

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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First Sunday of Advent + December 1, 2019

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 & 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. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacy, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Jack Ford, Logan Alseika, Anthony DePalma, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Mary Reich, Jim Loomam, Mildred Plucienik, Angelo (Buddy) Latora and Gail Richter.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory for deceased parishioners of the parish.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Vesper and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1st

11:30 am - Faith Formation

Monday, December 2nd

Rosary Alter Society Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 3rd

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 4th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:30 pm - Youth Group

Saturday, December 7th

9:00 am - 1st Reconciliation Family Retreat

12:50 pm - Family Faith Formation Confessions

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

Let us ask the Lord for the light to really understand what is happening within us.

Let us thank the Lord for all the good done in the world and in our hearts, through the words, actions and holiness of #John Paul. Let us remember always his call to: “Open the doors to Christ”!

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!

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!

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.

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

If they could be made God's people by what they did, then God's gift of grace would not really be a gift.

Romans 11:6 NCV

To whom does God offer His gift? To the brightest? The most beautiful or the most charming? No. His gift is for us all -- beggars and bankers, clergy and clerks, judges and janitors. All God's children.

And he wants us so badly. He'll take us in any condition-- "as is reads the tag on our collars. ... He wants us now."

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

Jesus longs for our company—just one hour...

PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Monday: Noon; 2 pm
- Tuesday: 10 am
- Thursday: 3 pm
- Friday: Noon; 8 pm
- Saturday: 3 am (that's Friday into Saturday); 3 pm

2nd ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Sunday: between 9 am & 1 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm
- Monday: 11 pm
- Tuesday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm
- Thursday: between 6 am & noon; 5 pm
- Friday: 7 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: between 9 am & 11 am, between 1 pm & 5 pm, between 7 pm & 11 pm

All days of the week - between Midnight & 6 am

SUBSTITUTE & ON-CALL ADORERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

CONTACT:

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or MARIANNE TAYLOR (908-233-6074)

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!



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.



Saturday Evening, November 30th, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Virginia Lucas
 Req. by the Cataldo Family

Sunday, December 1st, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Sanchez Family
 Req. by the Lledo Family
 11:30 AM William Dillon, Sr.
 Req. by the Dillon Family
 5:00 PM Frank Servello
 Req. by Rosalind & Flora Servello

Monday, December 2nd

7:30 AM Genevieve Powers
 Req. by Marie & Ed Smith
 8:30 AM Frank Liguori
 Req. by the Fulton Family

Tuesday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier

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

Wednesday, December 4th, St. John Damascene

7:30 AM Robert H. Kaepfel
 Req. by Rose Vera Kaepfel
 8:30 AM Alain Junguenet
 Req. by Caroline & Douglas Loffredo

Thursday, December 5th

7:30 AM John Taylor
 Req. by Bill & Marianne Taylor
 8:30 AM Genevieve Powers
 Req. by the Rosary Altar Society

Friday, December 6th, St. Nicholas

7:30 AM Irene Duffy
 Req. by Irene Ciccarino
 8:30 AM Genevieve Powers
 Req. by Esther Rinaldo

Saturday, December 7th, St. Ambrose

8:00 AM Immaculate Conception
 Req. by Marie Jean Pierre

Saturday Evening, December 7th, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Marcos Gonzales Gandolfi
 Req. by the Burvett Family

Sunday, December 8th, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Carrington & O'Hanlon Families
 Req. by Rev. Richard Carrington
 9:30 AM Raymond Fedey
 Req. by Linda Fedey
 11:30 AM Paul McGlynn
 Req. by Barbara McGlynn
 5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

First Sunday of Advent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR 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: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

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

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

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2020 IS NOW OPEN

COLLECTION

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and bulletin printing deadlines, the figures for November 24th and December 1st will be printed in the December 8th Sunday bulletin.

Please stop by Pollard Hall
after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass
for a cup of coffee.



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.



The First Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year and the beginning of a season filled with the riches of our scripture readings. For the next few weeks, as we focus on Isaiah, we read of the promise of peace offered to the people of God: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." Matthew's gospel is the story of Noah and a caution from Jesus to prepare "for an hour you do not expect."

Tuesday Memorial of the great Jesuit missionary, Saint Francis Xavier, S.J. In the US, Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, while the rest of the world celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the US, it will be celebrated on the following Monday, December 9.

Unlike most of the liturgical year, the focus during the first part of Advent is on the first readings, this week from the Prophet Isaiah. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." He promises "luster and glory" for the people: "and the fruit of the earth will be honor and splendor for the survivors of Israel." Even though the family lines of King David and his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." The prophet tells of feasting and security: "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines" and "A strong city have we; he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us." Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: "On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ... " "On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people."

The gospels for these weeks are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

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.



"Christmas Wafer" (Oplatek)

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



THE GIVING TREE 2019

This weekend of December 1st 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 15th 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 15th, at 1 pm.

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

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
- Hoody Towels
- Snowsuits

Please do not wrap items!
Donate: New items on list only.

A playpen is set up for donations outside of Pollard Hall through December 15th.

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

The Parish Priests will offer an ‘Open House’ for the Christmas season: ‘Christmas at the Rectory’. The Open House will be on Sunday afternoon December 22nd from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Any adult parishioner may stop by, say hello, enjoy some refreshments and the company of fellow parishioners to welcome in the Holy Season.



CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Schedule 2019

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 23, 2019
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Mass
4:00 pm (Children’s Mass)
(No 6 pm Mass)

Christmas Day, December 25th
Mass at Midnight
(preceded by Carols at 11:30 pm)

Christmas Morning Masses
9:30 am and 11:30 am

There is no 7:30 am Mass on Christmas Day nor an Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION



Prayer for Lighting the 1st Purple Candle for the Advent Wreath

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

9th Grade Confirmation: The next session is this Sunday, December 1st starting with the 11:30 am Mass.

1st Reconciliation Families: Our mandatory 1st Reconciliation Family Retreat is Saturday, December 7th from 9 am -12 noon in Pollard Hall. **Please remember that the 1st Reconciliation books are due at the retreat. Be sure to complete all pages with your child.

Family Faith: The next session will be Sunday, December 8th beginning with the 5 pm Mass.

Just a reminder that Family Faith children in grades 3-7 must go to confession during Advent. Our Reconciliation prayer services followed by individual confessions are on Saturday, December 7th and Saturday, December 14th beginning at 12:50 pm.

Grade 8 Confirmation Yr 1: The Fall session is over. Students have been given a book to work on between sessions. The completed books are due in January. **Students are required to attend a Reconciliation service on Tuesday, December 10th from 7 - 8:15 pm.**

FOURTH 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!

Be your Neighborhood's Leader!

To place your order, please use the form below or email luminaryfund@gmail.com.

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

Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Lourdes.

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Pick up date:** _____ **Quantity:** _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail form to: Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, 07092

Pick up dates for your Luminary kit (sand, bags, candles) will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, Sunday, December 15th and December 22nd after all Masses

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Invites you to
Breakfast with
St. Nicholas**



Join us for good food, tricky tray with great prizes, a visit with St. Nicholas, music and more!

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Pollard Hall
after the 9:30 am Mass

Tickets on Sale after Mass on:
Sunday, Nov. 17th 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 24th, 9:30 and 11:30 am
Sunday, December 1st, 9:30, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm



Adults and Teens \$12
Children under 12 \$5
Children under 3 Free

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