

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Second Sunday of Advent + December 8, 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.

### Parish Staff

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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 remember in your prayers the souls of Deborah Fredericks and Robert Riley. May they rest in peace.

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 Loram, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Stephen Vesper and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast With St. Nicholas  
5:00 pm - Family Faith

### Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am - Mass, Immaculate Conception  
12 noon - Mass, Immaculate Conception  
7:30 pm - Mass, Immaculate Conception

### Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - Faith Formation  
7:00 pm - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation

### Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am - Gathering of Women  
8:30 am - Men's Group  
12:50 pm - Family Faith 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

God is merciful towards those who admit their need.

Christian hope, nourished by the light of Christ, makes the resurrection and life shine even in the world's darkest nights.

## 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](http://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:**

**KATHY SNYDER (908-232-4817; auntkik@comcast.net)**  
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, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent**

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

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**

7:30 AM Genevieve Powers  
Req. by Carmen Santiago & Family

12:00 NOON Diane Deignan  
Req. by Maureen & Jim Murphy

7:30 PM Bea Graziano  
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Lee Naples  
Req. by Irene Ciccarino

8:30 AM Diane Deignan  
Req. by Evelyn Palovcik

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Damasus**

7:30 AM Robert H. Kaepfel  
Req. by Rose Vera Kaepfel

8:30 AM Lina Luffarelli  
Req. by the Gonzalez Family

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:30 AM Alain Junguenet  
Req. by Irene Ciccarino

8:30 AM Jennifer McAvoy  
Req. by the Dalrymple Family

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Lucy**

7:30 AM Genevieve Powers  
Req. by Esther Rinaldo

8:30 AM Genevieve Powers  
Req. by Linda & Pat Esemplare

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, St. John of the Cross**

8:00 AM Frank Liguori  
Req. by the Fulton Family

**Saturday Evening, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM Matthew Gallagher & Sally Skudder  
Req. by the Gallagher Family

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Katherine Mary Reid  
Req. by the Family

9:30 AM Ernest Liguori  
Req. by the Aranjó Family

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Shaneen & Geron Families  
Req. by Karen Shaneen

5:00 PM For the Protection of Unborn Babies in the Womb  
Req. by the Filipino Group of OLL

## Second Sunday of Advent

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,  
or any readings from the Common of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11

### THE MASS BOOK FOR 2020 IS NOW OPEN

#### COLLECTION

November 24 - \$ 6,498

December 1 - \$ 4,777

Repair Fund - \$ 739

Thanksgiving - \$ 516.25

### 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.



In the Second Sunday of Advent we hear Isaiah write of peace and prosperity that will come when the "root of Jesse" blossoms. "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." Matthew's Gospel brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Monday the US celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with its own special readings. Thursday the US and many parts of the Americas celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. "Comfort, give comfort to my people," says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in, the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, "They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings." He offers support: "I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, "I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go." The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of Sirach in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from Matthew's Gospel to be John the Baptist.

The gospels this week, taken from various evangelists, show Jesus as the fulfillment of the liberation promised. Jesus heals the paralytic. He tends to the lost sheep of his flock. He comforts us who labor and are burdened. Jesus teaches a true wisdom.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html) Used with permission.

Due to the St. Nicholas Breakfast there will be no bagels after the 9:30 am Mass this weekend.





# THE GIVING TREE 2019

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

The baby clothes are donated at nearby hospitals by way of baskets of clothing for any young women who are having babies without insurance. As they leave their appointments, they are welcome to a free basket.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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**



**Advent: We are starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent.**  
 Here is a prayer to use with your children to light the 2<sup>nd</sup> purple candle

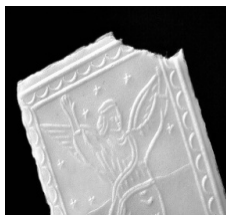
**God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

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

Just a reminder that Family Faith children in grades 3-7 must go to confession during Advent. Our next Reconciliation prayer service followed by individual confessions is on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Beginning at 12:50 pm.

**Grade 8 Confirmation Yr 1: The mandatory 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Advent Prayer Service followed by individual confessions is this Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm - 8:15 pm in the Church.**

Also, please remember that 8<sup>th</sup> graders should be working on their Confirmation books that are due Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.



**“Christmas Wafer”  
(Oplatek)**

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



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Masses will be celebrated at  
 7:30 am  
 12 noon  
 7:30 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> after all Masses**

**Children’s Choir**

We invite all interested young people with a desire to praise God in song to join us. If you are interested, but missed the first meeting, don't worry! Everyone is welcome! Just contact Theresa Neglia at [tneglia@shp.org](mailto:tneglia@shp.org) for more information.

**Adult Choir**

The OLL adult choir meet Sundays at 10:30 am in the school library and sing at the 11:30 am Mass. If you are interested in more information, see Joe Neglia after any Mass, or contact him at [jneglia@shp.org](mailto:jneglia@shp.org).

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING**

The 49<sup>th</sup> annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm (two performances). Doors open at 7 pm both nights. Christmas music in nine languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more information call 973-484-2400, or visit: [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)

**Family Promise  
Interfaith Hospitality Network  
Union County, NJ**

**Tend My Sheep Ministry**

Our next Tend My Sheep Ministry will be on Thursday and Friday, January 2-3, 2020, at St. Andrews on South Street in New Providence.

We have one sign-up sheet that will serve both nights, since St. Andrews can accommodate the extra food. The drop off date will be Thursday, January 2, 2020, at Pollard Hall from 3-4:30 pm. We hope that many of our parishioners that wanted to sign up previously will consider doing so this time, since we will be hosting for two nights. The link for the sign-up sheet is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA722A1FB6-ollfood8>

Also, don't forget to take a tag or two from the Giving Trees located in the church. Your generosity during this season creates a joyous holiday for many. Gifts should be wrapped with the tag on the package and are due back on Sunday, December 15, 2019.

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

**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](mailto:frbill@ollmountainside.org) or you can call the parish office at 908-232-1162.

**ATTENTION SENIORS**

If anyone would like assistance in putting up Christmas lights outside their home, please call Frank Kelly at 908-518-0650 or email him at [reestate1@gmail.com](mailto:reestate1@gmail.com). You supply the lights, we will supply the labor. Merry Christmas!



We wish to thank Brian Bonner and Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home for providing us with our 2020 Catholic Home Calendars.

**SPECIAL SATURDAY MORNING MEETING  
Brothers in Christ**

The Men's Group of Our Lady of Lourdes, will have a meeting at 8:30 am Saturday, December 14, 2019 in Pollard Hall. Scripture, Catholic issues and ways to serve the Parish and the Community will be discussed. In addition a discussion on Bishop Barron's book “Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop speaks on the sexual abuse crisis.” Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. For further information contact Mike Billy ([bmichael103@aol.com](mailto:bmichael103@aol.com))