

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time + September 6, 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 soul of Morgan Ryan. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick. . . . 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 Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Peter Spadaccini, Richard Kontra, Romaine Malaker, and Antonetta Ferrara.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for 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.

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....

Trust in the Lord and make an effort to enter into his plans, accepting that His salvation can reach us in ways that may be different from what we expect.

The root of every spiritual error is believing ourselves to be righteous. To consider ourselves righteous is to leave God, the only righteous one, out in the cold.

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

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward all of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14

God's goal is not to make sure you're happy. No matter how hard it is for you to believe this, its time to do so. Life is not about your being comfortable and happy and successful and pain free. It is about becoming the man or woman God has called you to be. Life is not about you! It's about God.

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, September 5th, Vigil, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Piera Gagliano
Req. by the Family

Sunday, September 6th, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Felice T. Zukowsky*
Req. by M/M John Calderone

9:30 AM Marie Kelly
Req. by the Greeley Family

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Militello & Shaneen Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen

Monday, September 7th
9:00 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard*
Req. by the Family

Tuesday, September 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM Irene Ciccarino*
Req. by the Goggi Family

8:30 AM Arthur Sauerborn*
Req. by the Family

Wednesday, September 9th, St. Peter Claver

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM Julie Madden*
Req. by Bill Madden

Thursday, September 10th

7:30 AM David Frieri
Req. by the Frieri Family

8:30 AM Paul McGlynn*
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Friday, September 11th

7:30 AM Joseph Spalliero
Req. by the DiNuzzo Family

8:30 AM Walter Pagowski & Louis Ahlquist*
Req. by Helen & Candy Ahlquist

Saturday, September 12th, The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Saturday Evening, September 12th, Vigil, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Frank Bove
Req. by the Dinuzzo Family

Sunday, September 13th, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Lanella & Chiorazzi Families*
Req. by Karen Shaneen

9:30 AM Jack & Doris Barrington
Req. by Michele Hopkins

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

5:00 PM Irene Ciccarino*
Req. by Eve Vitale

** This denotes rescheduled Mass due to pandemic.*

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the
Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor,"
nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

This Sunday is the Twenty-Third week in Ordinary Time. As faithful followers, we are encouraged to "love one another" throughout the readings. Ezekiel tells us that we are responsible for each other and Paul's letter to the Romans offers: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us to challenge each other on our behavior and to pray, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Tuesday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with its own special readings. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Peter Claver.

In our first reading, we continue with Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, an intimate look at the struggles of an early Church community.

In Luke's Gospel this week we see how Jesus spends a night in prayer and calls his twelve closest followers. When people come to him from all over, he heals them. Jesus announces that the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those hated or excluded or denounced because of him are the blessed. He warns those who are rich, filled, laughing and spoken well of, for their fates will be reversed. He cautions not to be quick to see the splinter in someone else's eye when we do not notice the "wooden beam" in our own eyes. Jesus says that we will be known by our fruit. It is only by building our lives upon him, as a firm foundation, can we hope to survive crises.

Financial Figures

August 30 - \$3,819

Special Collection - \$85

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!

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.

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

Rejoice in the Lord by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of Newark Racism Violates Human Dignity

In November 2018, we bishops of the United States issued a pastoral letter against racism entitled, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love: A Pastoral Letter against Racism*. Although our conference has spoken out against racism many times in the past, we believed that the increasing incidents of violence and injustice in our nation warranted a renewed commitment on our part to call attention to the evils of racist thought, speech and actions. The events of recent months make this clear teaching more important than ever.

According to our pastoral letter, “Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and—all too often—hatred.” This fundamental truth—that all are made in God’s image and, therefore, all are equal in the sight of God—grounds all Catholic social teaching. Racist attitudes and actions violate human dignity and are deeply offensive to God and to all our sisters and brothers in the human family. Historically, many groups, such as the Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Poles, Jews, Chinese, and Japanese, have been subjected to racial and ethnic prejudice in our country. Many groups are still experiencing prejudice, including rising anti-Semitism, the discrimination many Hispanics face today, and anti-Muslim sentiment. Especially significant are the unique experiences of Native and African American communities, which suffered from terrible, systematic abuses in the past and whose effects continue to cause widespread suffering today. What can we do to overcome the evil of racism and to ensure that the positive steps we take are not eroded over time by a return to racist attitudes and actions? As we write in *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*: “Love compels each of us to resist racism courageously. It requires us to reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist. Overcoming racism is a demand of justice, but because Christian love transcends justice, the end of racism will mean that our community will bear fruit beyond simply the fair treatment of all. When each man, woman and child is treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, a whole host of cultural, economic and political problems will be solved. No longer will individuals or groups feel the need to inflate their egos by condescending or abusive attitudes and behaviors. The results will include stronger families, communities that are at peace with their neighbors, and a nation that is healthy and prosperous. Racism—whether subtle or blatant—is a poison that we cannot tolerate. Our Lord challenges us to refrain from judging one another, to love everyone and to treat one another as we would want to be treated. As Pope Francis teaches (see below), “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. “In our pastoral letter, we say: “Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love (Mt 22:39).” Let’s pray that the grace of Christ will give us the courage to acknowledge the sin of racism. Let’s work hard to eliminate racism wherever it exists today and to prevent it from returning in the days ahead.

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 send those in to the Faith Formation Office along with payment ASAP.

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

Important Dates:

Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Grade 1 Socially distance Meet & Greet/Book and Orientation Material Pick up for children and parents outside the double glass doors of Pollard Hall.

Thursday, September 10, 7:00 pm: Zoom meeting on new virtual program.

Tuesday, September 29, 7:00 pm: 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion, Zoom parent meeting.

Textbook Pickup Dates and Time in Pollard Hall

Monday, September 14: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 16: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, September 19: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Confessions for First Communicants

Saturday, September 12, 1:00 pm
Saturday, September 19, 1:00 pm
Saturday, September 26, 1:00 pm
Saturday, October 3, 1:00 pm

First Communion Rehearsal Dates

Monday, September 14, 7:00 pm
Monday, September 21, 7:00 pm
Monday, September 28, 7:00 pm
Monday, October 5, 7:00 pm

First Communion

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am
Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am
Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am
Saturday, October 10, 10:00 am

Confirmation

Friday, September 18, 7:00 pm
Friday, October 9, 7:00 pm

Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 pm

Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, September 13, Details will be provided via email

For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office.

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 Eucharis 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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

The usual 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.

**HOURS & DATES OF EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH MODIFICATIONS:
FOR 2 BAPTISMS, 1 WEDDING & REHEARSAL, 4 FIRST COMMUNIONS
WITH REHEARSALS, 2 CONFIRMATIONS WITH REHEARSALS**

MODIFICATIONS

9/14	9 am to 6 pm	10/2	9 am to Noon
9/16	9 am to 6 pm	10/3	12 Noon to 4 pm
9/18	9 am to 5 pm	10/5	9 am to 6 pm
9/19	1 pm to 4 pm	10/7	9 am to 6 pm
9/21	9 am to 6 pm	10/9	9 am to 5 pm
9/26	1 pm to 4 pm	10/10	12 Noon to 4 pm
9/28	9 am to 6 pm		
9/30	9 am to 6 pm		

Masks must be worn in Church

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on
Monday, September 14, at 1 pm.

1 pm - Rosary & Novena
1:15 pm - Installation of Officers

Second Collection

Next weekend, September 12th & 13th there will be a second collection to support the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. According to your means, please support this worthy institution.