

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Second Sunday of Advent + December 10, 2017

### 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, Kathleen Ruggeri, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacey, Jack Schuvart, Luke Granger, Gerardo & Marta Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti, James Leung, Al Leick and Charles Good.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week for the loving memory for Rosemarie Alfano requested by Susan Mooney.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memory of the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

*Please Pray for our service member,* Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Stephen Vesper (Irene Ciccarino’s grandson) and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

4 pm - Faith Formation  
7 pm - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Service

### Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

8 am - Men’s Group  
12:45 pm - Faith Formation Confessions

## **Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex**

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

We are all beggars before the love of God, a love that gives meaning to our existence and that offers us eternal life.

How much openness is needed to welcome people who feel alone and confused as they search for a meaning in life!

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!

## **2018 MASS BOOK**

**The 2018 Mass Book is now open.**



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.

## 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!

**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**

Trust the Lord. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus".

Luke 1:30-31 Niv

How do you react when things happen that you don't understand? The next time an unexpected change enters your life consider Mary's example. She never expected to be mother of the Messiah and yet she believed what seemed impossible and put her trust in God.

Help me live my life so that it meets your plans.

**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, 12 midnight
- Monday: 4 am, 11 am, 11 pm
- Tuesday: 7 am, 1 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 3 pm, 6 pm, 2 am
- Thursday: 3 pm
- Friday: 4 am, 1 pm, 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.**

Contact Irene Ciccarino at 732-574-0064.



**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 Offertory Gifts at that particular Mass.



**Saturday Evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM Ernest Liguori  
Req. by the Aranjo Family

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM William Tomko  
Req. by Eve Vitale  
9:30 AM Raymond Fedey  
Req. by Linda Fedey  
11:30 AM Edward Manziano  
Req. by Theresa Manziano  
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Damasus 1**

7:30 AM Frank Ciccarino, Sr.  
Req. by Irene Ciccarino  
8:30 AM Marcos Gonzalez-Gandolfi  
Req. by Edith Burvett

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Gadalupe**

7:30 AM Angie Kronert  
Req. by Mary Ann Golomb  
8:30 AM Jennifer Dalrymple McAvoy  
Req. by the Dalrymple Family

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

7:30 AM Eric Courtney  
Req. by Al & Carol Leick  
8:30 PM Mary Pasquarella  
Req. by Madeline Zazzali

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

7:30 AM Carl Dardanello  
Req. by Seven & Marnie Dardanello  
8:30 PM Matthew Gallagher & Sally Skudder  
Req. by the Gallagher Family

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Katherine Mary Reid  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM Edmond Gosda  
Req. by the Gorham Family

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Piera Gagliano  
Req. by Marisa & Roy Guisante

**Saturday Evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM Walter Warnock  
Req. by Bill O'Shea

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Anthony McGovern  
Req. by the McGovern & Strong Families  
11:30 AM Matthew John Burvett, Jr.  
Req. by the Burvett Family  
5:00 PM John T. Burke  
Req. by Cataldo Family

## Second Sunday of Advent

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: 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

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

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 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

### COLLECTION

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$7,176

Year to Date Actual - \$195,508

### 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 17<sup>th</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.



### St. Joseph Social Service Center



We are very grateful to all who donated food, money and time at Thanksgiving! Your generosity enabled us to provide turkeys with all the trimmings to nearly 700 families. Thank you so much for helping us to do God's work.

In the Second Sunday of Advent we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the Mark's Gospel as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

December 12th is the Feast- of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the U.S.

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." The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, "I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" God promises them that if they follow his teachings, "Your descendants would be like the sand... their name never cut off or blotted out from my presence." 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.

### 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!

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



### TODAY

ALL GIVING TREE PRESENTS  
MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE  
CHURCH BY 12:30 PM.

CHARITY TRUCKS WILL PICK UP  
ALL ITEMS TODAY BY 1 PM.

PLEASE DON'T MISS THE TRUCKS.

**MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!**

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

### Tend My Sheep Ministry

The next Tend My Sheep Ministry is approaching in January. Our hosting date is Thursday, January 4, 2018, at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. This is a new location, due to the sale of the Church of the Little Flower complex in Berkeley Heights. All Team 2 members have been notified.

There is an online sign-up sheet at <http://goo.gl/379DuT> for donating food and supplies. 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 and we can send you the link or enter the donation for you.

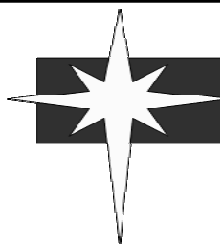
If you cannot sign up for a donation, we are also seeking monetary donations. These can be given to Deacon Mike, dropped off or mailed to the rectory, or dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked TEND MY SHEEP DONATION.

Please watch the bulletin for future announcements and we look forward to “tending HIS sheep” and making our next experience even better.

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



### Christmas Schedule 2017

#### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 16, 2017  
1:00 - 2:00 pm

Monday, December 18, 2017  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19, 2017  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

**There will be no confessions on  
Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
4:00 pm (Children's 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.***

### “Christmas Wafer” (Oplatek)



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

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
- Hooded Towels
- Snowsuits

Please do not wrap items!

Donate: New items on list only.

A playpen will be set up for donations by November 25<sup>th</sup> outside of Pollard Hall through December 17<sup>th</sup>.





## Holy Trinity School News

Mrs. Melao's Two Year Old students are preparing for Christmas. They are learning about Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph and Jesus. They are practicing singing Happy Birthday to Jesus!

Mrs. Hazard's PreK-4 class read The Christmas Story and made Advent wreaths to begin preparing for Jesus' Birthday!!

The eighth graders are currently studying The Diary of Anne Frank, which extends their study of the Holocaust and their visit to the Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

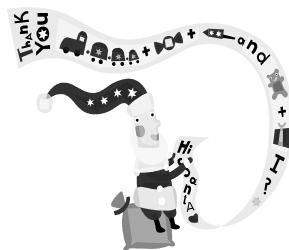
The fourth through eighth graders will be walking to the Rialto theater in Westfield, to see the important film, Wonder, which deals with such issues as acceptance, bullying, kindness, and being an upstander in a world of bystanders!

As we head into the Christmas season, remember to shop at [amazon smile](https://www.amazon.com) and select Holy Trinity School Westfield, NJ as your charity! When you shop at [smilie.amazon.com](https://www.smilie.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same prices, selections, and convenient shopping experience as [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), but a portion of your eligible purchases will be donated to the school. Additionally, your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other Amazon account settings are the same.

For more information about our full day kindergarten and preschool program, please contact the Mountainside Campus at (908) 233-1899. Tours are available January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call (908) 233-0484. [Follow us on Instagram at htschoolmountainside.](#)

Saint Nicholas would like to thank the people of OLL who welcomed him so warmly on Sunday morning at breakfast in Pollard Hall. He was thrilled to see the faces of 55 children in a bustling and spirit-filled room as they listened to his story. He would like to add a special word of thanks to ALL those people who prepared for his arrival in any way. Many people shared their gifts of time, talent and resources to make this a great event allowing all the guests to enjoy the true spirit of Christmas.

The Parish Priests would like to thank Milagro Schlutter and her committee and all volunteers for their hard work in making "Breakfast with St. Nicholas" a success!



## Focus on Faith Formation



The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Rite of Enrollment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place this Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 am Mass. Reconciliation books are due at this time. The Rite will take place right after the homily so we are asking that 2<sup>nd</sup> graders remain in the Church for the readings and not go to Children's Liturgy.

Our Tuesday evening 8<sup>th</sup> graders must attend a Reconciliation service this Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Individual confessions will be heard after the service. We are in the season of Advent, so please remember that our Family Faith students and our Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must attend confession on their own. I will be holding Reconciliation services on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm. It is recommended that students attend one of these services. The weekly students will go to confession during class.

A reminder: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders should be attending Mass on a regular basis and putting church envelopes into the collection baskets. This year we are once again adopting a family through Catholic Charities and using the money from the envelopes to buy Christmas gifts and necessities for the family. This year we were assigned a family of 5 - a mother and 4 children ranging in age from 7-15. Unfortunately, this family is under the care of Child Protective Services due to domestic violence. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### A Prayer to use when lighting your Advent Wreath Candles

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. Amen.



We wish to thank Brian Bonner and Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home for providing us with our 2018 Catholic Home Calendars.



Please clip and donate Box Tops Labels to help support Holy Trinity School.

Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.

Thank You!

**For the Men of the Parish**

Brothers in Christ, the men's group of Our Lady of Lourdes will have a meeting on Monday night, December 18, 2017 in Pollard Hall at 7 pm. New members are welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship. We aim to serve not only the spiritual needs of ourselves but also to foster the well being of our Parish and the greater community. Light refreshments will be available.

We will be showing a film series on the Sacrament and the Bible produced by St. Paul Center for Theology which is Scott Hahn's company, the noted Catholic convert and apologist. Each film is about 30 minutes and a discussion will follow.

The Bible and the Sacraments examines the Sacraments of the Catholic Faith. Not simply looking at the basic teaching of the Church but by also delving into their meaning and origin. It investigates the deeper mysteries they contain as illuminated by Scripture. Based on the work of renowned theologian Scott Hahn, the films are presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. The deep mysteries and truths of the Sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

**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, Norma Weinstein,  
Mark Margello, Bob Miraglia and Gerry Gallagher

**SECOND 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.*

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 10<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 2 pm.*

*Any questions, please email [luminaryfund@gmail.com](mailto:luminaryfund@gmail.com)*