

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday of Advent + December 15, 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 remember in your prayers the soul of Helina Werner and Stephen Brady. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, 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, Gail Richter and Marilyn Hart.

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.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

The Church exists to keep alive in people's heart the memory that God loves them. It exists to tell everyone, even those furthest away. “God doesn't forget you, He cares about you”.

The closeness to the Lord invites our heart to approach our brothers and sisters with love, to show compassion towards everyone.

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!

PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 17th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

Wednesday, December 18th

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:30 pm - Youth Group

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.

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

MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS

Be very careful then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise making the most of every opportunity.

Esphesians 5:15-16 NIV

As we countdown to Christmas, festivities and commitments fill our calendars. Make sure to focus your heart on the true reason for the season. There was no room for Jesus when he was born at the inn. Make room for Him now in your heart.

Lord Jesus, my heart is open and waiting for You. Bless me with Your presence.

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 14th, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 15th, Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

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

Monday, December 16th

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

8:30 AM Dave Belenets (6th Anniversary)
Req. by the Family

Tuesday, December 17th

7:30 AM Walter Warnock
Req. by Bill O’Shea

8:30 AM Matthew John Burvett, Jr.
Req. by the Family

Wednesday, December 18th

7:30 AM Gaspar & Teixeira Families
Req. by the Teixeira Family

8:30 AM Alfred Jeffers
Req. by Maurice Lake

Thursday, December 19th

7:30 AM Elizabeth R. Fenton
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM Rocco Farano
Req. by Eleanora McMahon

Friday, December 20th

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn
Req. by the Family

8:30 AM Shelia Houston
Req. by Whelan Family

Saturday, December 21st, St. Peter Camisius

8:00 AM Ruth Gavin Quinn
Req. by Family

Saturday Evening, December 21st, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM John Barry Kelly
Req. by Liz Kelly

Sunday, December 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Mary Leonhard
Req. by the Family

9:30 AM Vincenzo & Anna Colosimo
Req. by the Family

11:30 AM Doris Riggs
Req. by Ellie McMahon

5:00 PM Special Intentions for the Cardoni Family
Req. by the Family

Third Sunday of Advent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

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."

As the last eight days of Advent begin on Tuesday, the focus of the weekday readings returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In Matthew's gospel, Joseph decides to divorce the pregnant Mary until an angel appears to him in a dream, saying, "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her." The rest of the week we have nearly all of the first chapter of Luke's gospel. Elizabeth and Zechariah, struggling with their inability to have a child, are told they will have a child named John who will be filled with the Holy Spirit. When Zechariah doubts, he is struck speechless. Thursday's gospel is the beloved story from Luke's gospel of the Annunciation with Mary's humble response, "May it be done to me according to your word." Mary sets out to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb" and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary's response to Elizabeth: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior for he has looked upon his lowly servant...From this day all generations will call me blessed." Zechariah's mute silence ends when he writes on a tablet that his child will be named John. "Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."

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.

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2020 IS NOW OPEN

COLLECTION

December 8 - \$ 7,246

Immaculate Conception - \$520
(as of 12/8/19)

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.



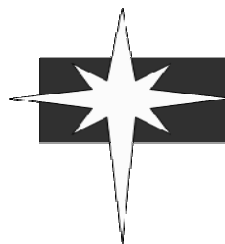
RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

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.



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





Christmas Schedule 2019

CHRISTMAS MASSES

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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
There is no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.*



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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.

TODAY

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

**CHARITY TRUCKS WILL PICK UP ALL ITEMS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 BY 1 PM.**

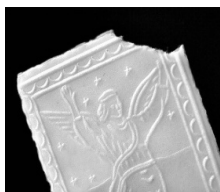
PLEASE DON'T MISS THE TRUCKS.

MAKE SOMEONE’S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This 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.



“Christmas Wafer” (Oplatek)

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

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. You supply the lights, we will supply the labor. Merry Christmas!

FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION



*Prayer for Lighting the Pink Candle
for the Advent Wreath*

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

Weekly Elementary Grades 1-7: There will be no classes Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st. There will be no home assignments during this time, Classes will resume January 7th and 8th.

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

Grade 8: The Winter session will begin on Tuesday, January 7th at 7 pm.

Grade 2: The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 11th at 10 am.

Confirmation Grade 9: The next session is Sunday, January 12th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.



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November 12, 2019

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
300 Central Ave.
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Dear Deacon Mike and everyone at Our Lady of Lourdes,

On behalf of Family Promise and especially Tiaja and her family, thank you for the \$165 donation for Tiaja's move, especially her Uber costs for her work travel!

As you know, Tiaja has been in our shelter program for a while, which makes her move especially exciting. As joyous as every move is, it is also a very anxiety-inducing time for many families as they move out into their new home. Tiaja is working on getting her driver's license, and as soon as she achieves that goal we will be able to help her with a car donation. Until then, she will need to depend on Uber to get to work each day. Your generous donation will give Tiaja a chance to get settled in her home with her new budget without worrying so much about how she will get to work.

No goods or services were provided by Family Promise-Union County in return for this contribution.

We are so grateful for you! We couldn't do this work without people like you. Thank you for supporting Family Promise.

Sincerely yours,

Geleen G. Donovan
Executive Director

**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. This was the location of our last hosting, only this time, we will be hosting for two nights.

All Team members have been notified, as well as all of our cooks. We have decided to have one sign-up sheet that will serve for 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>

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

Circle of Compassion

The response to the Thanksgiving Appeal was excellent. We received over \$1,000 in donations allowing for the purchase of holiday fare in addition to a large volume of non-perishables delivered to the Transfiguration Catholic Church in Newark and St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. We also made a donation of \$250 to Family Promise.

*Thank
You!*

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 60 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 Michelle & Ken Blum and Nancy Newcome as well as many other volunteers and families for their donations that helped to make this event a success."



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 or you can call the parish office at 908-232-1162.

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