

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time + October 18, 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.

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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*

Florence Ferrere, Ginny Cooper and Mary McKinlay. May they 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 Julie Madden\* requested by Bill Madden and in loving memory for Irene Ciccarino\* requested by Jose and Marie Gennaro.

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

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory for Henry and Stella Meier\* requested by Gregory Meier.

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*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....

We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our hearts are filled with faces and names.

All of us, as believers, need to recognize that love takes first place: love must never be put at risk, and the greatest danger lies in failing to love.

**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!**

**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 is now open. 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!

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.



**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

**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, St. John de Brebeuf**

7:30 AM James Buckley, Jr.  
Req. by the Dunne Family  
8:30 AM Maria Hubmann  
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano

**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul of the Cross**

7:30 AM Special Intentions for Linda Van Der Loo  
Req. by Maryanne & Bill Taylor  
8:30 AM Verna Malay\*  
Req. by Bill O'Shea

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 AM Kevin P. Fenton  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM Andrew Pasquarella\*  
Req. by Madeline Zazzali

**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. John Paul II**

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM Irene Ciccarino\*  
Req. by Dr. & Mrs. Dunne

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. John of Capistrano**

7:30 AM Anthony Corsi\*  
Req. by the Laurenza Family  
8:30 AM David & Marie Dellipoali\*  
Req. by Carlos & Marlene Perez Santalla

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Anthony Mary Claret**

8:00 AM Denise Stearns\*  
Req. by the Stearns & Kontra Family

**Saturday Evening, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Barbara Brinley  
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Mary Warnock\*  
Req. by the Family  
9:30 AM Louise Stacy  
Req. by Helen & Candy Ahlquist  
11:30 AM Deceased Members of A Gathering of Women\*  
Req. by the Family  
5:00 PM Diane McGee\*  
Req. by the Kontra Family

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

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;  
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;

1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

### Financial Figures

October 11 - \$ 3,496

### 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!

On the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time we see Matthew's gospel tell us of the Pharisee plot to set a trap for Jesus. This time they use politics to see if he will offend either Rome or the people. Should they pay Rome's census tax? Jesus pushes the challenge back to them: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What is it they must repay to God that is God's? Their trust in Jesus, God's gift to them.

Monday is the Memorial of the North American Jesuit Martyrs, Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians speaks about God's mercy and grace, calling us "members of the household of God" and saying that as a community we "are being built together into a dwelling place" of the Spirit. Paul, who was probably a prisoner at the time he wrote this letter, urges us to live "in a manner worthy of the call you have received" and calling us to patience and humility.

This week in Luke's Gospel we hear Jesus giving us his challenging message: be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom, be unencumbered enough to follow Jesus freely. When a rich man builds a place to store his surplus, God says, "'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you.'" Jesus tells us to "be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks." Our faith and calling as Christians means we are called to go beyond what our world and culture requires: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Jesus envisions his mission on earth as a purifying fire, "and how I wish it were already blazing!" He tells us, "If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate, make an effort to settle the matter on the way." The weekday gospels end with the parable of the gardner who saves the barren fig tree from being cut down, saying to his owner 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

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.

**AS ELECTION DAY APPROACHES WE OFFER THIS PRAYER  
FOR THE NATION BY PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON**

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love MERCY, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

**WE OFFER FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM:  
Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship the U.S. Bishops' Reflection  
on Catholic Teaching and Political Life**

What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person, about the sacredness of every human life, and about humanity's strengths and weaknesses helps us see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square. We are called to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). We are also called to promote the well-being of all, to share our blessings with those most in need, to defend marriage, and to protect the lives and dignity of all, especially the weak, the vulnerable, the voiceless. In his first encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI explained that "charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (no. 29).

Aided by the virtue of prudence in the exercise of well-formed consciences, Catholics are called to make practical judgments regarding good and evil choices in the political arena.

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called "intrinsically evil" actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, "abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.<sup>24</sup> Opposition to intrinsically evil acts, which undercut the dignity of the human person, should also open our eyes to the good we must do, that is, to our positive duty to contribute to the common good and to act in solidarity with those in need. As St. John Paul II said, "The fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment" (*Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52). Both opposing evil and doing good are essential obligations.

The right to life implies and is linked to other human rights-to the basic goods that every human person needs to live and thrive. All the life issues are connected, for erosion of respect for the life of any individual or group in society necessarily diminishes respect for all life. The moral imperative to respond to the needs of our neighbors-basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work-is universally binding on our consciences and may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means. Catholics must seek the best ways to respond to these needs. As St. John XXIII taught, "[Each of us] has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and, finally, the necessary social services" (*Pacem in Terris*, no. 11).

Two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity:

The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed.

The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity.

## 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.

## 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.

Brothers in Christ, The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a meeting at 7:00 pm on October 19, 2020.



Scripture, Catholic issues and ways to serve the Parish and the Community will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. Please let us know if you will be attending. Hopefully we will hold the meeting outside in the parking lot with a surprise feature. Otherwise the meeting will take place in Pollard Hall. For further information contact Mike Billy ([bmichael103@aol.com](mailto:bmichael103@aol.com))

## NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING SOON!

We are starting a virtual bible study for women from Ascension Press called Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life. You can access it here: Please go online and check it out. Each person would have to purchase their own study set and have their materials sent to their home. There is a video to watch each week and we will meet on zoom to discuss the video and workbook questions. We are planning to start on October 28-29 and we will offer the study at the same times as in the past, Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sue Zavodny at [zavodnys@comcast.net](mailto:zavodnys@comcast.net) or 908-789-8543. Please give this some thought, pray about it, and let me know if you would like to join us in this study. Hoping you will all be up for this new adventure in technology!

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

***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

### 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 Eucharis 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!

### 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.

### Focus on Faith Formation



All students in grades 1-8 should be working a little at a time on work in our October Google Classroom. All work is due October 31<sup>st</sup>, but please don't wait until the last day because it's Halloween.

This week we will begin our live Zoom classes. Here is the schedule:

Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Grade 3, 4:00 pm  
Grade 5, 4:45 pm

Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: Grade 1, 4:00 pm  
Grade 2, 4:45 pm

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: Grade 7, 7:00 pm  
Grade 8, 7:45 pm

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: Grade 4, 4:00 pm  
Grade 6, 4:45 pm

**Immediate Confirmation Prep Grade 9** - the first Zoom session will be Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm. An email will be sent with the codes to sign in.

### 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.

### Seton Hall Preparatory School

New Jersey's oldest Catholic college prep school – will be hosting its annual Open House for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and their families on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, (registration required) [www.shp.org/openhouse](http://www.shp.org/openhouse). Visitors will tour the campus and our brand new 44-acre Kelly Athletic Complex, our state of the art John J. Murphy '52 Science Center, learn about the application process, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973) 325-6640 or visit [shp.org](http://shp.org).

### OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD Virtual



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**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.**

