

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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First Sunday of Advent + November 27, 2016

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, Helen Ahlquist, Marta Pares, Antonie Bachmeier, Kathleen Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaeppel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Javier Perez-Santalla, Elizabeth Szabo and Elaine Salemy.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Maurice Hine requested by Marie Hine, for the loving memory for Phil Kemp requested by Catharine & Al Gionta, for the loving memory for Mary Stawasz requested by Irene Ciccarino and Birthday prayers for Joan Bieszczak requested by the Rosary Altar Society.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory of Virginia Farinella requested by Norma & Craig Weinstein.

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

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, November 29th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:00 pm - 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation

Wednesday, November 30th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation
7:30 pm - Youth Group

Saturday, December 3rd

12:30 pm - Family Faith Prayer Service, Grades 3 - 6
4:30 pm - Blessing of the Organ & Christmas Caroling
6:00 pm - The Annual Christmas Sale & Pot Luck Supper

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

If every one of us, every day, does a work of mercy, there will be a revolution in the world!

If you want to find God, seek him where he is hidden: in the neediest, the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned.

Altar Server Schedule for the Weekend of December 3 - 4, 2016

5:00 PM	DOMENICO DELUCA ZACK KISCIRAS
7:30 AM	MICHAEL BITTNER
9:30 AM	JACK & RYAN WARGASKI DANNY & JIMMY WHELAN
11:30 AM	CONLETH GORHAM JAMES SNYDER ZACK PATER
5:00 PM Sunday	Ryan Kennedy



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

All boys and girls of Faith Formation are welcome to sign up, the only qualification is that you already received your First Holy Communion!

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. BILL.



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

We, according to His promise, LOOK FOR NEW HEAVENS and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

11 Peter 3:13

If God could make the heavens and earth as beautiful as we think: they are today - which includes thousands of years of wear and tear, corruption and pollution sin and selfishness - can you imagine what the new Heaven and the new earth will look like?

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
- Monday: 4 am, 10 pm, 11pm
- Tuesday: 7 am, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 6 am, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5pm, 6pm
- Thursday: 7pm
- Friday: 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



MASS BOOK 2017

The Mass Book for 2017 is now available in the Parish Office. The Sunday 5 pm Mass will now be available from November 2017 to May 2018. Mass intentions will now be taken for the Sunday 5 pm Mass until the end of May 2018. The only exception will be some holiday times e.g. No 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.



Saturday Evening November 26th, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 27th, First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM David Hart
Req. by Marilyn Hart
- 9:30 AM Anthony McGovern
Req. by Sheila & Tom Fink
- 11:30 AM Patricia & George Shaneen
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 5:00 PM Ronald Prior
Req. by the Perez-Santalla Family

Monday, November 28th

- 7:30 AM Brendan Nagle
Req. by Maureen & Jim Murphy
- 8:30 AM Matthew Burvett
Req. by the Family

Tuesday, November 29th

- 7:30 AM Tom Peacock
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor
- 8:30 AM Samuel Dixon
Req. by Eileen & Ben Mirto

Wednesday, November 30th, St. Andrew

- 7:30 AM Hugo Brand
Req. by Mary Ann & John Kitchell
- 8:30 AM Mary Curtis
Req. by Marianne & Bill Taylor

Thursday, December 1st

- 7:30 AM Jean Randles
Req. by Bridget & John Colendenski
- 8:30 AM Special Intentions for Celia Maloney
Req. by Peter Mc Sharry

Friday, December 2nd

- 7:30 AM John Paynter
Req. by Diane Delikat
- 8:30 AM Special Intentions for Charles & Barbara Kiley's Wedding Anniversary
Req. by Mary Clare Cardon

Saturday, December 3rd

- 8:00 AM Carl F. Leonhard
Req. by the Family

Saturday Evening, December 3rd, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

- 5:00 PM David Connolly
Req. by Pat & Jack Connolly

Sunday, December 4th, Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM John Vitale
Req. by Eve Vitale
- 11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Militello & Shaneen Families
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- 5:00 PM Winifred Liguori
Req. by the Aranjó Family

First Sunday of Advent

THE SCRIPTURES



Readings of the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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 and Gerry Gallagher

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 9:00 am and Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1:00 pm. There is no make-up for this exam. The exam fee is \$30.00.

To register for the Scholarship Exam and for more information regarding scholarship opportunities, call the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or 328 or visit our website at <http://m.unioncatholic.org/admissions>.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend throughout the United States all Catholic Parishes will have a second collection for the Retired Fund for Religious. Tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Yet years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price, and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

November 13th Collection: \$13,694*

Year to Date Actual: \$166,513

Year to Date Budget: \$173,279

Year to Date Deficit: \$ - 6,766

* includes October online giving



THE GIVING TREE 2017

This weekend of November 27th our Christmas Giving Tree is 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 11th 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 11th, at 2 pm.

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

Focus on Faith Formation



Regular Faith Formation weekly classes resume this week on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chapter 7 will be sent out to our Family Faith parents this week and all work will be due on Sunday, December 4th.

Our next 7th & 8th grade class will take place this Tuesday evening, November 29th at 7 pm.

Our Family Faith students in Grade 3-6 are required to attend confession during Advent. Our Advent prayer services will take place on Saturday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 17th at 12:30 pm in the Church. You may attend either day, but if you choose to go to another Church or at another time, please contact the Faith Formation Office for a verification form.

Our next Confirmation session will take place on Sunday, December 4th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

Our First Reconciliation mandatory Family Retreat is Saturday, December 10th from 9 am—noon in Pollard Hall.

Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network

Union County, NJ

Tend My Sheep Ministry

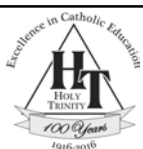
The next Tend My Sheep Ministry is this Thursday, December 1, 2016. Once again, our hosting site is Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights.

There is an online sign-up sheet at <http://goo.gl/379DuT> for donating food and supplies, and there are just a few slots still available, thanks to the generosity of our parish-ioners. If you do not have internet access and wish to donate, or, you cannot access the sign-up sheet, please contact either of the coordinators via email, and we can send you the link or enter the donation for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hahner, hahnerk@comcast.net, (908) 789-4639, or Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mderoberts@aol.com, or at (908) 868-0727.

Thanks again for all you do to make Our Lady of Lourdes a great parish!

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner
Coordinators



Holy Trinity School News

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS SING ALONG

Holy Trinity Preschool and Kindergarten at the Mountain-side Campus, 304 Central Avenue, Mountainside. Christmas Carols, November 30th – 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Meet the teachers while your children sing Christmas Carols. All current and prospective families are welcome. Experience first-hand our full day PreK and Kindergarten programs.

Mrs. Melao's Two Year Old Class is learning about foods that God has made for us that make us healthy and strong. They are also learning to give thanks to all the people in their lives who love them.

Mrs. Gribbin's fourth grade class is working on a performance of The Great Kapok Tree. They will share this tale of the Amazon Rain Forest with the younger classes!

Now is the time to think about school for the 2017-18 school year! HT Mountainside Campus has tours on November 28th and December 6th. Please call 908-233-1899 for tours and information about the full day Pre-K and Kindergarten Program. Call 908-233-0484 for information about the Holy Trinity elementary and middle school classes at the Westfield Campus.

It's Time Again to Clean out Your Closets



The Holy Trinity School semi-annual used clothing and toy drive will be held rain or shine Saturday, December 3rd, from 8 am to noon, next to the playground on Watterson Street. The event is a fund-raiser for the school and provides an opportunity to donate the following types of gently used textiles: clothes, bedding, curtains, cloth tablecloths and other linens. Additionally, shoes, handbags, and new or gently used stuffed animals and toys will be collected. We don't accept books or household items. Questions can be sent to hsa@htisnj.com.

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!

**The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes
invites you to our annual
Breakfast with St. Nicholas
Bishop of Myra**



Come for a morning of joy, music, delicious food, Prizes and more!

**Pollard Hall
Sunday, December 11, 2016
after the 9:30 am Mass**

Tickets on sale after all Masses and in the Rectory

Adults: \$10
Children under 12: \$5
Children 3 and under: Free

For more information please contact Milagro Schlutter at Schlutter@gmx.net.

FIRST ANNUAL LUMINARY FUNDRAISER

Light up your spirit for Christmas!

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

To place your order, please use the form below.

Luminaries are \$2.00 each / 25 per home recommended.

Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Lourdes & The Circle of Compassion to help the homeless shelters in Newark & Elizabeth.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pick up date: _____

Quantity: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Order forms can be mail to: *Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, 07092*

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS — DECEMBER 1st

Pick up dates for your Luminary kit (sand, bags, candles) will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, Saturday & Sunday, December 10th, 11th & 18th at 10am - 2 pm.

Any questions, please email luminaryfund@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Date: Monday, December 5, 2016 Time: 12:00 Noon
Place: Spanish Tavern Cost: \$35.00
1239 Route 22 East
Mountainside, NJ

Menu

- **Two Appetizers** ●
- **Soup of the Day** ●
- CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:**
- **Medallions of Chicken Breast in Garlic Sauce or Almond Sauce** ●
- **Broiled Salmon or Trout** ●
- **Seafood Combination with Rice** ●
- **Lobster Ravioli** ●

Served with Potatoes or Rice~Vegetables~Rolls & Butter

DURING MEAL: Unlimited Sangria, House Wine and Sodas

Dessert

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Tea - Regular & Decaffeinated

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: SPOUSES & GUESTS ARE WELCOME
KINDLY MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOVEMBER 28, 2016

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

SEND TO: Jeanne Dalrymple, 903 E. Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090
CONTACT # 908-232-1322

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

MENU CHOICE _____