

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 10, 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

Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am & 5:00 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

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## Prayer Requests

*Please remember in your prayers the soul of*  
Piera Gagliano.

*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, Jack Schuvart and Luke Granger.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week in loving memory for Mary Stawacz requested by Alexis & Brendan Sosinski and Andrew & Patricia Praschak, for the special intentions for Teresa Evangelista requested by Mary Ann Golomb.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

*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.

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Jesus is always there with an open heart. He throws open the mercy that he has in his heart. He forgives, embraces and understands.

Humanity needs hope in order to live and needs the Holy Spirit in order to hope.



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.

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

1 pm - Rosary Altar Society Meeting  
7 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Orientation

### Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm - Youth Group

### Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

9 am - Catechist Spirituality Certification Training

## ALL WOMEN INVITED!

Please join us for our next bible study, Discovering Our Dignity. Get modern day advice from women of the Bible. Learn how women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes flawed and broken as we can be. Yet the power of God worked in their lives. Their stories touch our lives in a tender, honest and loving way-woman to woman. This 22 week study will begin September 26/27, 2017 and end in April, 2018. Each week is a different study so you don't need to attend every week. We will meet Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. For more information or to register, contact Sue Zavodny at [zavodnys@comcast.net](mailto:zavodnys@comcast.net) or 908-789-8543.

## 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**

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!**

***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
- Thursday: 3 pm
- 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 the blessing...an early AM adorer or a 2-3 AM adorer.**



**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, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish
- Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 AM William Tomko  
Req. by Walter, Sophie, Chris, Lori, Adam Kiewicz & Family  
9:30 AM Jack & Doris Barrington  
Req. by Michele & William Hopkins  
11:30 AM Sandra Boles  
Req. by Lisa Alvarez  
5:00 PM David Frieri  
Req. by Debbie & Miguel Perez-Santalla
- Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Kanya Families  
Req. by Bill Leber  
8:30 AM Patrick Philbin  
Req. by Eileen & Ben Mirto
- Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
7:30 AM Ryan McAdam  
Req. by the Amalfe Family  
8:30 AM Paul McGlynn  
Req. by Barbara McGlynn
- Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, St. John Chrysostom**  
7:30 AM Barbara Klena  
Req. by Al & Carol Leick  
8:30 PM Phyllis Baum  
Req. by the Bennett Family
- Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
7:30 AM Grace Miraglia  
Req. by Fran Michetti  
8:30 PM Ryan McAdam  
Req. by the Cataldo Family
- Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Sorrows**  
7:30 AM Henry Meier (25 Anniversary)  
Req. by Gregory Meier  
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Skudder/McQuillan Families  
Req. by the Gallaghers
- Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Cornelius**  
8:00 AM Nancy Smith  
Req. by Eileen & Ben Mirto
- Saturday Evening, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish
- Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 AM William Tomko  
Req. by M/M V. Eckert  
9:30 AM Paul McGlynn  
Req. by Barbara McGlynn  
11:30 AM Werner Schon  
Req. by Gerry & Madeline Gallagher  
5:00 PM John P. Cataldo  
Req. by the Cataldo Family

## 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: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;  
 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 -- 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
 Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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

9/3/17

\$ 9,504\*

#### Year to Date Actual

\$ 75,067

#### Year to Date Budget

\$ 61,693

#### Surplus

\$ 11,245

Central & Eastern Europe Collection: \$ 1,598.

\*Included many "make up" for missed summer weekends.



We welcome all the students who will be attending the Early Learning Center on our campus, which opens Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, for an abbreviated schedule this week.

As a reminder, please drive slowly on the campus, regardless of the time of day. With the beginning of the school year, our campus again becomes alive, not only with our students, but with the students in our Faith Formation Program, as well as the various sports and other activities that take place.

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."

This week we have the Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom; the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows; and the Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs. 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. Then we begin reading Paul's First Letter to Timothy. The opening words boldly proclaim that Paul 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. The people bring all their sick to hear him and to be healed. Jesus tells them of their blessedness and warns them of the dangers. We can't be blind guides. We must have the humility to acknowledge and be forgiven our own sins before we can help others. Jesus tells us that our goodness will be seen in what we do and that our only security is in building our lives on him.



**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Rosary Altar Society**  
invites you to join  
them at their

## Annual

## Communion Breakfast

Sunday, October 1, 2017  
beginning with the 9:30 am Mass  
followed by Breakfast in Pollard Hall.

Adults: \$ 20 Kids: \$10

Tickets are available after the weekend Masses on  
September 16/17 and September 23/24  
and in the Parish Office during the week.

# SAVE THE DATE!!

## PARISH AUTUMN EVENT HARVEST FAMILY DINNER

POLLARD HALL  
SATURDAY, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
AFTER 5 PM MASS

**Western Theme Family Dinner.**

Menu: Carved Beef Brisket,  
Pulled Pork, Barbequed Chicken,  
Children’s menu available.  
Beer & soda, bring your own wine.

In house 50/50  
Line dancing for all ages  
Music: DJ Line Dancing of Rockaway

Adult ticket \$25.00,  
Children ticket under 14 is \$12.00,  
Children under 4 years old are free of charge.

Tickets on sale at all Masses  
beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and at the Rectory Office.



### ATTENTION ALL PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

The Youth Group will be kicking off a new school year with our Annual Car Wash this weekend on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 1 pm (weather permitting). It's the best \$5 Car Wash around, and Kevin will valet your car while you're at the 11:30 am Mass, and your car is washed while you pray. At \$5, you can bring all the cars in the family, and support the various activities of the Youth Group throughout the year. Thank you!



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!

**Please remember the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate planning.**

## Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network

Union County, NJ

### Tend My Sheep Ministry

On Thursday, August 31, 2017, our parish hosted six adults and eight children, ranging in age from 11 months to 17 years, at Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. As usual, the menu was delicious, and home-made cookies were donated as a special treat.

Once again were joined by Michael Tribuna, a local barber, who provided free haircuts to our guests. Those choosing to get a haircut with Mike, received some very cool 'dos to end the summer season.

Again, we would like to say THANK YOU to all of our parishioners. Since our last hosting, two of our families have moved into their own apartments, with the help of Family First, a nonprofit organization that assists families in finding affordable housing. Your generous donations have provided many needed household items.

We would also like to thank our wonderful cooks, food providers and volunteers, all of whom make this program such a success. We could not do this without you.

Our next session will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Scotch Plains, since the Little Flower complex is being sold. We hope all of our volunteers in Team 2 will be able to join us. As we get closer to the date, please check the bulletin for additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Deacon Michael DeRoberts, [mdroberts@aol.com](mailto:mdroberts@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

### **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).

## Focus on Faith Formation



### A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus,  
I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen

We hope everyone had a great 1<sup>st</sup> day of school! The Faith Formation Office wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and safe school year! We are looking forward to the opening of our program for this school year.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Orientation will take place this Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Pollard Hall.

Catechist certification training in Spirituality will take place next Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in Pollard Hall. Please RSVP ASAP if you can attend. The Archdiocese would like as many of our catechists to be certified as possible so please make every effort to attend.

Next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> is Catechetical Sunday. We are asking all volunteers to attend the 9:30 am Mass for a special blessing and a thank you gift for your work in our program.

Traditional weekly classes and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tuesday class will begin next week, Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade mandatory parent meeting will take place on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Pollard Hall.

## 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

## **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).

## **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.

## **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.

## **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, Mark Margello,  
Bob Miraglia, Gerry Gallagher,  
Norma Weinstein, Glen Rosivack and Barbara Plucienik