

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent + December 18, 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, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Joeline Stearns, James Roughneen, Elizabeth Szabo, Elaine Salemy and David Gagliardotto.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week in loving memory for Jack Graziano requested by Rick Julian, for the loving memory for Tonica Milcetic requested by Paul Milcetic, for the special intentions of Irene Ciccarino requested by Ed & Marie Smith, and for the special intentions for Rev. John McCrone requested by Michele & Bill Hopkins.

*The Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week for the loving memory for Susan Letnik requested by Helen & Candy Ahlquist.

*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

### Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - Men's Group

### Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

7:00 pm - Faith Formation

### Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

4:00 pm - Faith Formation

## 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.

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

May Advent be a time of hope. We go to encounter the Lord who comes to encounter us.

Jesus teaches us always to go to the essentials and to take on our own mission with responsibility.

### Altar Server Schedule for the Weekend of December 24 - 25, 2016

4:00 PM	DOMENICO DELUCA, ZACH PATER JACK & RYAN WARGASKI
6:00 PM	MICHAEL BITTNER, CONLETH GORHAM, JAMES SNYDER, RYAN KENNEDY
12:00 AM	MICHAEL & JOHN BITTNER, SERVERIO & WILLIAM ZIPETO
9:30 AM	MARCELLO & SALVATORE CAMINITI, ZACK KISCIRAS
11:30 AM	Jimmy & Danny Whelan Laura Parrell

**NO 5 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**



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-

## 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**

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me.  
John 12:26

God deals differently with each of us. He knows no "typical case". He seeks us out at a point in our own need and longing and runs down the road to meet us. This individualized treatment should delight rather than confuse us, because it so clearly reveals the highly personal quality of God's love and concern.

**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.**

**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.



**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 17<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Manzano Family  
Req. by Theresa Manzano  
5:00 PM Florence Richard  
Req. by Erma & Gary Hennings

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Michel Somnolet (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
Req. by the Kuhn-Quinn Families  
8:30 AM Arthur & Janet Pawlus  
Req. by the Chiang Family

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM Paul McGlynn  
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Peter Canisius**

7:30 AM Ruth Gavin Quinn  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM George Choma  
Req. by Mike & Kim Choma

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 AM Mary A. Leonhard  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM Paul McGlynn  
Req. by Claire & Gordon Kwiatkowski

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30 AM Jane & Bill Walsh  
Req. by the Family  
8:30 AM John Barry Kelly  
Req. by the Kelly Family

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Valerie & Chester Kobeski  
Req. by Cindy Ferraro  
6:00 PM Paul McGlynn  
Req. by Barbara McGlynn

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas**

12:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM William McKinlay  
Req. by the Family  
11:30 AM Edward Manzano  
Req. by Theresa Manzano

**THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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 UPDATE

Collection for 12/11/16	\$ 11,814.00*
Year to Date Actual	\$ 201,044.00
Year to Date Budget	\$ 220,394.00
Year to Date Deficit	\$ - 19,350.00

\* includes November on-line giving.

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.

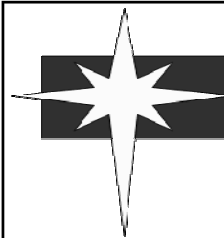
Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ125.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we read in Matthew's Gospel about Joseph and his decision to divorce the pregnant Mary. An angel comes to Joseph: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

Luke's Gospel is our guide this week. Monday we read of Mary and Elizabeth. Thursday is Mary's magnificent prayer in the continuation of the annunciation story. Friday is the naming of John by Zechariah. Saturday, in the morning, has Zechariah's prayer of praise after being allowed to speak again. The scenes and canticles, or songs, which are part of the story, are so well known to us that we can miss hearing them with an open heart. If we celebrate the Vigil of Christmas on Saturday, Matthew's Gospel (though any of the gospels for Christmas may be used at any of the Christmas liturgies) offers the history of Jesus' family. Christmas is on Sunday. The first celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass at Midnight. The first reading is from Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This powerful reading deserves a slow contemplation. The Gospel is from Luke: the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels announce the birth to the shepherds. The second celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass at Dawn. The Gospel is from Luke: the shepherds visit the newborn child. "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." The third celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass during the Day. Here the Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."



### Christmas Schedule 2016

#### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

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 24<sup>th</sup>.**

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

##### **Christmas Eve Masses**

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

##### **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.**

*From the desk of Fr. Richard...*

**“Then they opened their coffers and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”**

My dear Parishioners:

If there is one theme that resounds in the Christmas story it is that of a gift. Not solely the gifts of the Magi or Three Kings to the Christ Child, but how our Heavenly Father gifted humanity with the treasure of His Son, the Savior of mankind. The entire story of the scriptures: the Old Testament is the story of the promise of redemption made. The story of the New Testament is the story of the promise fulfilled in Christ.

During this holy season each one of us should ask ourselves: “What should be my response to this Divine Gift?” Have I offered Him myself in fervent and sincere prayer? Have I had recourse to the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance, to prepare spiritually for the rebirth of the Lord in my soul? Have I opened my heart to call of Christian discipleship?

Lastly, besides offering our very lives to Christ as our response to the Father’s gift of eternal life, our salvation is worked out in the here and now of the Kingdom. In temporal terms it is in the Parish Church where the Word of God is preached, where the Sacraments of eternal life are given, where the perfect prayer, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is offered in praise and adoration to Almighty God.

During this season of giving, I pray that you will remember the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in your prayers and make a truly sacrificial gift in the Christmas collection. Our parish like so many others relies on this collection to defray operating expenses, so that the message of salvation, the message of the Kingdom can be preached and lived.

Remember the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians: “God loves a cheerful giver” 2Cor.9:7

Be assured that I, Fr. Bill Benedetto, and Deacon Mike De Roberts will remember your intentions in our prayers and Christmas Masses. May the Lord bless you for your generosity to Our Lady of Lourdes Church. I pray that you may experience a Holy and Most Merry Christmas and the abundant blessings of Our Lord throughout the forthcoming New Year.

**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.



**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,  
Mark Margello, Bob Miraglia and Gerry Gallagher

**“Christmas Wafer” (Oplatek)**



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

### Focus on Faith Formation



Prayer for lighting the candle for the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent:

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word became flesh on earth when the virgin Mary gave her life to be part of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekly students will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and then we will close for Christmas break. Weekly classes will resume Tuesday and Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet this Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and classes will resume in the new year on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that this is the last week to contribute to our food drive for the Circle of Compassion. All donations are due by Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Reminder to our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade family faith and home school students: if you were taking your child on your own to confession, verification forms are due by Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Brothers in Christ,  
The Men's Group of  
Our Lady of Lourdes,  
will have a meeting on  
Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at  
7 pm in Pollard Hall. The upcoming Gospel and ways to serve the Parish and the Community will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome to join this Catholic Fellowship.



### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS



The Parish Office will close on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 pm, and reopen on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### Holy Trinity School News

The wonderful traditions of the Feast of St. Nicholas are being kept alive at the HTS Mountainside Campus. The students in the Kindergarten and PreK classes left their shoes out in the hall while decorating the Jesse Tree. It was an exciting time when they came back to find that St. Nick had left treats in their shoes!

Mrs. Boyle's PreK-3 students have been using their fine motor skills to cut out beautiful red and green poinsettias and decorate paper Christmas trees that are full of color and sparkle! They are also making still life paintings of live Christmas trees, all the while reading books about the birth of Jesus.

Mrs. Hiel's kindergarten students are learning about the true meaning of Christmas as they have been discussing Advent. Together they put together a real Advent wreath that stands on the Religion table as a reminder of the season. They read Christmas stories in celebration of the Jesse Tree each morning. They are enjoying this Christmas season as they listen to Christmas music and they even had a visit from a class elf that hides in the classroom, and surprising them every morning!

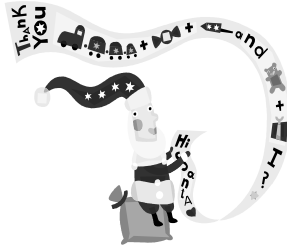
Mrs. McGovern's 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are doing a book study of The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg. They are discussing the conflict in the story and the use of figurative language. Everyone is enjoying the story.

All computer classes in grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> are CODING during the month of December at the HTS Westfield Campus. They are using an assortment of websites to learn the basics of computer programming such as CODE.org, Tynker.com, and Kodable.com. Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are using Scratch to create an interactive game.

**Now is the time to think about school for the 2017-18 school year!** HT Mountainside Campus has tours on **January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please call (908) 233-1899 for tours and information about the full day Pre-K and Kindergarten Program. Call (908) 233-0484 for information about the HT elementary and middle school classes at the Westfield Campus.

The Archdiocese, takes very seriously, any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

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 75 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 for their hard work in making “Breakfast with St. Nicholas” a success!

## The Giving Tree 2016



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!

May God bless you during this Christmas season.

Carol Leick and helpers



We wish to thank Brian Bonner and Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home for providing us with our 2017 Catholic Home Calendars.

## 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,*

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