

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 27, 2017

### 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.

### COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Summer Mass Schedule

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

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## Prayer Requests

*Please pray for the sick.* . . Patricia Kane, Marta Pares, Kathleen Ruggeri, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Irene Ciccarino, Louise Stacey and Jack Schuvart.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week in loving memory for Nancy Smith requested by Anna Graziano.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memory of Valentine Olsofsky requested by the Plucienik Family.

*Please Pray for our service member,* Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Stephen Vesper (Irene Ciccarino's grandson) and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

7 pm - Protecting God's Children Workshop

### Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

6:30 pm - Protecting God's Children  
Re-certification class

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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ125.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

When we are feeling sad, when it feels like everything is going wrong, we should remember:  
"God loves me. God never abandons me".

We always need to rediscover God's love and mercy in order  
to develop our relationship with Him.

## 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!

**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!**

**One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!**

- Sunday: 4 am, 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 6 pm, 7 pm, 12 midnight
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am, 11 pm
- Tuesday: 7 am, 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 3 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday:
- Friday: 4 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm
- Saturday: 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm

**...the more difficult the sacrificial hour, the greater**



**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.

**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.



**Saturday Evening, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Geoge Denetriou  
Req. by Adele D.

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Jack & Doris Barrington  
Req. by Michele & William Hopkins  
11:30 AM DiGeronimo & Geron Families  
Req. by Karen Shaneen

**Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, St. Augustine**

7:30 AM Tom Murray  
Req. by the Gorham Family

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

7:30 AM Antoinette Chiarolanzio  
Req. by Mary Ann & John Kitchell

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Rosemary Salmon  
Req. by the Belenets Family

**Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 AM Antoinette & Minor Fahrman  
Req. by Tony Fahrman

**Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 AM Felix K. Mc Hugh  
Req. by the Belenets Family

**Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM Helen Berry Quinn  
Req. by the Family

**Saturday Evening, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM William Tomko  
Req. by Nancy Schoenhoffer  
9:30 AM Sal Pampinella  
Req. by Lois & Edward Wolf  
11:30 AM Jennie Bassillo  
Req. by Karen & Phil

**No Sunday 5 pm Mass.  
The 5 pm Mass will resume on Sunday  
September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### 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; Mk 6:17-29
- 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: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html) Used with permission.

#### Collection

8/20/17  
\$ 8,307

#### Year to Date Actual

\$ 63,953

#### Year to Date Budget

\$ 47,576

#### Surplus

\$ 16,377

Feast of the Assumption: \$ 1,634.

Keys are central to readings for the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading from Isaiah offers the story of the faithful servant Eliakim, who will be given the keys for his master's palace. Paul's brief reading from the Letter to the Romans is a moving prayer filled with awe at the depth and unknowing ways of our Lord.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus asks his followers what people are saying about him. Then he asks the real question, "Who do *you* say I am?" Peter's direct answer, "You are the Christ" prompts Jesus' reply that Peter would be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven and would be the rock upon which his church would be built.

This week we have the Memorial of St. Augustine and the Memorial of the Passion of 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.

### **Bereavement Ministry Support Training Program**

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the bereaved? An eight-week Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. Two hour sessions begin in September and continue into November. Choose from Thursday or Saturday morning class time. Participants will be trained as Bereavement Support Group Facilitators. For class time, location, registration and fee information contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org). Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. **Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Newark.**

**Visit our website, [www.ollmountainside.org](http://www.ollmountainside.org).**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

In honor of the Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence for those who honor the Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Fatima. The time for this plenary indulgence to expire is November 26, 2017. To obtain this indulgence the faithful must go to confession, be interiorly detached from sin, pray for the Holy Father’s intentions, (one Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be), receive Holy Communion within 20 days of receiving the Sacrament of Penance and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

Also, the faithful must pray before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima exposed for veneration. In our area there are Churches to Our Lady of Fatima in: Newark, Elizabeth, North Bergen and Piscataway.

For the elderly and infirm, they may pray before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their home.

This Plenary Indulgence is gained only once a day and can be applied to yourself or to the souls in Purgatory.



### **Attention all young people – Youth Group begins September 6<sup>th</sup>**

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.

### **RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE**

#### **Special collection next weekend**

The fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe in 1989 gave the Catholic Church the freedom to worship openly once again, but much of the infrastructure of the Church was gone. This created great challenges and still presents many complications for the Church today as she supports the spiritual lives of those who live in this region. Your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) is strengthening the life of the Church and building the future for those who live there.

## **RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Catholic Faith? Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you baptized and want to receive the other sacraments of initiation?

**(FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
& CONFIRMATION)**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of prayer, reflection and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God’s will in our lives.

Candidates for RCIA include:

- Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church,
- Baptized adult Christians of another faith denomination (Lutheran Anglican, Presbyterian, etc) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church,
- Adult baptized Catholics who have not yet completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion, Confirmation) and wish to do so.

Classes will begin in the Fall. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Bill Benedetto at the Rectory, 908-232-1162 or email [frbill@ollmountainside.org](mailto:frbill@ollmountainside.org).



## Focus on Faith Formation



### Save the dates:

**Volunteer Opening Meeting:** Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Catechetical Sunday:** September 17<sup>th</sup> - volunteers will be blessed at the 9:30 am Mass.

**Catechist Spirituality Certification:** Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Orientation:** Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Traditional Classroom Model Start Date:** Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 5:15 pm.

**Grade 8 Confirmation Prep (Year 1) Start Date:** Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 8:15 pm.

**Grade 9 Confirmation Prep (Year 2) Right of Enrollment followed by session:** Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 am - 2 pm.

**Family Faith Start Date:** Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> beginning with 5 pm Mass.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist Parent Meeting:** Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

If you still have not sent in your registration, please do so. We are in need of more teachers for the upcoming school year. If you can give some time to volunteer in our program we would greatly appreciate it. If we do not get enough teachers we may have to cancel some classes. If you can help, please contact the Faith Formation Office at [reled@ollmountainside.org](mailto:reled@ollmountainside.org) or 908-277-1777. Here are our needs:

Tuesday grade 4-co-teacher needed

Tuesday grade 5-co-teacher needed

Tuesday grade 7-co-teacher needed

If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September, it is time to registration for Faith Formation. Sacrament preparation for First Holy Communion is a two year process that begins in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Please contact the Faith Formation office at [reled@ollmountainside.org](mailto:reled@ollmountainside.org) or 908-233-1777 for more information. We look forward to working with you and your child!

If you have a child entering 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Catholic School, please contact the Faith Formation Office to sign up for our Sacrament Preparation Program.

2<sup>nd</sup> graders make the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and our 9<sup>th</sup> graders make the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

We will be holding a Protecting God's Children Workshop in Pollard Hall on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for all new parish volunteers who work with children. In addition, we will have a class for volunteers who need to recertify on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. Please contact Fran Michetti at 908-233-1777 or [fmichetti@ollmountainside.org](mailto:fmichetti@ollmountainside.org) to register.



## HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

The HT Mountainside Campus will be offering before and aftercare for the full day Kindergarten, PreK-4 and additionally, the PreK-3 students this year. There are a few available spots in several of the classes for the 2017-18 school year. Please call the school office for information, 908 233-1899.

**For the Men of the Parish**

Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes will have a meeting on Monday night, September 18, 2017 in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. New members are welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. We aim to serve not only the spiritual needs of ourselves but also to foster the well being of our Parish and the greater community. Generally we discuss the scripture readings.

However, this year we are pleased to announce that we will be showing an eleven part film series on the Sacrament and the Bible produced by St. Paul Center for Theology which is Scott Hahn's company, the noted Catholic convert and apologist. Each film is about 30 minutes and a discussion will follow.

The Bible and the Sacraments examines the Sacraments of the Catholic Faith. Not simply looking at the basic teaching of the Church but by also delving into their meaning and origin. It investigates the deeper mysteries they contain as illuminated by Scripture. Based on the work of renowned theologian Scott Hahn, the films are presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. The deep mysteries and truths of the Sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

Please join us for what promises to be a fantastic year.

**Men's Retreat  
San Alfonso Retreat**

Please join us for the Men's Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 24, 2017. Registration starts at 4 pm on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Retreat House is run by the Redemptorists and is located at 755 Ocean Ave, Long Branch, New Jersey. 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 cost is \$210 and a \$50 non refundable deposit is due by September 10<sup>th</sup>. Brochures are available in the rear of the Church. For further information or to sign up contact Michael Billy, by phone at 233-4841 or email him at [Bmichael103@aol.com](mailto:Bmichael103@aol.com). Also, there are several dates available for a women's retreat in October and November.

**Family Promise  
Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Union County, NJ

**Tend My Sheep Ministry**

Our next Tend My Sheep Ministry is less than a week away. Our hosting date is Thursday, August 31, 2017, at the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. There is an online sign-up sheet at <http://goo.gl/379DuT>, and there are still plenty of slots for both perishable and nonperishable items available. These can be dropped off at Pollard Hall on Thursday, August 31 2017 from 3 - 4:30 pm.

If you cannot sign up for food or other nonperishable items, we are also seeking monetary donations. These can be given to Deacon Mike, dropped off or mailed to the rectory, or dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked TEND MY SHEEP DONATION.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Deacon Michael DeRoberts, [mderoberts@aol.com](mailto:mderoberts@aol.com), or at (908) 868-0727, or  
Karen Hahner, [hahnerk@comcast.net](mailto:hahnerk@comcast.net) or at (908) 789-4639.

Thanks again for all you do to make Our Lady of Lourdes a great parish!

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner  
Coordinators

**A RETREAT  
For those facing life changing illness**

GENNESART, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of October 20, 21, 22 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearney, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 pm and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30 pm. There is no cost to you for the retreat.

For further information contact:

Linda Capobianco 732-608-7277  
Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237  
Peggy Walsh 908-499-7677

***St Joseph's Sandwich Ministry...***

Are you interested in making sandwiches in your own home, on a date of your choice, for St. Joseph's Social Service Center?

For more information, or to volunteer for a date, please contact Brieger Lennon at 908.789.8581 or email [blcellequi@aol.com](mailto:blcellequi@aol.com).