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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— October 10, 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 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 Loram, Janice Machin, Romaine Malaker, Martha Pares, Fred Perna, Joe Roughbaugh, 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 Ben Mirto requested by Eileen Mirto.

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, October 9th, St. Denis & St. John Leonardi**
5:00 PM Fred Raffa
Req. by Herbert & Barbara Oesterle
- Sunday, October 10th, Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM Michael Minch
Req. by The Family
- 11:30 AM Lorraine Franchi
Req. by Phil & Marianne Taylor
- Monday, October 11th, St. John XXIII**
7:30 AM NO INTENTION
- Tuesday, October 12th**
7:30 AM NO INTENTION
- Wednesday, October 13th**
7:30 AM Deceased Members of
Our Lady of the Assumption Rosary Society
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Thursday, October 14th, St. Callistus**
7:30 AM NO INTENTION
- Friday, October 15th, St. Teresa of Jesus**
7:30 AM Ben Mirto
Req. by The Mirto Family
- Saturday, October 16th, St. Hedwig & St. Margaret**
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Conte Family
Req. by Maria Conte
- 5:00 PM Desmond Lennon
Req. by The Gallagher Family
- Sunday, October 17th, Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM Bob Allen
Req. by Phil & Marianne Taylor
- 9:30 AM Kathleen Michetti
Req. by The Michetti & Ferrara Family
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish

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

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

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



Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

**Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex
 A few tweets from Pope Francis...**

Care for our common home is also a call to respect: respect for creation, respect for our neighbor, respect for ourselves and for the Creator.

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Being poor in spirit is the way of achieving everything as persons and as a society: it leads toward using our resources, technologies and talents for integral human development, for the common good, social justice and the care of our common home .

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!

October 3rd = \$5215.00
Repair Fund = \$325.00



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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



MASS BOOK 2022

The Mass Book for the year 2022 is now open!

Newark priest exists to help encourage Christians to participate in the active discernment of their specific calling to love others. Whether you are discerning a call to the priesthood or trying to help someone else discern their call, we are here for you. www.newarkpriest.com

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The powerful story of the rich young man will be repeated in the gospel in the **Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. He asks Jesus what he can do to inherit eternal life and already keeps the commandments.

Jesus offers him the challenge of the gospel:

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor ... then come, follow me."

Mark's gospel tells us that the young man **"went away sad, for he had many possessions."**

When Jesus tells his followers how hard it will be for a rich person to be saved they are astonished - and worried. They wondered how they could ever be saved.

"All things are possible for God," was Jesus' response.

Friday we remember Saint Teresa Avila, formally known as **Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**.

We begin reading Paul's **Letter to the Romans** for our first reading this week. After a powerful introduction, Paul writes this community in Rome about God's righteousness (mercy or kindness) and justification (making us holy or one with God) which comes to us, not through the law but through faith in Jesus.

Each day we move through **Luke's gospel** as people gather around Jesus. He declines to give a sign other than the sign of Jonah.

At a Pharisee's house Jesus calls for authenticity:

"give alms and everything will be clean for you."

He challenges the religious practices of the Pharisees which miss the heart of fidelity to God and mercy toward others.

Jesus tries to get them to see that, while they honor the prophets, they are no better than their ancestors who ignored and killed the prophets.

Instead of hearing him, the religious leaders plot to trap Jesus.

Warning his disciples about imitating religious hypocrisy, Jesus tells them not to be afraid, even of death, but to only fear losing their souls. Acknowledging Jesus is enough to save us.

When we make our defense of our faith and way of life, the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say.

For the **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear the story from **Mark's Gospel** about two of Jesus' closest friends, James and John, who want seats of honor in **"the Kingdom"** they envision for Jesus.

We can almost see Jesus shake his head in dismay that they have missed his point once again. He does not let his disciples get sidetracked into jealousy but calls them together again to give them his message:

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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.



A Message from the Director

We have successfully started another Faith Formation school year! Thanks to all who helped with the transition back to in-person learning. It has been so wonderful seeing the children again after a year and half of virtual learning.

I am hopeful that we will be able to keep our program in-person by following all of the COVID safety protocols that are in place and we are asking for the full cooperation of all our parents and catechists. I wish everyone a blessed and faith-filled school year!

Fran Michetti

Upcoming Events

1st Reconciliation Families:

The Family Potter Retreat will be held this **Friday, October 15 at 7 PM in Pollard Hall.**

Family Faith:

The October Zoom classes are scheduled for next Sunday, October 17.

The Times are as Follows:

1 PM for grades 1 and 2

1:30 for grades 3 and 4

2 PM for grades 5 and 6

The Zoom links are attached to Google Classroom.

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!

NEW OLL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY **STARTING OCTOBER 6/7, 2021**

Please join us for OLL's new Women's Bible Study - **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** - starting soon. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this 8-week program will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son.

Two separate sessions of the program will be held each week

Wed. evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Thurs. mornings from 9:30-11 am,

Starting on Oct. 6/7 and ending on Dec. 1/2.

Meetings will be in-person in the Spirituality Room (masks to be used as needed). If weather or other conditions are unfavorable, we can switch to virtual meetings via Zoom.

Each participant will order her own study set (cost=approx. \$30) directly from Ascension Press.

There will be no parish charge for the program.

Why not take 2 minutes to see a preview of this wonderful study at [Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother - Official Trailer - YouTube](#)

To register or for more information, please contact:

Susan Zavodny (908-789-8543 zavodnys@comcast.net)

Kathy Snyder (908)-232-4817 auntkik@comcast.net

Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network

Union County, NJ

Tend My Sheep Ministry

As summer gives way to fall, we will begin hosting again for Tend My Sheep Ministry, however, our hosting will be different from the in-person hosting that we have done in the past. We are asking for meals and nonperishable items to be delivered to Pollard Hall, between 3-4 pm on Thursday, October 14, 2021. The meals will then be delivered to the homes of the Family Promise guests, rather than brought to one of our support congregations. The link for the sign-up sheet is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA722A1FB6-ollfood10>

If you don't have time to prepare or purchase food, we also accept monetary donations and gift cards in small denominations to Shop Rite and Uber.

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.

If you have any questions,

please contact Karen Hahner, hahnerk@comcast.net

or at **(908) 789-4639**

or Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mderober@comcast.net,

or at **(908) 868-0727**

Thanks again for all you do to make Our Lady of Lourdes a great parish!

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner

Coordinators

Get connected:

Join us at the [Ascension's Catholic Bible Studies](#)

[Facebook Group](#) to connect with others about

The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz),

featuring Jeff Cavins, and build community around this journey!



NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Friday : 9 am to 5 pm
Limited Services Available after 3:00 PM

A Message From Father Hercules....

Dear Parishioners....

I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank You"...

First, for welcoming me with open mind and heart into your parish. I want all of you to know that I love being a part of your community.

Secondly, I would, along with Father Benedetto like to say ,we appreciate your continued support with your donations. Through your contributions made to the Repair Fund, we have repaired the brick walls outside the main entrance of the church. Please take a look as you leave today. **God Bless you and our parish.**

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

THE MEN'S GROUP OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WILL HAVE A MEETING ON MONDAY -OCTOBER 18, 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.

WEATHER PERMITTING WE WILL HOLD THE MEETING OUTSIDE IN THE PARKING LOT.

Circle of Compassion

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Please leave non perishable items in the bins at the entrances to the Church. The food will be delivered to the needy in both Newark and Elizabeth. Please consider assisting us with your valuable time in sorting, shopping & delivering these donations.

If you prefer you can place a monetary donation in the weekly collection by placing it in an envelope marked-

"Circle of Compassion"

For further information contact Michael Billy at - Bmichael103 @aol.com.

**Mark Your Calendars
Rosary Rally on Oct. 16**

Let us rally and pray the rosary in reparation for all violence against human life especially the unborn, for the sins of blasphemy, Satan worship, same-sex marriage, clergy abuse. Let us pray also for peace and order within America and between nations.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 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. Let us pray for our nation and our Church. May we be one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

For more info, please contact:
Vinny Candela (908) 463-1026 Teresa Evangelista (908) 389-0531

For more info on America Needs Fatima visit www.ANF.org

Dear Parishioners:

We are looking for your help..

There has been an overflow of garbage being placed in the church dumpster.

This cost indirectly affects you the parishioners, as we are charged additional fees for an abundance of garbage and household items placed in the dumpster.

If you see someone outside dumping personal items, please bring it to the rectory's attention, so we may address it properly.

Thanks for your help and support

THE OLL CHOIR WILL RESUME ON OCTOBER 17th

We rehearse at 10:30 AM in the old library & sing at the 11:30 Mass
New members are most welcome.

If you want to sing, we want you in the group.

We hope everyone from high school age and up will think about joining us.

See Joe Neglia after any Mass if you have any questions or contact Joe by email at josephaneglia1@gmail.com.

Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 17, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City.

Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school.

For more information, please call 201-547-6389 or visit www.spprep.org.

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: **\$60,436.00**

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

THANKS ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.



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