

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Third Sunday of Advent + December 17, 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 remember in your prayers the soul of Jane Lape. May she rest in peace.

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 Schuvar, Luke Granger, Gerardo & Marta Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti, James Leung and Al Leick.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the special intentions for Fr. John McCrone requested by Michele & William Hopkins.

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

Sunday, December 17th

2 pm - Rectory Open House

Monday, December 18th

7 pm - Men’s Group
7 pm - Advent Confessions

Tuesday, December 19th

4 pm - Faith Formation
7 pm - Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

We ask for the grace to make our faith more and more operative through acts of charity.

We all possess God given talents. No one can claim to be so poor that they have nothing to offer others.

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!



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

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!

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.



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 16th, Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 17th, 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 the Cataldo Family

Monday, December 18th

7:30 AM Richard & Genevieve Carrington
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

Tuesday, December 19th

7:30 AM Dave Belenets
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Louis C. Nossek
Req. by Edith Burvett

Wednesday, December 20th

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Maria Perillo
Req. by Dot & Rudy Albert

Thursday, December 21st, St. Peter Camois

7:30 AM Ruth Gavin Quinn
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Alice M. Killingsworth (1st Anniversary)
Req. by Edith Burvett

Friday, December 22nd

7:30 AM Mary Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Tara McGlynn Kennedy

Saturday, December 23rd

8:00 AM Betty Ann Toy
Req. by Al & Carol Leick

Saturday Evening, December 23rd, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM John Barry Kelly
Req. by the Kelly Family

Sunday, December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Massimo Arpino
Req. by Joseph & Lorraine De Jianne
9:30 AM Sam Juliano & Vincent Mantone
Req. by Millie Juliano
11:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Advent

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

The Third Sunday of Advent offers us more of the promise. The words used by the prophet Isaiah to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

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!" God promises us, "with great tenderness I will take you back," and "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

On Saturday, we reach the December 17th and in these last eight days of Advent the focus returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In Matthew's genealogy, we see the ancestors of Jesus.

COLLECTION

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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.

2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Book is now open.

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



"Christmas Wafer" (Oplatek)



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

Sandwich volunteers needed!

Are you interested in preparing sandwiches for St Joseph's Social Service Center? It's easier than you think and it happens on your time and budget!

What is involved?

Shop for and prepare 6 loaves of sandwiches.

Where?

In your own home then delivered to a Mountainside address (easy drop off).

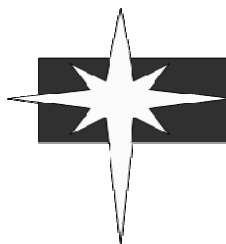
When?

ANY Monday of your choice!

Who?

Families, sports groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, service hour volunteers, Church friends.

For more information please email Briege Lennon at blcellequi@aol.com or call 908.789.8581.



Christmas Schedule 2017

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

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 23rd.**

**Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
are the following:**

**Saturday, December 23rd at 5 pm and Sunday
morning, December 24th, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Mass
4:00 pm (Children’s 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.***

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close on Monday,
December 25th, and reopen on
Wednesday, December 27th at 9 am.

We ask that you please refrain from any
routine office requests during that time. In
case of an emergency, one of the priests
can be reached by calling the Parish Office
at 908-232-1162, Ext. 40, and following the instructions.



A Blessed Christmas to everyone.

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE



The Parish Priests will offer an
‘Open House’ for the Christmas
season: ‘Christmas at the Rectory’.

The Open House will be today,
Sunday afternoon 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 Giving Tree 2017



The Giving Tree Ministry thanks the
many parishioners who participated in
our project. Close to 400 gifts were
distributed to needy children and adults.
Once again the project was a huge
success because of the generosity of
our parishioners.

Thank you for making the celebration of
Christmas so special for so many! And
I want to thank everyone who helped me separate the
gifts. I am most grateful.

May God bless you during this Christmas season.

Carol Leick

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.

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2017 On-Call Adorer for our Midnight to 6 am Adoration Team.

Purpose: To cover for Midnight to 6 am Adorers during vacations, illness, etc.

Commitment Length: UP TO only 3X per year

Details:

- You would be 1 of at least 3 Adorers On-Call at a given time
- If you have any restrictions (e.g., weekends only, Mondays only, etc.), you can let us know what they are and we will note them
- Before contacting On-Call Adorers, we first ask regular and sub adorers for help
- Depending on our needs and other coverage resources, you may never be called
- Our Chapel is secure; additional information will be provided to you

Our number of On-Call Adorers has dropped significantly due to moves, illness etc., and we need to replace them in order to keep our Chapel going. Please prayerfully consider this special opportunity to serve the Lord. Remember, it would be for UP TO only 3X per year and that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.

Contact Kathy Snyder (phone: 908-232-4817; email auntkit@comcast.net) to sign up or obtain information.

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!

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

Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pick up date for your Luminary kit (sand, bags, candles) will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, Sunday, December 17th from 10 am - 2 pm.

Focus on Faith Formation



All students in our program grades 3-9 are required to go to confession during Advent. Weekly students went during class, our family faith students had services over the past two Saturdays, and our 8th graders had a Reconciliation service. If your child still hasn't gone to confession, please be sure to bring them to confession either here or another Church, and have them get a verification form signed (located in the vestibule of the Church) by the priest, and return it to the Faith Formation Office. Please note that 9th graders will go to confession during their January session.

There will be no class for our elementary weekly students Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26th and 27th. There also will be no lesson for our Family Faith families the week of December 24th.

Our mandatory 1st Reconciliation Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 6th from 9-12.

Our next Confirmation session is Sunday, January 7th, beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

Our next family faith session will be Sunday, January 7th beginning with the 5 pm Mass. Just a reminder that our 5th graders will be taking the ACRE survey during this session. Deacon Mike will be the speaker for the parents.

The 8th grade winter session begins for Sunday students on Sunday, January 7th after the 9:30 Mass and for our Tuesday students Tuesday, January 9th at 7 pm. Please remember that Confirmation books are due at the 1st class.

Our weekly 5th graders will be taking the ACRE survey on January 9th and 10th.

A reminder: 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th 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.

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

Tend My Sheep Ministry

Our next Tend My Sheep Ministry is less than three weeks away. Our hosting date is Thursday, January 4, 2018, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. There is an online sign-up sheet at <http://goo.gl/379DuT>, and there are still perishable and nonperishable items available. These can be dropped off at Pollard Hall on Thursday, January 4, 2018 from 3-4:30 pm.

If you cannot sign up for food or other nonperishable items, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mderoberts@aol.com, or at (908) 868-0727, or

Karen Hahner, hahnerk@comcast.net or at (908) 789-4639.

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

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner
Coordinators



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

Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.

Thank You!

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 will be set up for donations by November 25th outside of Pollard Hall through December 17th.



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

**RCIA - RITE OF
CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Catholic Faith? Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you baptized and want to receive the other sacraments of initiation?

(FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION)

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of prayer, reflection and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives.

Candidates for RCIA include:

- Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church,
- Baptized adult Christians of another faith denomination (Lutheran Anglican, Presbyterian, etc) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church,
- Adult baptized Catholics who have not yet completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion, Confirmation) and wish to do so.

Classes will begin in the Fall. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Bill Benedetto at the Rectory, 908-232-1162 or email frbill@ollmountainside.org.