

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time + November 15, 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 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 Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Peter Spadaccini, Richard Kontra, Romaine Malaker, Antonetta Ferrara, Helen Ahlquist and Patricia Del Duca.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Julie Madden* requested by Bill Madden and for the loving memory for Dr. Edward Mayer* requested by Dolores Mayer.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for Henry & 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.

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.

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**

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

"Faith working through love" is the shining lamp with which we can pass through the night beyond death and reach the great feast of life.

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

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:11

God is an inviting God. He invited Mary to birth His Son, the disciples to fish for men, the adulterous woman to start over, and Thomas to touch his wounds. God is the king who prepares the palace, sets the table, and invites His subjects to come in. God is a God who invites. God is a God who calls.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

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.

Adoration Chapel Candles

Intentions have been rescheduled in the church for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**MASS BOOK 2021
&
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.



Saturday Evening, November 14th, Vigil, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Lenore Lafferty Vega
Req. by OLL Religious Education

Sunday, November 15th, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Phyllis D'Agostino
Req. by Fran, Rob & the Girls
11:30 AM Babe & Ralph Noha
Req. by Theresa Manziano
5:00 PM Dr. Lilia Cipriano Gonzalez
Req. by the Gonzalez & Laurenza Families

Monday, November 16th, St. Margaret of Scotland

7:30 AM Lynn Rubino
Req. by Paul Mirabelli
8:30 AM Doris Lueddeke
Req. by Tony & Louise Franciosa

Tuesday, November 17th, St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:30 AM Rose Vera Kaepfel
Req. by Carmen & Santos Santiago
8:30 AM Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno
Req. by Milagro Schlutter

Wednesday, November 18th, Sts. Peter & Paul

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard*
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Richard Ruggeri
Req. by Mary & Jack Ford

Thursday, November 19th

7:30 AM Faye Reinhardt
Req. by M/M Erich Westermann
8:30 AM Brian DeMeo
Req. by Danielle Weber

Friday, November 20th

7:30 AM Bill Wood
Req. by Carmin & Santos Santiago
8:30 AM Special Intentions for Linda Esemplare
Req. by Carmin Santiago

Saturday, November 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Doris Lueddeke
Req. by Marie Smith

Saturday Evening, November 21st, Vigil, Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Richard Crosta
Req. by the Family

Sunday, November 22nd, Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Stephanie Scheich
Req. by M/M Erich Westermann
9:30 AM Walter Pagowski & Louis Ahlquist
Req. by Helen & Candy Ahlquist
Req. by Theresa Manziano
5:00 PM Jennifer McAvoy (6th Anniversary) & Joan Bieszczak
Req. by the Dalrymple Family

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or
(for the memorial of the Dedication)
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6;
Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Financial Figures

November 1 - \$ 4,406

Focus on Faith Formation



The November lessons are underway. Please be sure to work on them a little at a time so your child doesn't have to do it all at the end of the month.

The November live zoom schedule:

Nov 17: grade 7, 7 pm, grade 8, 7:45 pm

Nov 18: grade 4, 4 pm, grade 6, 7:45 pm

First Reconciliation Families: The Reconciliation Family Retreat is Saturday, December 5th at 9 am on Zoom. Please remember that the Reconciliation books are to be completed by the retreat. We will give details on drop off at the retreat.

The next 9th Grade Confirmation Zoom is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th at 12:30 pm.

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us the familiar and powerful parable from Matthew's Gospel about the servants who are each given sums of money to invest. We are all called upon to use the gifts we have received as gifts, and to return them, fully developed and utilized.

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious. Saturday is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During these last two weeks of Ordinary Time, the first reading is from the Book of Revelation, with its mystic imagery. Written for readers who were familiar with apocalyptic writings, the writings sends a hidden message of salvation to the earliest communities of Christians, and to us.

Luke's Gospel offers the story of the blind man who hails him, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" An unpopular tax collector, Zacchaeus, climbs a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus and is given personal recognition as Jesus says, "Zacchaeus, today I must stay at your house." Luke's version of the parable of the talents offers praise for the servant who has invested the ten coins and earned another ten. "Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities." He weeps over Jerusalem: "If this day you only knew what makes for peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes." Jesus drives out the sellers from the temple while the chief priests plot against him. Religious leaders try to trap him with a trick question about a woman who marries seven brothers but Jesus refutes them.

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.

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.

Brothers in Christ, The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a meeting at 7:00 pm on November 16, 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. Weather permitting we will hold the meeting outside in the parking lot. Otherwise, the meeting will take place in Pollard Hall. For further information contact Mike Billy (bmichael103@aol.com)

From the desk of the Pastor...

Dear Parishioners: Please read the attached in its entirety:

Printed in this bulletin is the financial report of our Parish for the Fiscal Year 2020
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Background:

When I became Pastor of our Parish seven and a half years ago, I was surprised to find our Parish was in debt to the Archdiocese for over \$749,154.00. In coordination with an active Finance Counsel comprised of businesspeople inclusive of an attorney and a CPA, we developed a plan with the Archdiocese to keep our Parish viable. As noted last year we were given approval to sell the house (former Rectory) on Wyoming Drive to substantially offset the Parish debt. The Finance Counsel prepared the house for sale, marketed the house, ran open houses and conducted the closing in an extremely cost-efficient manner. The house netted the Parish over \$500,702.00 which was used to pay down the debt. As agreed with the Chancery, the sale of the house combined with paying all current bills to the Archdiocese resulted in the Archdiocese in accepting our request to forgive the remaining debt in order to make us a financially viable Parish. As of July 1, 2019, our Parish was free of debt for the first time in over 10 years. In my view, the Chancery considers our Parish to be a permanent and stable entity.

Current Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and Going Forward:

While the above is a tremendous win for our Parish and shows the support of Cardinal Tobin for our Parish we need to face the future. We cannot build debt going forward as we have no asset to sell in the future.

Like all for profit and non-for-profit entities the Parish has been impacted by COVID. Specifically, average weekly collections have dropped during this difficult time from \$8,424.00 To \$7,780.00 (This figure includes Sunday collections, Faith Direct & donations mailed in to the Rectory). Furthermore, fundraising activities were limited by COVID and are consequently less than last year. Additionally, the sale of the Wyoming house eliminated the \$24,000.00 of annual rental income in prior years. Since

Holy Trinity School did not rent the former Mountainside Campus Pre School, we did not receive the annual rent of \$50,000.00 as in prior years. However, reduced lay costs (the former Church/School maintenance man) due to the school closing substantially offset this income. Please note that for the Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) I was successful in obtaining a new tenant that will utilize 3 classrooms in the school with minimal costs to the Parish.

The Parish received a Small Business Administration Grant/Loan in the amount of \$63,957.00 of which \$42,926.00 has been used. The full amount is reflected as a liability and will be shown as income when forgiven.

As our facility is over 60 years old, we continue to be hit with repairs and maintenance. The repair fund has substantially helped in this regard. Some of the repairs and maintenance this past fiscal year include the following:

- New front door for the rectory \$ 3,000.00
- Rectory kitchen repairs not covered by insurance \$ 6,225.00
- Electrical repairs in the Pollard Hall kitchen \$ 1,400.00
- Plumbing repairs in the school \$ 2,037.00
- Updating the fire alarm & fire extinguishers in the school \$ 3,334.00
- Emergency school roof repairs \$ 1,456.00
- Church sound system upgrade \$ 4,260.00

As noted in the attachment, our expenses for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 exceeded income by \$11,565.00. Therefore, the 2020 fiscal year resulted in a deficit of \$11,565.00. Moreover, with the above noted items

Please remember the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate planning.

Closing:

My sincere thanks to several Parishioners who have made substantial donations and wish to remain anonymous and other Parishioners who have generously donated to fund other repairs.

I ask that you prayerfully consider your ability to further support the Parish financially in your future donations. Please note that our Social Committee has done a tremendous job with Parish fundraising activities. Moreover, it warmly welcomed several new members at the beginning of this year. Unfortunately, the St. Patrick's dinner and planned wine tasting events had to be canceled due to COVID. I look forward to these events taking place in the future at the appropriate time and encourage new members to join this Committee.

My sincere thanks for your generosity in both the Christmas and Easter collections. In both categories they have surpassed previous years collections.

I thank all of you, the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, for your prayers, friendship, love and generous support of our Parish. I believe we can confidently look to the future with the help of Our Lord and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother to be a stable, faith filled community for years to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Rev. Richard J. Carrington
Pastor

Circle of Compassion

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE After all Masses on the following weekends:

November 14 - 15, November 21 - 22

We are now entering into the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. The response of the parishioners during the extraordinary health crisis of COVID-19 demonstrates our commitment to the exhortation of St. James the Apostle that faith without works is dead.

As we prepare to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, let us recognize the opportunity to “demonstrate our faith through action” (James 2:18) by sharing our abundant blessings with families in the faith communities in Elizabeth (St. Joseph's SSC), Newark (St. Rocco's) and Mountainside.

(Non-perishable suggested donations)

Vegetables: Cut Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Carrots, Sweet Potatoes, Yams, Brown Beans, Stove Top Stuffing, Instant Mash Potatoes, Small White Onions

Fruits: Cranberry Sauce, Peaches, Apple Sauce, Pears

Monetary donations are also welcome. We will do the shopping for you.

You may place your contribution in the collection basket using an envelope clearly marked Circle of Compassion to segregate this donation from the regular collection.

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity. God bless you.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT**

	<u>THIS YEAR</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$396,801	\$429,629
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	66,878	58,845
EASTER COLLECTION	39,166	38,343
FUND RAISING	18,533	33,395
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM	45,711	47,713
RETRICTED DESIGNATED DONATIONS	87,135	99,513
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	11,879	13,071
NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	17,492	18,312
PERQUISITES (BAPTISMS,WEDDINGS ETC)	3,775	6,255
CANDLE INCOME	3,539	1,595
CHRISTMAS & EASTER FLOWERS	\$5,194	6,819
INSURANCE CLAIMS	3,600	24,365
SALE OF HOUSE	\$0	\$500,702
DIOCESAN PARISH DEBT FORGIVENESS	0	285,571
SCHOOL RENTAL	\$0	\$50,000
ALL OTHER INCOME	<u>\$21,064</u>	<u>\$42,628</u>
TOTAL	\$720,767	\$1,656,756
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
CLERGY & LAY SALARIES	\$231,445	\$316,879
SBA LOAN FUNDS EXPENDED	42,926	0
BENEFITS	133,708	104,235
CONTRACTED SERVICES	54,125	66,546
PLANT REPAIRS & PROP.INSURANCE	46,815	33,464
UTILITIES	55,621	56,719
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	32,520	55,889
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM	21,797	23,288
FUND RAISING	6,649	17,827
RECTORY OPERATIONS	15,929	18,406
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	90,504	91,188
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	<u>9,786</u>	<u>12,790</u>
TOTAL	\$741,825	\$797,231
<u>NET ORDINARY DEFICIT-INCOME:</u>	(\$21,058)	\$859,525
W.A.L.S. CAMPAIGN	9,491	23,636
EXTRAORDINARY CAPITAL REPAIRS	0	<u>-100,820</u>
NET ORDINARY DEFICIT-INCOME	<u>(\$11,567)</u>	<u>\$782,341</u>