

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 8, 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 & 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 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, Genevieve Powers and Frank Liguori.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the special intentions for Helen Kascin requested by her children, grandchildren and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for Helen Kascin requested by Linda Moncur.

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.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

In the uncertainty that we feel both inside and out, the Lord gives us a certainty: He remembers us.

It takes more strength to repair than to build, to start anew than to begin, to be reconciled than to get along. This is the strength that God gives us.

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!

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 9th

1:00 pm - Rosary Society Meeting
6:30 pm - 1st Grade Orientation Faith Formation

Wednesday, September 11th

7:30 pm - Youth Group

Thursday, September 12th

7:00 pm - Catechists/Volunteers Meeting

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.

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.



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.

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

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!

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, September 7th, Vigil, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Lourdes Corpus
Req. by the Family

Sunday, September 8th, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Meredith Reid
Req. by the Family

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

11:30 AM Jack Miranda
Req. by Salvatore, Concetta & Family

5:00 PM Kathleen Vitiello
Req. by Barbara & Charlie Kiley

Monday, September 9th, St. Peter Claver

7:30 AM Eddie Colline
Req. by Ed & Marie Smith

8:30 AM Rita D'Anna
Req. by Maryann & Dean Anderson

Tuesday, September 10th

7:30 AM David Frieri
Req. by Maria & Bob White

8:30 AM Roberto Durante
Req. by the Melo Family

Wednesday, September 11th

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Stearns/Kontra Families
Req. by Rose Vera Kaepfel

8:30 AM Ethel Marie O'Shea
Req. by Jon & Shirley Moberg

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

7:30 AM Gaspar & Teixeira Families
Req. by the Teixeira Family

8:30 AM Fred Rica
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Friday, September 13th

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Ilg & Booth Families
Req. by Rose Vera Kaepfel

8:30 AM Vincent Zito
Req. by the Michetti & Ferrara Families

Saturday, September 14th

8:00 AM Inez & Frank Gass
Req. by Carol & Al Leick

Saturday Evening, September 14th, Vigil, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Rita D'Anna
Req. by Lina Bove

Sunday, September 15th, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Henry Meier (27th Anniversary)
Req. by Gregory Meier

9:30 AM Bernice Colendenski
Req. by Liz Kelly

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Skudder/ McQuillan Families
Req. by the Gallagher Family

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Collection

September 1 - \$ 5,246

Repair Fund - \$ 5,282

BAGELS

Please stop by Pollard Hall after the Sunday
9:30 am Mass for a cup of coffee.



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.



On the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear Wisdom marvel at God's ways. Paul writes to his friend, Philemon, about Philemon's slave, Onesimus, who is now a convert and in prison with Paul. Paul asks that he be taken back as a son or a brother. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that following him will involve radical conversion and requires that each of us discern if we can prepare for the self-denial required.

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest. Friday is the Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Saturday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, with its own special readings.

The first part of the week, the first readings are from the Letter to the Colossians. Paul is in prison, encouraging this community to put their trust in Christ, not mystical teachings and powers. He challenges them to live their baptism and to walk in the union they have with and in Jesus. Friday we begin reading Paul's First Letter to Timothy. On Saturday Paul boldly proclaims that he is the "foremost" among sinners and a sign of God's mercy.

In the first part of this week, following Luke's Gospel, Jesus heals a man with a withered hand, on the Sabbath, in front of his religious critics. Then Jesus goes up on a mountain to pray and comes down to name his twelve apostles - all of whom seem to be unknown or questionable at best. 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.

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.

Mass Book for 2019 is open.

Second Collection

This weekend, September 7th & 8th 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.

**Family Promise
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Union County, NJ**

Tend My Sheep Ministry

Now that summer is giving way to fall, we will begin hosting again for Tend My Sheep Ministry. The next hosting will be held at St. Andrews in New Providence on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Volunteers have been notified and a sign-up sheet will be available next week.

Food and other items will continue to be dropped off at Pollard Hall from 3-4:30 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

If you don't have time to volunteer, we also accept monetary donations and gift cards. 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. Gift cards should be small denominations, \$10-25. Walmart, Target, Shop Rite, Lyft or Uber are suggested. Many of our guests work early morning or late night hours when the van is not available to take them so we have added ride sharing gift cards.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mderoberts@aol.com, or at (908) 868-0727 or
Karen Hahner, 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



**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.

Brothers in Christ, The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a meeting at 6:30 pm on September 16, 2019 in



Pollard Hall. Scripture, Catholic issues and ways to serve the Parish and the Community will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. Join us at any-time during the meeting. Schedule - 6:30 pm prayer, 7:00 pm refreshments, 7:30 pm discussion. For further information contact Mike Billy (bmichael103@aol.com).

SURVIVING DIVORCE — A 3 DAY RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a three day retreat for the separated/divorced. Each day features DVD sessions that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations and small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families who witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. Sessions run Saturday mornings on September 28th, October 26th & November 16th between 9 am to 1 pm at OLBS, 28 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068. Each session will cover different topics & discussions. Cost to attend is \$20 including study guide & food. To register online: <https://conta.cc/31gcKqr> or contact Lauren Tamara at Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org or 973-497-4327.

**ROSARY RELAY
October 12, 2019
12 Noon
Morris Avenue
Bryant Park, Springfield, NJ**



The Archdiocese, takes very seriously, any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION**A Prayer for Our Students**

Dear God,
 Thank you for the gift of education in every form.
 As our children start a new year
 may confidence be their foundation,
 may grace be their guide, and
 may hope be their compass toward a bright future.
 We pray they would have eyes to see
 the needs of those around them
 and a heart to love well.
 May they face each day with positivity
 knowing that no matter what comes their way,
 they do not have to face it along. Amen.

Incoming 1st Graders: The parent/child orientation is
 Monday, September 9th at 6:30 pm in Pollard Hall.

Catechists/Volunteers: Our opening meeting will be
 Thursday, September 12th at 7 pm in Pollard Hall.

Catechetical Sunday: Next Sunday, September 15th will
 kick off this year's Faith Formation school year. We
 will have a special celebration for our volunteers at
 the 9:30 am Mass.

Future Important Dates:

Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 17th & 18th, 4 pm: Weekly
 Classes begin.

Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 5 pm Mass: Family Faith Formation
 begin.

Monday, Sept. 23rd, 7:30 pm: 2nd grade parent meeting.

Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 10:30 am & Tuesday, Sept. 24,
 7 pm: 8th Grade classes begin.

Sunday, October 6th, 11:30 am Mass: 9th Grade Rite of
 Enrollment.

Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 9 am: Catechist Doctrinal Training.

ORATORY PREP SCHOOL

425 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ

Open House - Sunday, September 29th, 1 - 3 pm
 Thursday, October 24th, 6:45 - 8:15 pm.

No RSVP necessary. For further information, call
 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit us at www.oratoryprep.org.

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Open House - Wednesday, October 9th - 7:00 pm
 "Early Bird Tours" will begin at 6:15 pm

Be Prepared for Tomorrow by Being
 UC Future Ready Today!

For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at
 908-889-1600, ext. 302
 or email bjthornton@unioncatholic.org.

**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."

**New Women's Bible Study
 to start soon!**

Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 -
 9:00 pm or Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11 am as we
 study the book, Nine Words: a Bible Study to Help You
 Become the Best-Version-of Yourself, by Allen R. Hunt.
 St. Paul shares these nine words, the nine Fruits of the
 Holy Spirit, in his letter to the Galatians which provide
 the blueprint to your destiny, the dream God has for
 your life. Session will run from September 18/19 until
 November 20/21. For registration or more information,
 please contact Susan Zavodny at 908-789-8543
 or zavodnys@comcast.net.

Dates for Spirituality Room:

September 18/19	October 23/24
September 25/26	October 30/31
October 2/3	November 6/7
October 9/10	November 13/14
October 16/17	November 20/21

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.



ST. JOSEPH
Social Service Center

118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, phone: (908) 352-2989, fax: (908) 354-1433, www.sjelz.org

August 23, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes
300 Central Avenue
Mountainside, NJ 07092

Dear Friends,

On behalf of St. Joseph's we want to thank you for the school supplies you donated. These items will allow the children to start the school year with everything they will need. Your generous contribution allows us to continue to help serve the poor and homeless in the Elizabeth area. We could not continue to operate without receiving contributions from supporters like you.

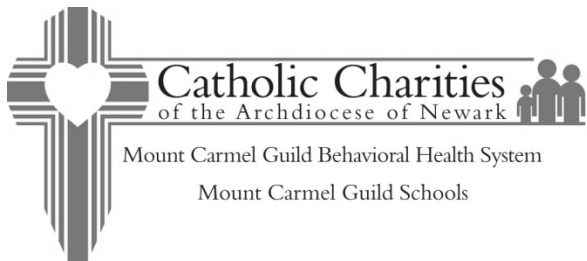
Once again, thank you for your support.

Warmly,

Bernadette Murphy
Executive Director

"Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor" - (Isaiah 58)

A Smooth Transition?



Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System
Mount Carmel Guild Schools

September is a month of transition. Many young people will transition from the leisurely recreational activities of summer to the rigors of a new school semester. The seasons transition in September. As the seasons shift now from summer to autumn, may we shift some of our time to find items to donate to the Catholic Charities donation bin. The following items are needed: clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, novels and children's books.

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.

**MASS (in Italiano) in HONOR OF PADRE PIO --
Monday, September 23rd, 7:30 pm. All are welcome!
Holy Trinity Church, Westfield NJ** (Ci sarà una messa in italiano in onore di Padre Pio, sabato, 23 settembre, 11:30 am. Tutti sono benvenuti!)



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