

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday of Advent + December 11, 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, Marta Pares, Antonie Bachmeier, Kathleen Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaoppel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Elaine Salemy and David Gagliardotto.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Nancy O’Shea requested by her husband, Bill, for the living memory for Virginia Farinella requested by Jose Gennaro Family, for the loving memory for Matthew Burvett requested by Barbara Stolting, and for the special intentions for Jeanne & Ken Dalrymple in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

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

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

Sunday, December 11th

10:30 am - Breakfast with St. Nick
5:00 pm - Family Faith Formation

Tuesday, December 13th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 14th

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

Saturday, December 17th

12:30 pm - Faith Formation Penance Service followed by Children’s Confessions

Christmas Season Bulletin Deadlines

Because of the Christmas and New Years holidays, we need to adjust the deadlines for material submitted for the bulletin. For the bulletin of January 1, 2017, items must be received by December 15th at noon. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive Christ, our Savior and hope.

Jesus calls us to be bearers of joy and consolation as his merciful witnesses.

Altar Server Schedule for the Weekend of December 17 - 18, 2016

5:00 PM	DOMENICO DELUCA ZACK KISCIRAS
7:30 AM	MICHAEL BITTNER
9:30 AM	MARCELLO & SALVATORE CAMINITI JACK & RYAN WARGASKI
11:30 AM	JAMES SNYDER LAURA PARRELL ZACK PATER
5:00 PM Sunday	Ryan Kennedy



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.

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.

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

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,
a hope both sure and steadfast.

Hebrews 6:19 NASB

God keeps His promises. Its a major part of His immaculate nature. He doesn't hold out hope with nice-sounding words, then renege on what He said He would do. God is neither fickle nor moody. And He never lies. As my own father used to say of people with integrity. "His word is His bond".

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 Offertory Gifts at that particular Mass.



SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

Please save all the cancelled stamps on your Christmas cards.

Drop them in the containers in the vestibules of the Church for the Disabled Veterans.



Saturday Evening December 10th, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM
Bertha & Robert Wacke
Req. by the Shaneen Family

Sunday, December 11th, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Frank Ciccarino, Sr.
Req. by Irene Ciccarino
11:30 AM Ernest & Winifred Liguori
Req. by the Aranjo Family
5:00 PM Michael Pecoraio
Req. by Karen & Phil Shaneen

Monday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 AM John Bieszczak
Req. by Joan Bieszczak
8:30 AM Jean Randles
Req. by Dan & Bridget Cotter

Tuesday, December 13th, St. Lucy

7:30 AM Linda Kehoe
Req. by the Lynaugh Aberle Family
8:30 AM Karen Richards
Req. by the McAloon Family

Wednesday, December 14th, St. John of the Cross

7:30 AM Frank McTeigue
Req. by Al & Carol Leick
8:30 AM Matthew Gallagher & Sally Skudder
Req. by the Gallagher Family

Thursday, December 15th

7:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano
8:30 AM Joseph Comerro
Req. by Pat & John Fericola

Friday, December 16th

7:30 AM Matthew Burvett
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Anthony McGovern
Req. by the Strong & McGovern Families

Saturday, December 17th

8:00 AM Elizabeth DeRose
Req. by James & Elizabeth DeRose

Saturday Evening, December 17th, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 18th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Alfred Jeffers
Req. by Meurice Lake
11:30 AM Manziano Family
Req. by Theresa Manziano
5:00 PM Florence Richard
Req. by Erma & Gary Hennings

Third Sunday of Advent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Collection for 12/04/16	\$ 7,418
Year to Date Actual	\$ 189,230
Year to Date Budget	\$ 207,382
Year to Date Deficit	\$ 18,152

TODAY

**ALL GIVING TREE PRESENTS
MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE
CHURCH BY 1 PM.**

**CHARITY TRUCKS WILL PICK UP
ALL ITEMS TODAY BY 2 PM.**

PLEASE DON'T MISS THE TRUCKS.

**MAKE SOMEONE'S
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL.**

The Third Sunday of Advent repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: "Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee." In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist hears of Jesus' work and sends a message to his cousin: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus replies that his work speaks for itself. "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Monday is the Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Americas. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church.

We continue to focus on the first readings in this first part of Advent. From the Book of Numbers, we have the proclamation that "a star shall advance from Jacob..." Zephaniah is the prophet of impending doom, if the people don't abandon their idolatry. But this week we read about consoling healing, "on that day," when the Lord comes. Isaiah's message is full of promise: "Turn to me and be safe ... for I am God; there is no other!" "Fear not, you shall not be put to shame ... with great tenderness I will take you back ... My love shall never leave you."

Gospels are chosen to show Jesus as the fulfillment of these promises: his question to the Pharisees who challenge his authority; the parable of the two sons; the Baptist's question about whether Jesus is the promised one; the fulfillment Jesus points to; Jesus' praise of John the Baptist; Jesus points to his works as his testimony.

**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!

TODAY

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

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

The Parish Priests wish to thank Elizabeth Kelly and her committee members who worked so hard to make our Advent/Christmas Sale a success. Thanks also to the parishioners who donated food for the “Pot Luck Supper”.

Thank You!

The Priests also wish to thank Carol Leick and her assistants for preparing the Christmas Giving Tree and to all parishioners who made donations to the Giving Tree. At Our Lady of Lourdes we remember the Lord’s works: “it is better to give than receive.”

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING

The 46th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 15th and Thursday, December 16th, at 8 pm (two performances). Doors open at 7 pm both nights. Christmas music will be sung by the Cathedral choir with the assembly and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donations. For more information call 973-484-2400, or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org.



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 18th 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.



The next meeting of the book club will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:15 pm in the Spirituality Room, The selection for this session is, The Girl Who Wrote in Silk, by Kelly Estes.



“Christmas Wafer” (Oplatek)



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



Christmas Schedule 2016

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 17, 2016
1:00 - 2:00 pm

Monday, December 19, 2016
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 20, 2016
7:00 - 8:00 pm

There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 24th.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm (Children’s Mass) & 6:00 pm
(preceded by Carols at 5:30 pm)

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.

SCHOOL ROOF REPAIR

As was mentioned in the presentation of the Parish Financial Report last October, both the Pollard Hall and school roofs need repair. The most critical is the school roof. About 3 weeks ago during a heavy rainstorm, water came down from the school skylights. I had hoped to postpone the repair work until next Spring when, with the help of an extra fundraiser, monies might become available. This repair can no longer be postponed. I have spoken with the contractor, Guymar Roofing (the company who put on the new Church roof) and they have agreed to the following. Complete all repairs originally scheduled in 3 segments, to be done all at once. The parish will pay in two installments of \$7,310.00 each. The company has agreed to receive two payments, one after Christmas and the 2nd payment after Easter.

(Please note that neither this roof repair of \$14,620.00 nor the Church sound system repair of \$7,100.00 were included in this year’s budget!!!)

Focus on Faith Formation



Prayer to use while lighting the pink joy candle:

Lord God, may we, your children, who look forward to the birthday of Jesus experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

During this season of Advent, one way we are preparing for the coming of Jesus is through works of mercy and service. We are asking that our students who attend weekly classes bring a canned good or dried item such as pasta or rice for the food pantry every time he or she attends class. For our Family Faith, we ask that every family bring a bag of groceries to our Advent family retreat on December 11th.

Our next Family Faith session will be this Sunday, December 11th starting with the 5 pm Mass. After Mass, please move into Pollard Hall and sit together as a family as we prepare to begin our Advent family retreat.

Faith Formation classes for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13th and 14th will meet in the Church instead of Pollard Hall. Please use the doors in the back of the Church only.

A reminder to our Family Faith grades 3 - 6 students: All students must go to confession during Advent. Our next prayer service will be Saturday, December 17th at 12:30 pm.

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

Family Promise Interfaith Hospitality Network Union County, NJ

Tend My Sheep Ministry

On Thursday, December 1, 2016, our parish hosted the second session of the 2016/17 year for our guests at Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. For the first time, we had more volunteers than guests. We hosted three families with three children, ages, four months, four years and a recently turned nine year old that celebrated his birthday at Little Flower, cake included.

Additionally, we would like to say THANK YOU to all of our parishioners. Because of the many, generous donations received, we were able to provide additional funds to Family Promise (the organization providing assistance to our guests), so that they could give financial help to those families exiting the program.

We would also like to thank our wonderful cooks, food providers and volunteers, all of whom make this program such a success.

Our next session will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017. We hope all of our volunteers in Team 1 will be able to join us. As we get closer to the date, please check the bulletin for additional information.

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

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

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner
Coordinators

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!



ST. JOSEPH Social Service Center

118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, phone: (908) 352-2980, fax: (908) 354-1433, www.sjeltz.org

November 25, 2016

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food, money and time for Thanksgiving. We were so grateful for the many donations that came from churches, businesses and individuals, which enabled us to provide turkeys and trimmings to over 700 households! So many of you gave of your time and energy to sort, bag and distribute the food. Without your help, we could not have done it! Thank you so much for helping to do God's work!

As we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, we especially remember you, our donors and volunteers, who make it possible for us to minister to the poor and needy all year long. We can never thank you enough for all you do for us!

May God bless you all for your loving compassion and your concern for your sisters and brothers in need! And may the Christmas season fill your hearts with blessings of peace, love and joy!

With love and gratitude,

Sister Jacinta Fernandes
Sister Jacinta Fernandes

**UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, December 15, 2016 — 7:45 am - 1:45 pm
Contact Ed Thornton to make an appointment
ethornton@unioncatholic.org

Walk-Ins are also welcome

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Union Catholic High School
1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

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: _____

Mail order form to:

Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, 07092

PLACE ORDRS NOW!!!

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 10 am - 2 pm.

Any questions, please email luminaryfund@gmail.com