

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time + November 5, 2017

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 & 5:00 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

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Marta Pares, Kathleen Ruggeri, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Gerardo & Marta Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti and James Leung.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory for Mary Stawasz requested by Susan Mooney.

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

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Stephen Vesper (Irene Ciccarino’s grandson) and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country and all Veterans this week!

Parish Calendar

Monday, November 6th

1 pm - Rosary Society Meeting

Tuesday, November 7th

4 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, November 8th

7:30 pm - Walking with Purpose

7:30 pm - Youth Group

Thursday, November 9th

9 am - Walking with Purpose

Please stop by Pollard Hall after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.



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!

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

God loves us with a love so rich in mercy that he constantly welcomes us, protects and forgives us.

Be courageous witness to Christ in the places where you live and work.

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 members are most welcome. We meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the library and sing at the 11:30 am Mass. If you have questions, please see Joe Neglia or call him at 973-503-9675.

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

Trust in the Lord and do good.
PSALM 37.3

If You wish to be a man or woman of God who desires to live a Godly life that will leave its mark upon the world, you must stand in the shadow of your Savior. Trust Him to work through the trials you encounter, through the extreme circumstances you cannot handle on your own. He is still the God of impossible situations. He does what no earthly individual can do.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!

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

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



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, November 4th, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM All Soul's Novena

Sunday, November 5th, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM All Soul's Novena
11:30 AM All Soul's Novena
5:00 PM All Soul's Novena

Monday, November 6th

7:30 AM Ruth Gavin Quinn
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Mary Isobel Post
Req. by Paul Mirabelli & Kristen Ciccimarra

Tuesday, November 7th

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Maura McDermott
Req. by the Colendenski Family

Wednesday, November 8th

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Mary Isobel Post
Req. by Paul Mirabelli & Kristen Ciccimarra

Thursday, November 9th

7:30 AM Ralph Della Serra
Req. by Esther Rinaldo
8:30 AM Catherine Ciccimarra
Req. by Kristen Ciccimarra

Friday, November 10th, St. Leo the Great

7:30 AM Benjamin Mirto
Req. by Family of Tom & Mary Gibney
8:30 AM Mary Elizabeth McGovern
Req. by the McGovern & Strong Families

Saturday, November 11th, St. Martin of Tours

8:00 AM Alex Szabo
Req. by Stephanie Szabo

Saturday Evening, November 11th, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Florence Cardoni
Req. by the Family

Sunday, November 12th, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM William Tomko
Req. by Bill Madden
9:30 AM Elizabeth Bukva
Req. by Norma Weinstein
11:30 AM Ralph & Babe Nola
Req. by Theresa Manziano
5:00 PM Werner Schon
Req. by the Aranjio Family

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3;
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

COLLECTION

10/29/17

\$ 8,437



Saturday, November 11th

Gathering: 8:45 am - 9:00 am

Prayer and Reflection: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Reflection: May the Grace of Gratitude Encircle You

**HELP
WANTED**

Sunday afternoons every other week. The job pays \$13 per hour no training, but reliable.

Please contact John Waters at johnwaters68@gmail.com.

Jesus calls us to humility on the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time as he says in the Gospel of Matthew, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." He encourages us to turn away from honors and titles and to take the lowest place at the banquet.

We celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome; the Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, and the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop.

During the regular readings this week, we conclude a four-week series of first readings from Paul's Letter to the Romans. He reminds us, "Who has known the mind of the Lord?"

In the Gospel according to Luke we see Jesus living out his daily life with challenging honesty. He calls us to extend an invitation out of our hearts, not with an eye on an invitation in return: "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind." Then Jesus tells the parable of the invited guests who made excuses to decline the invitation. He sends his servants to invite everyone. Jesus tells a crowd that they have to renounce their possessions to be his disciple and that to do something really important, we have to prepare and be ready. When the religious leaders complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them," Jesus tells parables of the man who finds his lost sheep and the woman with the lost coin, both of whom rejoice in finding what was lost. A steward protects himself by pardoning those who owe his master. We end the week with Jesus asking which is more important, God or money? "No servant can serve two masters."

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.

Sandwich volunteers needed!

Are you interested in preparing sandwiches for St Joseph's Social Service Center? It's easier than you think and it happens on your time and budget!

What is involved?

Shop for and prepare 6 loaves of sandwiches.

Where?

In your own home then delivered to a Mountainside address (easy drop off).

When?

ANY Monday of your choice!

Who?

Families, sports groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, service hour volunteers, Church friends.

For more information please email Briegle Lennon at blcellequi@aol.com or call 908.789.8581.

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11th, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

Movie Night for the Parish

**Movie on Saint Theresa of Calcutta
November 15th**

Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a special movie night on November 15th at 7 pm in Pollard Hall. Everyone is invited. Based on the true story of Mother Theresa, "The Letters" explores her devotion to the poor, which changed hearts, transformed lives and inspired millions around the world. Saint Theresa's inner struggles with doubt and abandonment are explored also. A short discussion will follow after the movie. The movie is 2 hours long.

Circle of Compassion

We are fast approaching our annual celebration of Thanksgiving Day. It is a reminder of how blessed we are as a nation and the freedoms we enjoy. As we reflect on this we must also recognize that not all of our neighbors share equally in these blessings and we are called by our faith to care for those struggling to place food on their tables.



This year we are concentrating on providing traditional holiday fare specific to the celebration of Thanksgiving. Please provide some or all of the following:

- Cans of vegetables: Cut Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Carrots, Cans of Brown Beans, Cans of Sweet Potatoes, Yams,
- Cans of Fruits: Peaches, Apple Sauce, Cans of Cranberry Sauce,
- Box of Instant Mash Potatoes

Cash donations are also welcome. There are envelopes specific for the Circle of Compassion at the entrances of the Church and we will do the shopping for you.

Thank you for your generous continued support of this appeal.

Parishioners can drop turkeys off on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and after all the Masses on Sunday November 12th until 1:00 pm.

**SECOND ANNUAL
LUMINARY FUNDRAISER**

Light up your spirit for Christmas!

Beautiful candle luminaries are available for your home and walkways. At dusk on Christmas Eve, thousands of luminaries will be lit in and around town to create beautiful glowing neighborhoods to light the way for Christmas!

Luminaries are \$2.00 each/25 per home recommended. Order forms in next week's bulletin.

For the Men of the Parish

Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes will have a meeting on Monday night, November 20, 2017 in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. New members are welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. We aim to serve not only the spiritual needs of ourselves but also to foster the well being of our Parish and the greater community. Light refreshments will be available.

We will be showing a film series on the Sacrament and the Bible produced by St. Paul Center for Theology which is Scott Hahn's company, the noted Catholic convert and apologist. Each film is about 30 minutes and a discussion will follow.

The Bible and the Sacraments examines the Sacraments of the Catholic Faith. Not simply looking at the basic teaching of the Church but by also delving into their meaning and origin. It investigates the deeper mysteries they contain as illuminated by Scripture. Based on the work of renowned theologian Scott Hahn, the films are presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. The deep mysteries and truths of the Sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

Please donate for the Society of the Christ Child these baby items for the Advent event:



- Baby Outfits 3, 6 or 9 months sizes only
- Receiving Blankets
- Onesies
- Socks
- Hooded Towels
- Snowsuits

Please do not wrap items!
Donate: New items on list only.
A playpen will be set up for donations by November 25th outside of Pollard Hall through December 17th.



Holy Trinity School News

Mrs. Boyle's PreK-3 students decorated their classroom with painted jack-o'-lanterns, spiders and ghosts! They were ready for Halloween and enjoyed the Halloween parade with their families.

Mrs. Gribbin's fourth grade students made STEM-webs and spiders to celebrate Halloween. Each student engineered a weight bearing web that would support their spider.

Mrs. Green's sixth grade homeroom collected items for Samaritan Purse. In religion they are studying stewardship and are putting it into action.

The students and teachers from grades K through 8th grade at the Westfield Campus held a tag day to raise funds for the Basilica School of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Key West, Florida. Many of the students and teachers there are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Irma. The students raised over \$800 and will be sending it to the school along with a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers and good wishes!

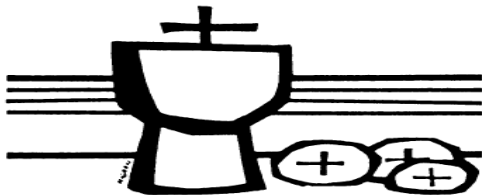
For more information about our kindergarten and pre-school program, please contact the Mountaintop Campus at (908) 233-1899. Tours are available Nov. 7, Nov. 15 and Nov. 30, at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call (908) 233-0484.

Holy Trinity School Holiday Shopping Boutique

Come and enjoy a fun evening and jump start your holiday shopping at the **HTS Holiday Shopping Boutique** on **Friday, November 17th** from 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Free admission, raffles, over 35 vendors, cocktails, lite bites, and more!
~adults only~

Holy Trinity School
336 1st Street
Westfield, NJ
www.htisnj.com



Focus on Faith Formation



There will be no weekly TCM class this Wednesday. The Tuesday class will meet as usual to make up for missing on Halloween.

The next Confirmation session will take place this Sunday, November 5th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

A reminder: 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th graders should be attending Mass on a regular basis and putting church envelopes into the collection baskets.

A 2nd grade notice: The Rite of Enrollment for Reconciliation has been moved to Sunday, December 10th at the 9:30 am Mass. It no longer will be on November 19th.

An Election Day Prayer for Children and Parents

*Dear God,
We pray for our leaders today.
"Bless them, Lord!"
Please help them in every way.
"Bless them, Lord!"
Be near them, dear Lord, we pray.
"Bless them, Lord!"
Please guide what they do and say.
"Bless them, Lord!"
In Jesus' name, amen.*

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@ollmountaininside.org.

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2017 On-Call Adorer for our Midnight to 6 am Adoration Team.

Purpose: To cover for Midnight to 6 am Adorers during vacations, illness, etc.

Commitment Length: UP TO only 3X per year

Details:

- You would be 1 of at least 3 Adorers On-Call at a given time
- If you have any restrictions (e.g., weekends only, Mondays only, etc.), you can let us know what they are and we will note them
- Before contacting On-Call Adorers, we first ask regular and sub adorers for help
- Depending on our needs and other coverage resources, you may never be called
- Our Chapel is secure; additional information will be provided to you

Our number of On-Call Adorers has dropped significantly due to moves, illness etc., and we need to replace them in order to keep our Chapel going. Please prayerfully consider this special opportunity to serve the Lord. Remember, it would be for UP TO only 3X per year and that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.

Contact Kathy Snyder (phone: 908-232-4817; email auntkit@comcast.net) to sign up or obtain information.

Circle of Compassion

“Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works”

Please continue your generous support of the efforts of the Circle of Compassion. You may bring your non-perishable food items any weekend and deposit these items in the containers at the entrances of the Church.

You may also make a monetary donation by submitting an envelope marked CIRCLE OF COMPASSION and placing it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. We will make the necessary purchases for delivery to St. Rocco's.

On behalf of Father Josephat and the many families in Newark that are sustained by your generosity, we ask God's continued blessing on the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. God Bless You!

The Circle of Compassion,

Mike Billy, Elizabeth Kelly, Mark Margello,
Bob Miraglia, Gerry Gallagher,
Norma Weinstein, Glen Rosivack and Barbara Plucienik

2018 MASS BOOK

Please note that the 2018 Mass book **WILL NOT BE OPEN** until the remainder of the 2017 Mass intentions are taken. As of Tuesday, October 31st there are 11 Masses still available for 2017.



Save the Date

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Pollard Hall

Sunday, December 3, 2017

after the 9:30 am Mass

For donations for the Raffle Baskets, please contact: Milagro Schlutter at schlutter@gmx.net