

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe + November 22, 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 Bruce Geiger. 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, Helen Ahlquist, Patricia Del Duca and Carol Segal.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Madeline Madden* requested by Bill Madden and for the loving memory for Irene Ciccarino* requested by Jose & Maria Gennaro, and for the loving memory for Laura Das Flores de Pinho requested by Antonio & Isabel De Oliveira.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for Henry J. Plucienik* requested by the Family.

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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**

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

The Lord’s blessing descends upon us and prayer attains its goal when accompanied by service to the poor.

The ability to stretch forth our hand shows that we possess an innate capacity to act in ways that give meaning to life.

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.

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!

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 THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Monday, November 23rd thru Wednesday, November 25th
9 am to 9 pm (regular schedule)

Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Day)
thru Sunday, November 29th – NO ADORATION

Monday, November 30th – regular schedule resumes

**JESUS, THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
YOUR SPECIAL PRESENCE AMONG 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 2021
&
MASS RESCHEDULING**

All Masses that were to be offered while the Church was closed have been rescheduled for the remaining weeks 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 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
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Gallagher/McDonnell Families
Req. by the Family
5:00 PM Jennifer McAvoy Dalrymple (6th Anniversary) and Joan Bieszczak
Req. by the Dalrymple Family

Monday, November 23rd, St. Clement
7:30 AM Carmine Delia Burgos
Req. by Carmen & Santos Santiago
8:30 AM Patricia Coulter
Req. by Barbara Plucienik

Tuesday, November 24th, St. Andrew Dung-Lac
7:30 AM Rose Vera Kaepfel
Req. by Carmen & Santos Santiago
8:30 AM Angel R. Cabrera
Req. by Lisa Minks

Wednesday, November 25th, St. Catherine of Alexandria
7:30 AM Dr. John & Elizabeth Fenton*
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Patricia Spang Merlo
Req. by the Belenets Family

Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving
9:00 AM Paul Mc Glynn
Req. by Barbara Mc Glynn

Friday, November 27th
9:00 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family

Saturday, November 28th
8:00 AM Doris Lueddeke
Req. by the Rosary Altar Society

Saturday Evening, November 28th Vigil, First Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM V. John & Louise Nossek
Req. by the Burvett Family

Sunday, November 29th, First Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM Robert Riley
Req. by the Kontra Family
9:30 AM William Dillon, Sr.
Req. by the Family
11:30 AM Patricia & George Shaneen
Req. by Karen Shaneen
5:00 PM Russell Scutari
Req. by the Scutari Family

* *This denotes rescheduled Mass due to pandemic.*

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 21:20-28
- Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;
Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

Financial Figures

November 15 - \$ 3,786

Repair Fund - \$ 1,384

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.

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

Sunday is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs. Thursday is Thanksgiving Day in the United States, with its own special readings about gratitude.

The first reading all week continues from the mystical Book of Revelation.

In this last week of Ordinary Time, we have readings from Luke's Gospel, which grow more explicit about the end time as Jesus and his disciples draw closer to Jerusalem. Jesus watches rich people make donations at the Temple but when a poor widow drops in two small coins he notes that her donation is far larger for "she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood." He speaks of the end time, and cautions that many will claim to come in Jesus' name. "Do not follow them!" He says that the cost of following him may be high, and may lead to trials and divisions in families. But, he says, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Just as we know what the signs in nature tell us - fig trees in bloom announce the coming of summer - Jesus wants us to be aware of the signs of the coming of the Kingdom: "when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near." Finally, he tells us not to let our "hearts be drowsy" from drunkenness or anxiety but to be vigilant at all times and to pray for the strength we will need for the "tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

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.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning in virtual form. Each week, beginning on the feast of Christ the King, which of course is today, and running through the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is Father's Day, a homily geared towards the children of the parish will appear in the on-line edition of the parish Bulletin. Go to www.ollmountainside.org then click on the Community tab to find the weekly Bulletin. The children can read these homilies each week, or the parents can read them to their children to help them better understand the weekly scripture readings, which are such a strong part of the formation of their faith.

PRESIDENTIAL THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION

On Thanksgiving Day, we remember with reverence and gratitude the bountiful blessings afforded to us by our Creator, and we recommit to sharing in a spirit of thanksgiving and generosity with our friends, neighbors, and families.

Nearly four centuries ago, determined individuals with a hopeful vision of a more prosperous life and an abundance of opportunities made a pilgrimage to a distant land. These Pilgrims embarked on their journey across the Atlantic at great personal risk, facing unforeseen trials and tribulations, and unfortold hardships during their passage. After their arrival in the New World, a harsh and deadly winter took the lives of nearly half their population. Those who survived remained unwavering in their faith and foresight of a future rich with liberty and freedom, enduring every impediment as they established one of our Nation's first settlements. Through God's divine providence, a meaningful relationship was forged with the Wampanoag Tribe, and through their unwavering resolve and resilience, the Pilgrims enjoyed a bountiful harvest the following year. The celebration of this harvest lasted 3 days and saw Pilgrims and Wampanoag seated together at the table of friendship and unity. That first Thanksgiving provided an enduring symbol of gratitude that is uniquely sewn into the fabric of our American spirit.

More than 150 years later, it was in this same spirit of unity that President George Washington declared a National Day of Thanksgiving following the Revolutionary War and the ratification of our Constitution. Less than a century later, that hard-won unity came under duress as the United States was engaged in a civil war that threatened the very existence of our Republic. Following the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, in an effort to unite the country and acknowledge "the gracious gifts of the Most High God," President Abraham Lincoln asked the American people to come together and "set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." Today, this tradition continues with millions of Americans gathering each year to give their thanks for the same blessings of liberty for which so many brave patriots have laid down their lives to defend during the Revolutionary War and in the years since.

Since the first settlers to call our country home landed on American shores, we have always been defined by our resilience and propensity to show gratitude even in the face of great adversity, always remembering the blessings we have been given in spite of the hardships we endure. This Thanksgiving, we pause and acknowledge those who will have empty seats at their table. We ask God to watch over our service members, especially those whose selfless commitment to serving our country and defending our sacred liberty has called them to duty overseas during the holiday season. We also pray for our law enforcement officials and first responders as they carry out their duties to protect and serve our communities. As a Nation, we owe a debt of gratitude to both those who take an oath to safeguard us and our way of life as well as to their families, and we salute them for their immeasurable sacrifices.

As we gather today with those we hold dear, let us give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings we enjoy. United together as one people, in gratitude for the freedoms and prosperity that thrive across our land, we acknowledge God as the source of all good gifts. We ask Him for protection and wisdom and for opportunities this Thanksgiving to share with others some measure of what we have so providentially received.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 26, 2020, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. I encourage all Americans to gather, in homes and places of worship, to offer a prayer of thanks to God for our many blessings.

Due to the very small attendance at the Sunday, 5 pm Mass (average 14-18 persons) the Sunday, 5 pm Mass will be temporarily suspended effective December 6, 2020. The Mass intentions for the Sundays in December will be rescheduled to another date. Hopefully the 5 pm Mass will be reinstated in the near future depending on the virus situation.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

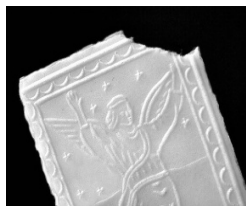
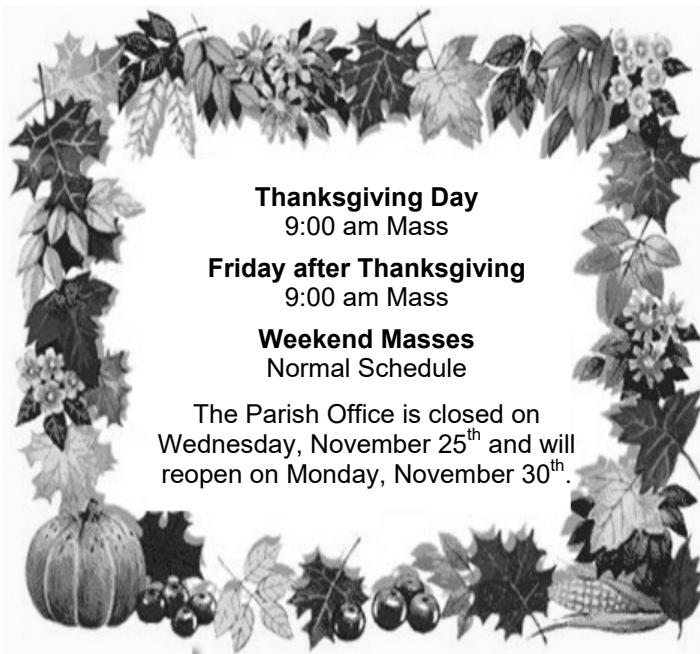
Due to the limited number of persons able to worship in the Church, if there is an 'overflow' of persons attending Mass in the Church, we will offer a simultaneous Christmas Mass in Pollard Hall.

The Real Meaning of Thanksgiving

The "first Thanksgiving," however, was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of 91 Indians, the remaining Pilgrims survived the bitter winter and yielded a bountiful harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival, lasting three days brought the Pilgrims and natives to unite in a "thanksgiving" observance.

This "thanksgiving" meal would not be celebrated again until June of 1676. On June 29 the community of Charlestown, Massachusetts proclaimed a day of thanksgiving for their good fortune. One hundred years later, in October of 1777, all 13 colonies participated in a one-time "thanksgiving" celebration which commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. It would take a span of over 150 more years to establish Thanksgiving as we celebrate it -- George Washington proclaimed it a National holiday in 1789, Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November in 1863, and Congress sanctioned it as a legal holiday in 1941.

The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings. In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6). Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart that reinforces an intimate relationship with God. (Article taken from All About History)



"Christmas Wafer" (Oplatek)

Oplatek, the Christmas Wafer are available in the Parish Office or see Deacon Mike.

Circle of Compassion

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE after all Masses on 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.



THE GIVING TREE 2020

The weekend of November 29th our Christmas Giving Tree will be filled with tags. All the tags have items requested from various needy organizations and schools.

The items must be wrapped and returned to the Church on or before December 13th with the tags secured to the package.

They will be sorted and delivered on that day. Thank you for your generosity.

Carol Leick

Packages are picked up by the Charities the afternoon of December 13th, at 1 pm.

Once the Charity Trucks depart we are unable to get the gifts to the proper locations.

Focus on Faith Formation



It is getting closer to the November 30th deadline of November lessons. Please be sure your child is working on his/her assignments.

If your child did not attend the live Zoom, please have him/her watch the recording and answer the questions.

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.

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 or you can call the parish office at 908-232-1162.

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.

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