

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 23, 2018

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 remember in your prayers the soul of
George Miller. May he rest in peace.

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,
Fr. Carl Arico, Fred Perna and Edward Lynaugh.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for
the loving memory of Lorraine Leber requested by Bill Leber, for the
loving memory of Stella Meier requested by Gregory Meier and for
the loving memory of Americo Campos requested by Jose, Maria,
Erica & Andrew Gennaro.

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

Please Pray for our service member, Master Sgt. Nicholas
Perez-Santalla and P.O. 3rd Class 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

It takes effort to always do good... The road to holiness
is not for the lazy!

When I am merciful, I am a true child of the Father,
because the Father is merciful.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23rd

10:30 am - 8 Grade Faith Formation
5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

Monday, September 24th

7:30 pm - First Reconciliation/First Eucharist
Parent Meeting in Pollard Hall

Tuesday, September 25th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - Social Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 26th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:30 pm - Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm - Youth Group

Thursday, September 27th

9:00 am - Women's Bible Study

Saturday, September 29th

9:30 am - Religious Ed. Doctrinal Certification

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!

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

This is the day the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118.24

As we open our eyes each morning, God sets before us a priceless present. Unique, fresh and full of potential, each day God gives us time. "Rejoice" the psalmist, says has God granted you another day? "Rejoice and be glad in it". With each new day, God gives us time as a gracious gift. Rejoice!

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!

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

...the more difficult the sacrificial hour, the greater the blessing...an early AM adorer or a 2-3 AM adorer.

Contact Irene Ciccarino at 732-574-0064.



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.



Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday Evening, September 22nd, Vigil, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Jerome Pemberton, Sr.
Req. by Christina Nixon

Sunday, September 23rd, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Daniel Solski
Req. by the Greeley Family
11:30 AM Kathleen Ruggeri
Req. by Eve Vitale
5:00 PM M/M Joseph Quillin
Req. by the Quillin Family

Monday, September 24th

7:30 AM James Dunne
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Tom Zimmermann
Req. by Michetti Family

Tuesday, September 25th

7:30 AM Stella Meier
Req. by Gregory Meier
8:30 AM Leroy Aberle
Req. by the Miller Family

Wednesday, September 26th, Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:30 AM Felix K. McHugh
Req. by the Belenets Family
8:30 AM Hilda A. Cuff
Req. by the Family

Thursday, September 27th, St. Vincent de Paul

7:30 AM Giuseppe Francolino
Req. by the Rinaldo Family
8:30 AM Patti Reid
Req. by the Family

Friday, September 28th, St. Wenceslaus

7:30 AM Joaquim Teixeira
Req. by David & Kathy Snyder
8:30 AM Tom Zimmermann
Req. by the Colendenski Family

Saturday, September 29th, Sts. Michael & Raphael

8:00 AM Helen Lademan
Req. by Sue Zavodny

Saturday Evening, September 29th, Vigil, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Charles Duress
Req. by Dick & Alice Fallon

Sunday, September 30th, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Gino Ferrara
Req. by the Michetti Family
11:30 AM Gioachino & Marie Dell'Osso
Req. by Maria DeAnna
5:00 PM Dr. Edward Mayer
Req. by the Family

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;

Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

COLLECTION

September 16 - \$5,973
Restricted Fund - \$1,550



Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society

invites you to join
them at their

Annual Communion Breakfast

Sunday, October 7, 2018
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 22/23 and September 29/30
and in the Parish Office during the week.

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."

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, priest. Saturday is the Feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael, archangels.

In Luke's Gospel this week, Jesus shares his wisdom with the crowds he addresses. We must share the light that has been entrusted to us, not hide it. The tables will be turned on those who try to greedily hold on to what they have. When people report that Jesus' family is looking for him, he uses the occasion to highlight the nature of our relationship with him: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." When Jesus sends the Twelve to heal and to proclaim the Kingdom, he tells them to serve, trusting in God: "Take nothing for the journey." Herod hears about the new prophet and wonders who it is - he has already beheaded John the Baptist. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." When Jesus tells his disciples that he will be handed over to others, they can't possibly understand until another day. They were afraid to ask Jesus about this.

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.



The Choir will resume September 30th.
New members are most welcome.

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS OPEN.

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



FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Everyone is invited to a slide show, Thursday Evening, October 11, 2018 at 7 pm in Pollard Hall. Come see Fr. Bill saying Mass at Fatima. For further information, please contact Fontaine Gatti at 908-727-0668.

From the desk of the Pastor...

An Interesting Summer at OLL!

Dear Parishioners:

On Sunday, May 27th, a day with a heavy downpour of rain the Rectory kitchen sink and slop sink over flowed ruining the kitchen floor as well as the counter top on the sink side of the Rectory and backsplash. The kitchen floor had to be completely replaced. In addition, water ruined the rug in the youth group basement meeting room and the ceiling of the basement toilet. The cause of this problem was not only the heavy rain but a clogged drain pipe in the basement. The insurance company awarded the parish \$19,000.00. A bill of \$10,000.00 was payable to the Insurance Restoration Specialist Company to disinfect and remove any mold damage from the kitchen, laundry room and basement areas. The remaining \$9,000.00 was used to repair the damage.

Sadly, on August 2, 2018, the Rectory basement flooded again. After investigation I hope that now the situation has been rectified. It is believed the mulch surrounding part of the rectory might have blocked the storm drains causing an obstruction. The Restoration Company was again called to remove possible mold from the basement. Insurance covered the cost. However, for the time being, we are not replacing the rug in the youth group room pending an examination that the situation has been definitively resolved.

As you might have notice there is a new floor in Pollard Hall. The cost for this project was \$19,000.00. It has been paid for in full from the following sources: The Union Foundation, E. J. Grassmann Trust and the Watts Foundation each contributing \$5,000.00. The final contributor was the Parish Rosary Society who gave \$5,000.00 toward this project. Thank you ladies of the Rosary Society!

To prevent further leaking from the air-conditioning system on the new Pollard Hall Floor the air-conditioning company BPM Designs of Kenilworth encapsulated the AC ducts on the roof of Pollard Hall and water proofed them to prevent further leakage. The cost was \$10,000.00. This was paid for in full from the Repair Fund of the parish.

During three weeks in July and two weeks in August the Rectory air conditioning system was not functioning. The aforementioned air conditioning company was here almost every day. After exhausting and extensive investigation the system is ALMOST working in all rooms of the Rectory.

Regarding the Rectory, the slate cap on the Rectory chimney has cracked causing water damage to the ceiling in the Pastor's sitting room. The cost for the removal of the slate cap with its replacement is between \$3,100 to \$3,200.00. This bill will be paid from the repair fund. The work will begin soon. However, the aforementioned cost does not cover the interior repair to the sitting room ceiling.

In March, the Archdiocesan Office of Property Management examined the Church boiler. Sadly, 2 of the 8 sections of the boiler had to be replaced. I do not have as yet the total bill for this work but gave a check for \$6,000.00 from the repair fund which is now temporarily exhausted. Please be mindful of this fact in the special monthly non accessible repair collection!

Finally, on a happy note: An anonymous parishioner has agreed to fund the repair of the brick work in the Church plaza. The cost of this project will be approximately \$3,100.00. The perimeter will be dug up and repaired and new curbing of the side of the brick front will be installed. This work has already begun.

Lastly, I am looking for a donor to repair the electrical fixtures in front of the Blessed Mother statue in front of the Church. I don't know what the cost will be, but if you are interested speak to the parish custodian.

An interesting summer indeed!

In Christ,
Fr. Richard

Focus on Faith Formation



We had a wonderful kickoff to the Faith Formation school year. We are looking forward to the start of the rest of our programs!

8th grade classes begin this week! The Sunday class will meet this Sunday, September 23rd immediately after the 9:30 am Mass. Students should meet in spirituality room. The Tuesday classes will meet this Tuesday, September 25th at 7 pm in Pollard Hall. Please enter through the double glass doors that face Central Avenue.

Our Family Faith program begins this Sunday, September 23rd starting with the 5 pm Mass.

There will be a mandatory parent meeting for 2nd graders who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist this Tuesday, September 24th at 7:30 pm in Pollard Hall. Please enter through double glass doors that face Central Avenue.

Regular weekly elementary classes will take place this week on both Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 pm - 5:15 pm.

Our family handbooks are going home with the youngest in each family. Please be sure to read the handbook, sign the contract, and return to the Faith Formation office.

Sunday 8th Grade Students: The first class will be next Sunday, September 23rd beginning right after the 9:30 am Mass in the butterfly room.

Tuesday 8th Grade: The fall session will begin next Tuesday, September 25th at 7 pm. Please enter Pollard Hall through the double glass doors that face Central Avenue.

2nd Grade Parents: The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist parent meeting will take place on Monday, September 24th at 7:30 pm in Pollard Hall.

WELCOME FR. ROBERTO

To substitute for Fr. Bill McDonald our Seminary is sending to our parish Fr. Roberto Ortiz, Professor of Ecclesiology and Anthropology. Fr. Roberto is a native of Jersey City and attended St. Mary's High School, St. Andrews College Seminary at Seton Hall and completed his studies for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome. Fr. Roberto was ordained a priest on May 29, 2009. As Father has an obligation in another parish for Sunday Mass help, He will be here most Sundays but not always at the 9:30 am Mass. We appreciate his assistance and offer him a warm welcome!

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMES TO OLL THIS FALL!!



TOUCHING THE DIVINE A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Touching the Divine draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His qualities revealed in the Gospel of John. The more we know Him, the more our love for Him will grow. This study will help us to understand what it means to be God's beloved daughter and show us how His Love is the only thing that will truly satisfy our souls.

Dates: 2 sessions (Wed. eves. & Thurs. morns.)
offered to meet the needs of all!

Lessons 1 thru 9 - Sept. 12-13 thru Nov. 28, 2018

Lessons 10 thru 23 - Jan. 9-10 thru April 10, 2019

Times: Wednesday, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm;
Thursday, 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Location: OLL's Spirituality Room (room behind the Main Altar)

Cost: (includes all program materials; you also will need access to a Bible): \$60

EACH LESSON IS INDEPENDENT, SO NO WORRIES IF YOU CAN'T MAKE ALL, AT LESS THAN \$3 EACH, IT'S STILL A GREAT DEAL! AND YOU WILL GET TO MEET OTHER GREAT WOMEN!!

For additional info, contact Sue Zavodny (908-789-8543; zavodnys@comcast.net).

Mark Your Calendars Rosary Rally on October 13th

Let us rally and pray the rosary in reparation for the sins of abortion, euthanasia, clergy, abuse, drug addiction, suicide, and Satan Worship.

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Time: 12 noon

Place: Briant Park in Summit (along Springfield Ave and Briant Pkwy)

We urge you, your family and friends to join this *America Needs Fatima* nationwide Rosary Crusade for the urgent conversion of America.

For more info, please contact:

Vinny Candela (908) 463-1026

Teresa Evangelista (908) 389-0531





**HOLY TRINITY
HEARTH AND HOME
KITCHEN TOUR**

The Westfield NJ area is known for its many beautiful homes which the curious often long to see from the inside. The Hearth and Home Kitchen Tour, back this year for the eighth year on October 13th, gives the public that chance. The 2018 tour features a new, diverse group of homes.

Attendees will be able to discuss the home's interiors with the contractors and designers that created them, as well as sample cuisine from local chefs and bakers at every house. The tour will also feature a raffle and gift bags for the first 400 guests.

The tour is proud to partner this year with *DesignNJ magazine*. All attendees who purchase tickets online will receive a complimentary 1-year subscription to the magazine.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$40 at <http://www.westfieldkitchentour.com/>. Day of tour tickets will be \$45.

This exciting event is presented by the Home and School Association for the benefit of Holy Trinity School, which has campuses located in both Westfield and Mountain-side.

**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.

**Family Promise
Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Union County, NJ

Tend My Sheep Ministry

As many of you know, the property that holds the rectory and the school for Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights has been sold. Since we are no longer able to use this facility as our hosting site, we have offered our services to Family Promise on an as-needed basis.

In April 2018, we hosted the guests at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) and they really appreciated our involvement as they were a new hosting site. They have asked us to help them again on Thursday, October 25, 2018. FUMC is located at 1 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090. All Team 1 members have been notified and look forward to volunteering.

Food and other nonperishable items will continue to be dropped off at Pollard Hall from 3 - 4:30 pm on Thursday, October 25, 2018. However, our sign-up sheet has changed. The link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eaba722a1fb6-ollfood2>

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

**Attention
6th, 7th, and 8th Graders
and Parents!!**



Please join us for a

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Hosted by
Holy Trinity School
336 First Street, Westfield, New Jersey
School Gymnasium
Tuesday, September 25, 2018
7:30 pm ~ 9:00 pm

Meet representatives from Mother Seton Regional High School, Mt. Saint Mary's Academy, Oak Knoll School, Oratory Preparatory High School, Roselle Catholic Regional High School, Seton Hall Preparatory School, St. Joseph's of Metuchen, St. Peter's Preparatory School, Bishop Ahr, and Union Catholic Regional High School. No pre-Registration required. Light refreshments will be served.