 - \$ 5,672

Assumption Fund - \$ 3,058

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.



SOME CHANGES

I am happy to inform our parishioners that Fr. Bill McDonald has received permission from the Diocesan Bishop of Stockton California to return to our seminary faculty for a two year period. Fr. Bill will resume as our weekend assistant beginning on Sunday, September 1st at the 9:30 am Mass. I wish to thank Fr. Roberto Ortiz for his assistance during Fr. Bill's absence. Please keep both these fine priests in your prayers!

On July 27th I received a letter of resignation from Sara McCabe regarding her duties as Cantor and Director of the Children's Choir. She has done so for personal reasons: "my schedule has become increasingly difficult to manage and for the sake of my family particularly my daughter, I feel the need to relinquish some of my commitments." In my letter of August 10th I thanked her for her years of service and assured her that she will be missed by all! In the meantime our Director of Music Ministry, Joe Neglia is looking for a qualified person as a replacement as Director of the Children's Choir.

Fr. Richard



Attention all young people – Youth Group begins September 11th

Open to all high school students, the Youth Group is an opportunity to explore your faith with other high school students. Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening, from 7:30 pm to 9 pm, in the Rectory Meeting Room (in the rectory basement).

Come see for yourself what Youth Group is about -- and enjoy our first meeting with Ice Cream Sundaes.

High School Placement Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2020! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 8, 2019. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 3rd. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicchoolsnj.org.

Additionally, the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7:00-8:30 pm on the following dates and locations:

*Tuesday, September 17th at St. John the Apostle School,
571 Valley Rd., Clark*

*Tuesday, September 24th at Visitation Academy,
222 Farview Ave., Paramus*

*Wednesday, September 25th at the Archdiocesan Center,
171 Clifton Ave., Newark*

*Thursday, September 26th at Primary Prep at St. Aedan,
41 Tuers Ave., Jersey City*

For directions and more information, visit www.catholicchoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.

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 10th. 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."

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 grade 4 and Sunday morning grade 8 after the 9:30 am mass . 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.



Looking to make a few dollars while clearing out your attic or garage? Or are you hoping to find some "new" treasures for a low price? Start sorting out your items to join in the Mountainside Town-Wide Garage Sale, organized by the Mountainside Newcomers Club. We provide lawn signs, a participant map, and many sources of advertising to help make this event so popular. The sale will be held on Saturday, September 21st, 9 am - 2 pm, rain date September 22nd.

Please email mtsdnewcomers@gmail.com with questions or to register.

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.

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

Hospital Privacy Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. **If you or a loved one is going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the parish office and let us know.**





**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 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.