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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
Weekdays	7:30 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 prayers the soul of :

Please pray for the sick : Helen Ahlquist, Logan Alseika, Judy Burns, Don DiStasio, Ramona Fernandez, David Gagliardotto, Philip Geron, Christopher Gore, Joseph Iacono, Frances Kayton, Conner LaVile, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, James Leung, Jim Looman, Janice Machin, Romaine Malaker, Martha Pares, Fred Perna, Joe Raughbaugh, Valerie Santiago, Michael Servello, Peter Spadaccini, Edward Stacy, Manny Teixeira, & Eve Vitale.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

Please Pray for our service members

SGM. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and AZ2 Stephen Vesper USN and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, we ask that you please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.

THE PRIESTS ASK THATAll lectors, altar servers, & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please report to the Sunday Sacristy at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass. This will allow the priest celebrant to know what type of help he has or does not have before the scheduled mass.



"Christmas wafer"
(Oplatek)

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



Saturday, 5:00 PM	December 18th Edward Manzano Req. by Theresa Manzano
Sunday, 7:30 AM	December 19th, Fourth Sunday of Advent People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Elizabeth Fenton Req. by The Fenton Family
11:30 AM	Rocco Ferano Req. by Elenora McMahon
Monday, 7:30 AM	December 20th Special Living Intention for Carmen & Santos Santiago Req. by The Family
Tuesday, 7:30 AM	December 21st, St. Peter Canisius Deceased Members of The Militello & Shaneen Families Req. by Karen Shaneen
Wednesday, 7:30 AM	December 22nd Rick Di Mestria Req. by The Minch Family
Thursday, 7:30 AM	December 23rd, St. John of Kanty Genevieve Powers Req. by Yvonne Hobbit
Friday, 7:30 AM	December 24th, Christmas Eve Rose Marie Setkiewicz Req. by Karen Shaneen
4:00 PM	Tom Zimmermann Req. by His Loving Family
Saturday, 12:00 AM	December 25th, The Nativity of The Lord Paul McGlynn Req. by Barbara McGlynn
9:30 AM	People of The Parish
11:30 AM	Phyllis Baum Req. by Elenora McMahon
Sunday, 7:30 AM	December 26th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Mary DellaSerra Req. by Esther Rinaldo
9:30 AM	People of The Parish
11:30 AM	Deceased Members of The Geron Family Req. by Karen Shaneen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

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 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

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

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

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

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-4

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The **Fourth Sunday of Advent** begins the last week of Advent, which takes us to Christmas on Saturday. The reading from Micah reminds us that of the seemingly unimportant town of Bethlehem,

"from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."

Luke's gospel offers again the story of Mary's going to visit her cousin. Elizabeth understands immediately Mary's situation and praises God saying, **"How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."**

Luke's Gospel is our guide this week. We have Luke's story of the Visitation. The story continues with Mary's beautiful response,

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

Then we have the naming of John by Zechariah. Finally, we have 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 Christmas Eve, **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.

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."

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Holy Family**.

There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, and Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John.

The gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents could not find him. Jesus goes back home with his family.

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."



Mother Teresa
Quotes On Humanity, Peace & Love

"Live simply so others may simply live."

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."



To be provided December 26th
Immaculate Conception = \$
December 12th = \$
Retirement Fund for Religious = \$

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December 25th : Christmas Gift



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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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Email: lcandela@ollmountainside.org

Text or call: 908-391-3737

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On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent, we light all four candles of our Advent wreath with the hope that we are ready for Jesus on Christmas and when he returns again. Here is a prayer to say as you light the fourth candle:

God of the ages,
May our souls reflect your greatness
And our spirits rejoice in you.
May our lives be a response
To the love you have shown us through Jesus. Amen

The Faith Formation staff wishes all of our families a happy and blessed Christmas! With Jesus as the center of your celebrations, may your hearts be filled with the peace of Christ.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Weekly Traditional In-person :

There are no classes the weeks of December 19 and December 26 due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Circle of Compassion

Please note our appeal for Christmas donations for non-perishable seasonal food for St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth and St. Rocco's in Newark. The requests from their parishioners have increased considerably this year. Monetary donations are also acceptable but it is important to place the donation in an envelope marked "**Circle of Compassion**" to segregate these funds from the weekly collection.

We will do the shopping!

For further information contact :

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Gerry Gallagher : mcas312@yahoo.com (908-232-4687)

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!

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24th and reopen on Monday, 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

Follow the instructions.

A Blessed Christmas to everyone.



Christmas & New Year's
Schedule 2021

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CONFESSIONS

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 18 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Monday, December 20 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 24 at 4:00 pm (Children's Mass)

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25- Mass at Midnight
(preceded by Carols at 11:30 pm)
Saturday, December 25 at 9:30 am
Saturday, December 25 at 11:00 am

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31 at 7:30 am Mass Only

New Years Day 2022

Saturday, January 1 at 9:30 and 11:30 am
1:00pm Confessions

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.



A Quick Look at the Synod on Synodality 2023

Pope Francis announced the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops, which will take place in 2023 in Rome. His theme for the Synod is for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. The term “synodality” means walking the same road together. We journey as a Church together, all of us – Pope, bishops, clergy religious, and those on the margins. The mission of Christ can only be accomplished by all of us collaborating together to make the Gospel heard in our time. Every age in Church history has had to figure out the best way to proclaim the Gospel and this is our time.

Pope Francis has asked for an extraordinary task to be done – that is, he wants to hear from every part of the Church throughout the world, those committed to the church, those who have left the Church, never been a part of the church, or who are poor, marginalized and don’t feel welcome in the Church. Some say that this is the largest single consultation in the world! We are all asked to join in and be a part in the ways best for us and to be as inclusive as possible.

In this consultation, Pope Francis asks us to consider this question of proclaiming the Gospel and continuing his mission through prayer and discernment together. His overarching question is: *What does the Holy Spirit expect of the Church of the 21st Century? Two subsequent questions to be used at the listening sessions to expound on this question are:*

1. How is this “journeying together” happening today in your parish community, campus ministry, university, school, youth group, religious congregation or other area of Church life?
2. How are we “walking together” as a Church, and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

For our Listening Sessions, which can take place in December until February, we have clarified those questions in order to be more specific to our particular circumstances.

The Synod 2023 will have three phases:

Phase One: The Diocesan phase in which we will all be able to reflect and give feedback to the Archdiocese – December 2021-February 2022

Phase Two: The Continental Phase in which all dioceses will synthesize feedback and send a report to the bishops’ conference in Washington, DC (USCCB) by March 1, 2022. In turn, the USCCB will then synthesize feedback and send a report to the Vatican Synod Committee beginning April 2022.

Phase Three: The Universal phase, which will be the actual Synod of bishops in Rome in October 2023



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