

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time + October 11, 2020

### 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.

### Parish Staff

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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 remember in your prayers the soul of Robert Leary. May he rest in peace.*

*Please pray for the sick. . .* Valerie Santiago, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Loram, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Peter Spadaccini, Richard Kontra, Romaine Malaker, Antonetta Ferrara and Helen Ahlquist.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week in loving memory for Roberta Wegryn\* requested by Mark Farinella.

*\* This denotes rescheduled Eucharistic Candle due to pandemic.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory for Ben Mirto requested by Eileen Mirto.

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

## 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**

## 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!

**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.

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Let us continue to grow in the awareness that we all live in a common home as members of a single family!

Devotion to sacred Scripture, a "living and tender love" for the written word of God: this is the legacy that St. Jerome bequeathed to the Church by his life and labours.

**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

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation.  
Psalm 25:5

Though change is good, it's rarely easy or pleasant. We're most interested in pursuing the comfortable route. We prefer the road more frequently traveled. Everything within us scrambles to stay on trails already blazed. But God often leads us down unknown paths filled with narrow passages and surprising turns.

**Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!**

### Adoration Chapel Candles

Intentions to be rescheduled when the church opens for temporary adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Now accepting intentions.

### MASS BOOK 2020 & MASS RESCHEDULING

All Masses that were to be offered while the Church was closed have been rescheduled for the remaining months of this current year 2020. The new Mass Book for the year 2021 will open on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Mass Book will be open for Masses only from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

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!



#### Saturday Evening, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Genevieve Powers\*  
Req. by Mary Ellen, Kathy & Eileen

#### Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Genevieve Powers (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
Req. by the Family

9:30 AM Protection of Unborn Babies  
Req. K of C Westfield Council 1711

11:30 AM Ethel & Stephen Flaherty  
Req. by Ethel Ward

5:00 PM Robert McComack\*  
Req. by Karen Shaneen

#### Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day

9:00 AM Steve Garcia\*  
Req. by the Hahner Family

#### Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM Mildred Plucienik\*  
Req. by Tom & Josephine Turney

8:30 AM Protection of Unborn Babies\*  
Req. by K of C Westfield Council #1711

#### Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Callistus I

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard  
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM Paul Nickoloff\*  
Req. by the Kontra Family

#### Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30 AM Ben Mirto  
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM David Frieri\*  
Req. by the Frieri Family

#### Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Hedwig

7:30 AM Viola Dunne\*  
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM William Quandt\*  
Req. by the Zipeto Family

#### Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 AM Edward & Lois Wolf\*  
Req. by Anetto Conway

#### Saturday Evening, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Edmund O'Brien\*  
Req. by the Family

#### Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Robert Kaepfel\*  
Req. by the Kontra Family

9:30 AM Kathleen Michetti  
Req. by the Family

11:30 AM Marie Kelly\*  
Req. by Colleen & Greg Anthes

5:00 PM James Sr & James Jr. Russell\*  
Req. by Karen Shaneen

*\* This denotes rescheduled Mass due to pandemic.*

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;  
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;  
Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13;  
Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;  
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

In the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear the story from Matthew about the King who gave a banquet for his son and invited many guests. It is a powerful story about rejecting Jesus' own invitation and about God's universal invitation to a new group of "chosen people".

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr.

This week we end our look at the Letter to the Galatians and begin two weeks of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The letters emphasize the universal church and the unity of this church that brings together Gentiles and Jews.

In Luke's Gospel this week, Jesus seems frustrated that some of the people won't listen to him. "This generation is an evil generation." When a Pharisee invited Jesus for dinner, the fellow was shocked that Jesus didn't do the required ritual washing of his hands. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to talk about real purity. He recommends they give money to the poor. But as Jesus continues to challenge the Pharisees, they hatch a plot to get rid of him. Jesus tells his disciples to beware of the "leaven" or "hypocrisy" of the Pharisees. Jesus wants us to acknowledge him, in the face of persecution.

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.

### Financial Figures

October 4 - \$ 4,616

### ATTENTION GIFT BEARERS

Due to temporary regulations from the Chancery there will be no presentation of the gifts at the offertory of the Mass for the time being.

### Circle of Compassion

We continue to receive requests to assist the Transfiguration Catholic Church (formally St. Ann's Church and St. Rocco's in Newark) and also from St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. We have utilized whatever funds were remaining in the benevolent account and with the limitations placed on the Archdiocese of Newark to maintain social distancing, the donations of non-perishables have also been impacted. It is not the ideal situation. Covid-19 is not limited to the inner-cities and we know there may have been difficulties within family situations in Mountainside. We are asking the parishioners to respond to this appeal that best fits their circumstances, even if that is simply keeping us in your prayers. God Bless you abundantly!

### COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY



Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Mass is at 9:00 am.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

Our parish offers prayerful congratulations to the following boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am Mass. We thank our Faith Formation Director Mrs. Fran Michetti, her assistant Mrs. Cindy DiPietro and the teachers who prepared the children to receive this Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Christian Basile  
Wolfgang Joas  
Chase Keenan  
Joni Lapinski  
Benjamin Landale  
Adriana Miller  
Joseph Miller  
Michael Silva  
Alicia Wilches

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CATECHISTS AND AIDES**

Jennifer Hasselgren  
Marissa Keenan

Pam Kisciras  
Fatima Wilches

**Congratulations to those Confirmed**

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at a special 7 pm Mass, Rev. Richard Carrington administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 17 young teenagers into full fledged members of the Catholic Church. Please keep these newly confirmed in your prayers. May they always be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ, His Gospel and His Catholic Church. We thank in a particular way Mr. Kevin Donahue who prepared our teenagers to receive this Sacrament. We also thank Fran Michetti, Cindy Di Pietro, and all of the catechists who helped with their Faith Formation throughout the years.

Julie Burke  
Molly Burke  
Victoria Carrico  
Angela DeBella  
Vincent Fabio  
Sarah Fradella  
Caroline Freer  
Sophie Latessa  
Gianluca Melo

Darcey Monaghan  
Jordan Monteiro  
Sean Murphy  
Thomas Prisco  
John Schmidt  
Timothy Smith  
Jeffrey Wass  
Daniel Whelan



### SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> AND 18<sup>th</sup>

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. Under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (Rome, Italy) and the bishops, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith seeks to foster an ever-deeper spirit of universal mission, to inform Catholics of the life and the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions, and to encourage prayer and financial help for those mission churches.

Through the offerings from Catholics worldwide, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provides ongoing support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Catholic Church in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. This includes aid for the education and support of seminarians, religious novices and lay catechists; for the work of religious communities in education, health care and social services; for communication and transportation needs and for disaster and emergency relief when necessary.

Please support The Missionary Activity of the Catholic Church Worldwide.

### FAITH FORMATION



Our new virtual Faith Formation program for grades 1-8 successfully launched on October 1. Parents, please be sure you "join" your child into their Google Classroom, and then go into "classwork." Complete each assignment in order, and do a little at a time. Please do not leave it all until the end of the month. Contact the Faith Formation Office with any questions.

### Thousand Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

LIFENET is organizing a "Thousand Strong – Rosary for Life Conference Call" on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Our goal is to have 1,000 on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Cardinal Tobin, along with priests and deacons from throughout New Jersey will be leading the prayer. Note: October 13<sup>th</sup> is the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! Please sign up at [www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong](http://www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong).

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The usual hours are the following:

Monday thru Friday 9 am  
(following the 8:30 am Mass) to 9 pm.

Saturday, 8:30 am  
(following the 8 am Mass) to 4 pm.

Sunday No Adoration.

### Faith Formation for Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Graders

If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade public school in September, it is time to register for Faith Formation/First Communion Preparation. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist take place in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, but the Archdiocese of Newark requires children to have two years of Faith Formation to participate in the Sacraments. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at [reled@ollmountainside.org](mailto:reled@ollmountainside.org) or go to our website at [ollfaithformation.org](http://ollfaithformation.org) and go to the registration tab. Read about our program and print out the registration and emergency forms and send them in with your payment. If you are not a registered parishioner, please fill out the parish registration form/survey as well. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our program!

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](mailto:lcandela@ollmountainside.org)

Text or call: 908-391-3737



# 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](mailto:frbill@ollmountainside.org) or you can call the parish office at 908-232-1162.

**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer  
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## **MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SERIES An Exploration of Foundations**

Explore the foundations of mindfulness meditation. Practice mindfulness of the breath, body, emotions, self-compassion, and loving kindness. Join us for the 4 week series. Minimum attendance of 6 participants is required so bring a friend.

Monday, October 5, 12, 19 and 26

From 7-8 pm via Zoom

Cost: \$80.00 for series

Presenter: Isabel Gachko

Isabel has been practicing mindfulness meditation for over 10 years and is pursuing her mindfulness meditation teacher’s certification. She is also a certified yoga instructor.

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.

**Hospital Privacy** Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. **If you or a loved one is going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the parish office and let us know.**



## **MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY OCTOBER 18, 2020**

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung will host its Open House Expo from 2 to 4:30 pm on the Angels of Victory Field on campus. Prospective students will learn more about the wide variety of challenging academic and athletic offerings as well as the slate of extra-curricular activities. Members of our faculty, department chair heads, coaches, current parents and students will be on hand to answer questions. Registration for the Open House Expo is now open. Visit [www.mountsaintmary.org](http://www.mountsaintmary.org) under Admissions to register. To learn more, contact Ms. Toryak at 908-757-0108, extension 4506 or [dtoryak@mountsaintmary.org](mailto:dtoryak@mountsaintmary.org).

## **OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD Virtual**

### **Admission Events Fall 2020:**

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, a Catholic Independent school, all girls, grades 7-12, invites you to attend our [Upper School Virtual Information Sessions](#).

For more information and to register online visit our website [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org) or call Admissions at 908-522-8109. Pre-registration is required.