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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— September 19, 2021

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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
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 remember in prayers the soul of :

Emma Pomo may she rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick : Helen Ahlquist, Logan Alseika, Judy Burns, Ramona Fernandez, Gerry Gallagher, David Gagliardotto, Christopher Gore, Joseph Iacono, Frances Kayton, Conner LaVile, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, James Leung, Jim Looram, Janice Machin, Romaine Malaker, Martha Pares, Fred Perna, Joe Raughbaugh, Valerie Santiago, Michael Servello, Peter Spadaccini, Edward Stacy, Betty Lou Stypa, Manny Teixeira, & Eve Vitale.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Dr. Edward Mayer requested by Dolores Mayer

Please Pray for our service member, SGM. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and AZ2 Stephen Vesper USN and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.



- Saturday, September 18th**
5:00 PM Carol Posvyler
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Sunday, September 19th, Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM The Deceased Members of The McHugh Family
Req. by The Daughter
11:30 AM Harold Reid
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Monday, September 20th, Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companion**
7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by The Family
- Tuesday, September 21st, St. Matthew**
7:30 AM Arthur & Theresa Sauerborn
Req. by The Family
- Wednesday, September 22nd**
7:30 AM Dr. Edward Mayer
Req. by Dolores Mayer
- Thursday, September 23rd, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**
7:30 AM Alfonso Conte
Req. by Maria
- Friday, September 24th**
7:30 AM James J. Dunne
Req. by The Family
- Saturday, September 25th**
8:00 AM Donald P. Stearns, Jr.
Req. by Carmen & Santos Santiago
5:00 PM Michael Mastrolacasa
Req. by The Melo Family
- Sunday, September 26th, Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM Ruth Kletz
Req. by Pat & Joan Fernicola
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Maria Ciavolella
Req. by Lillian Corsi

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, we ask that you please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.

THE PRIESTS ASK THATAll lectors, altar servers, & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please report to the Sunday Sacristy at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass. This will allow the priest celebrant to know what type of help he has or does not have before the scheduled 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.



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



WE ARE IN NEED OF USHERS FOR ALL MASSES

If interested, please contact Mike Billy for further details.
Bmichael103@aol.com

The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THE SCRIPTURES



Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 A few tweets from Pope Francis...**

God does not come in extraordinary events, but works amid the apparent monotony of our daily life, in the frequently dull rhythm of our activities, in the little things that, working with tenacity and humility, we achieve in our efforts to do his will.

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Jesus reveals Himself as the Bread of life. For He alone nourishes the soul, He alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us, He alone gives us the strength to love and forgive in difficulties, He alone gives eternal life.

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!



September 12th = \$4456.00
Catholic University of America = \$983.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



October 10th: All Souls Day Remembrance Mass
October 17th: World Missions
October 24th: Repair Fund

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection a second time.

It is clear to him that they didn't understand the first time. He knew that, along the way, they had been arguing about who was the greatest. He gathers the Apostles and says to them,

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Monday is the **Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs.**

Tuesday is the **Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist**, with its own special readings.

Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest.**

The first reading this week comes from the **Book of Ezra**, one of the first chroniclers of the post-exile period of Judaism. He is responsible for helping hold the restored people together.

We finish the week with brief selections from the prophets **Haggai** and **Zechariah**, who were prophets during this period.

"Consider your ways!"

"My spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!"

In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus urges us to use our gifts:

"No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket."

When his family comes looking for him, Jesus uses the occasion to tell us that we are family to him, if we hear his Word and act on it. He encourages his Apostles to freedom, sending them out to teach and heal, taking nothing with them. Herod is wondering who Jesus really is.

Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all,

"The Christ of God."

Jesus doesn't want them to announce he's the type of Messiah they were looking for. Instead, he tells them of his upcoming passion and death.

On the **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jesus tells his disciples not to worry about someone driving out evil in his name. He warns about giving scandal, especially to children and calls for a radical avoidance of evil.

We are to separate ourselves from it and choose to turn away from sin and its sources as radically as if to cut off our hand or pluck out our eye. It's about life itself.

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.



It's Time for Faith Formation

Program Start Dates

Traditional Classroom Model:

4-5:15 PM Tues. 10/5 and Wed. 10/6

Family Faith:

Google Classroom assignments will post Fri. 10/1

First Zoom Classes- Sun. 10/17

Grades 7 & 8:

Google Classroom assignments will post Fri. 10/1

First in-person class 7-8:15 PM Tues. 10/5

Grade 9 Confirmation:

Rite of Enrollment Mass 11:30 AM Sun. 10/3

Followed by in-person session

More Important Dates

Catechetical Sunday is September 19:

Catechists join us for a special blessing at the 9:30 am Mass

Grade 2 First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parents:

Parent only Zoom Meeting 7 PM Tues. 9/28

If you still need to register for the Fall:

Please go to ollfaithformation.org, click on the registration tab, then print out the volunteer, emergency, and registration forms.

Fill forms out completely, place in an envelope marked “Faith Formation” along with payment and drop it off at the rectory.

If you have a child entering 1st grade in the Fall and attending public school, it's time to register your child for Faith Formation.

The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist take place in 2nd grade, but the preparation is a 2 year process that begins in 1st grade.

Please contact the Faith Formation office or visit our website ollfaithformation.org, and click on the registration tab for more information.

If you have a child entering 2nd or 9th grades and attending Catholic school, please contact the Faith Formation office to register for the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation.

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady Of Lourdes.

I am very happy for you that the Lord has brought you a good pastor who I know will take very good care of you and who has a great love for the Lord. Fr Jeivi and Fr. Bill B. will do some great work together serving you in the Lord's love.

I will look forward to seeing you soon, though I have realized that I will not be able to be there as much as I was in the past. During this academic year, you will most probably be seeing me two Sundays a month at the 9:30 am Mass. I have a special place in my heart for all of you "mountain folk" and it will be a joy to continue to celebrate Mass with you.

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Bill McDonald

Catechetical Sunday
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Catechetical Sunday is a day to celebrate the education of our faith and to honor all those who pass on the faith and are witness to the Gospel by virtue of Baptism.

We especially want to thank those who have said yes to the vocation of the catechist, and teach our faith to children of our parish.

We are also reminded on this day that the first catechists of our children are their parents, who are a constant example of faith in their lives.

On Catechetical Sunday, we remember, in prayer, all those who catechize our children:

Lord, thank you for these men and women who work so hard with love and patience to help our children learn about our faith.

Thank you for the gifts they share in service to our children.

Continue to inspire them in the guidance of our children, and give them the strength and courage to be your evangelists as they spread the Gospel message through teaching and by example.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen



Ascension's new podcast: *The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)*, featuring Jeff Cavins
All Bible in a Year Episodes

To listen to an episode:

- Scroll through the list
- Click on the day you want to listen to (the playlist player will automatically play the episode)
- Enjoy!



How to Listen: Subscribe (it's free!) in your favorite podcast app.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday : 9 am to 3 pm
Friday—9 am to 12 pm

2021 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

Our parish goal is \$52,682.00

Your gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:

**Office of Evangelization * International Missions
Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf**

The Parish Priests wish to thank all parishioners who have contributed to the Annual Archdiocesan Appeal.

Monies received to date: **\$60,286.00**

Donors Have Pledged : **\$63,486.00**

THANKS ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

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!

Dear Parishioners:

Please be advised that there is no parking allowed in the front of the church. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but the town has advised that there needs to be ample space for emergency vehicles to access. There is handicap parking available on the exit side of the church and ample parking in the lot in front of the rectory.

Thanks for your help and support

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

TO: PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

FROM: REV. JOHN J. CHADWICK, 

SUBJECT: VACCINE MANDATES

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2021

I have been asked to clarify the teaching of the Church regarding the morality of receiving the vaccines against COVID-19 and to articulate archdiocesan policy on the matter. Concretely, there is a pastoral need to answer the question of whether the faithful may request an exemption on religious grounds from accepting the vaccines. We have received some questions here in the Archdiocesan Center. You likely have had to field similar requests.

It is important to note that the Archdiocese of Newark does not provide for an exemption on religious grounds from receiving the vaccine. Any concerns based upon our respect for life teachings have been addressed. In addition, it has been noted that reception of the vaccine can be seen as an act of charity in support of the common good. In a recent public service announcement, Pope Francis called receiving the vaccine an "act of love." The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued statements in support of the morality of receiving the vaccine as have a number of American bishops.

As such it is not possible for a Catholic to claim an exemption from vaccination on religious grounds. Like anyone else, a Catholic may claim a personal exemption on the grounds of conscience but such a decision should consider our Christian responsibility to work for the common good in service to the benefit of all.

Therefore, you should not support a religious exemption for the people entrusted to your pastoral care. If you are approached with such a request, kindly remind the unvaccinated of their obligation to preserve the health of others and themselves by wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, getting tested as necessary, and other recommended safety measures.

Please access the links below for background information.

[Video Message of the Holy Father to the people on the vaccination campaign against COVID-19, 18.08.2021](#)

[Video: Pope urges people to receive Covid-19 vaccine](#)

Statement from the CDF:

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html and

Statement from the Doctrine Committee of the USCCB:

<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

Please refer any questions from the media about our policy to Maria Margiotta in the Office of Communications at the Archdiocesan Center. And feel free to reach out to me with any personal questions or concerns as well. Let us work together to respect life and put an end to the pandemic. Be assured of my prayers for you and your ministry. God bless!

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

**THE MEN'S GROUP OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WILL
HAVE A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT 7 PM.**

**SCRIPTURE, CATHOLIC ISSUES AND WAYS TO SERVE THE
COMMUNITY WILL BE DISCUSSED.**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN THIS
CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP.**

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MEETING OUTSIDE IN THE PARKING LOT.**



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