

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent + December 24, 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 Elizabeth Fenton. 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 Schuvart, Luke Granger, Gerardo & Marta Pares, Irene Ciccarino, Kathleen Michetti, James Leung and Al Leick.

*The Eucharistic Chapel Candles* will burn this week for the loving memory for Doris & Gabriel Julian requested by Rich Julian, for the loving memory for Valerie & Chester Kobeski requested by the Ferraro Family.

*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.



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!

## 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

## Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

May the Lord grant us the wisdom to seek that which is worthwhile and to love, not with our words but with our actions.

Even if there were no one else left to remember us, Jesus would always be there at our side.

## 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!



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.

**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**

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord  
 Luke 2:11 KJV

CHRISTMAS IS HERE! The day God blessed us with His Son, the only Source of eternal of eternal life. On the advent of our Savior, the arrival of the One who came to save us, thank God for the greatest gift of all time, Merry Christmas to all! God bless everyone!

Dear Lord, thank you for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today as I celebrate with family and friends I bask in the peace, love and joy of 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.



**Mass Intentions for the week**

**Saturday Evening, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

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

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Christmas**

4:00 PM Paul McGlynn  
 Req. by his wife, Barbara

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

12:00 AM Edward Manziano  
 Req. by Theresa Manziano  
 9:30 AM Henry & Stella Meier  
 Req. by Gregory Meier  
 11:30 AM Doris Julian  
 Req. by Rick Julian

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen**

7:30 AM Mary Della Serra  
 Req. by Esther Rinaldo  
 8:30 AM Antoinette Falso (1 Anniversary)  
 Req. by Robert & Jim Fairchild

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, St. John**

7:30 AM John Alach  
 Req. by Peter & Carol Goggi  
 8:30 AM Tonica Milcetic  
 Req. by the Family

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, The Holy Innocents**

7:30 AM Sheila Looney  
 Req. by the Belenets Family  
 8:30 AM Matthew John Burvett  
 Req. by Edith Burvett

**Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Thomas Layden  
 Req. by Ken & Jean Dalrymple  
 8:30 AM Special Intentions for Imelda Evangelista-Demesa  
 Req. by Theresa Evangelista

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM James Sarama  
 Req. by Diane Tidabeck

**Saturday Evening, December 30<sup>th</sup>, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

5:00 PM Ryan McAdam  
 Req. by the Aranjio Family

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 AM Maria Perillo  
 Req. by Irene Ciccarino  
 11:30 AM Daniel & Beatrice Allen  
 Req. by the Family  
 5:00 PM Frank Healy  
 Req. by Rev. Richard Carrington

**5 PM Mass is for the Sunday Obligation.  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> is not a Holy Day this year.**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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]

During the 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]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:  
1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or  
Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

### 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](mailto:frbill@ollmountainside.org).

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we read Luke's Gospel of the Annunciation, the moment when a troubled Mary is told she has found favor with God and she will conceive and bear a son. She questions: "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" Then declaring herself the handmaiden of the Lord, she accepts: "May it be done to me according to your word."

Monday is Christmas Day. 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."

Then, the church celebrates three very important feasts after Christmas. Monday is the Feast of Saint Stephen, the first public witness who gave his life for his faith. Tuesday is the Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist. Wednesday is the moving Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage.

On the Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas we have the story of the Purification in the temple and the powerful words of Simeon about Jesus and about Mary. On the Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas we have the story about Anna in the temple and Jesus going home with his parents. "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

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

12/17/17 - \$7,119

Online Giving for November, \$7,160

### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Wednesday, 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.

A Blessed Christmas to everyone.



**Christmas Message of Pope Francis 2017**

Tonight “a great light” shines forth (Is 9:1); the light of Jesus’ birth shines all about us. How true and timely are the words of the prophet Isaiah which we have just heard: “You have brought abundant joy and great rejoicing” (9:2)! Our heart was already joyful in awaiting this moment; now that joy abounds and overflows, for the promise has been at last fulfilled. Joy and gladness are a sure sign that the message contained in the mystery of this night is truly from God. There is no room for doubt; let us leave that to the skeptics who, by looking to reason alone, never find the truth. There is no room for the indifference which reigns in the hearts of those unable to love for fear of losing something. All sadness has been banished, for the Child Jesus brings true comfort to every heart.

Today, the Son of God is born, and everything changes. The Savior of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken. The Virgin offers us her Son as the beginning of a new life. The true light has come to illumine our lives so often beset by the darkness of sin. Today we once more discover who we are! Tonight we have been shown the way to reach the journey’s end. Now must we put away all fear and dread, for the light shows us the path to Bethlehem. We must not be laggards; we are not permitted to stand idle. We must set out to see Our Savior lying in a manger. This is the reason for our joy and gladness: this Child has been “born to us”; he was “given to us”, as Isaiah proclaims (cf. 9:5). The people who for two thousand years has traversed all the pathways of the world in order to allow every man and woman to share in this joy is now given the mission of making known “the Prince of peace” and becoming his effective servant in the midst of the nations.

Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too, with eyes full of amazement and wonder, gaze upon the Child Jesus, the Son of God. And in his presence may our hearts burst forth in prayer: “Show us, Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation” (Ps 85:8).

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICHARD**

Dear Parishioners,

With gratitude and praise, we hasten to the manger of Bethlehem. Like shepherds and magi, we gaze in awe, and open our hearts.

At Bethlehem, there is hope, a Child’s destiny to redeem all! There is peace, angels’ songs of peace for all humanity! There is love, God’s unbounded love for us!

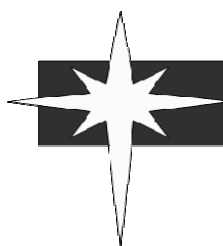
At Bethlehem, there is Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the First Family of the Church. At this time, we confide to them all the ponderings of our hearts, our joys and sorrows, our contentment and anxieties, our yearnings and hopes. We ask them to bear our hearts and prayers to the ears and heart of God.

A blessed and happy Christmas and New Year! May God bless our world with His peace, your families with his hope, and your hearts with His love!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard Carrington  
Fr. William Benedetto  
Fr. Bill McDonald  
Deacon Michael DeRoberts

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**



**Christmas Schedule  
2017**

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

**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.***

The Society of the Christ Child collection was a huge success! Margaret Strong, their representative thank you for your generosity. It looks like a warm winter for the babies due to your help!

***THANKS!***

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF...

<b>Fredericks, Burke &amp; Donnelly Families</b> by M/M Richard Fredericks	<b>My Husband, Thomas Ciasulli</b> by Ann Ciasulli	<b>Federico Family</b> by M/M Gregory Federico	<b>Hopkins &amp; Barrington Families</b> by Mrs. William Hopkins
<b>Norman Schroeder</b> by Eileen Glassen	<b>Paul McGlynn</b> by M/M James Kennedy	<b>Iacona &amp; Turney Families</b> by M/M Thomas Turney	<b>Choma &amp; Ronkovitz Families</b> by Dr./Mrs. Myroslaw Choma
<b>Albin Shumbris</b> by Mary Shumbris	<b>M/M Frank Conde Antonio Da Cunha</b> by M/M Frank Conde	<b>Our Deceased Family Members</b> by M/M Robert Yurochko	<b>Lourdes &amp; Leon Quiman Blorg &amp; Andy Cayasm Judy Jovelham</b> by M/M Jesus Antonio Arteche
<b>William Tomko</b> by Maria Tomko	<b>Lois A. Wolf</b> by M/M Edward Wolf	<b>Florence Berlinski</b> by M/M Thomas Ramos	<b>Haydanek &amp; Billingham Family Loved Ones</b> by M/M Thomas Haydanek
<b>Rose DeGiralmo</b> By M/M Frank Duca	<b>Theresa Sauerborn</b> by Theresa Sauerborn	<b>M/M Julio Evangelho &amp; M/M Albino Santos</b> by M/M Antonio Santos	<b>Ralph &amp; Mary Della Serra</b> by Esther Rinaldo
<b>Gladys Douress</b> by Diane Mc Murdo	<b>Irene Basta</b> by M/M Richard Basta	<b>William &amp; Agnes Hogan</b> by M/M Robert Fradella	<b>Parents of M/M John Quinlan</b> by M/M John Quinlan
<b>Jairo Devia</b> by M/M John Gamboa	<b>Jim Pascuiti</b> <b>Rose Harrington Coulter</b> by Jean Pascuiti	<b>Joseph &amp; Mary Presuto</b> <b>Jean Ann Liguori</b> by Yolanda Hummel Frank Liguori	<b>Jennifer Dalrymple McAvoy</b> by M/M Kenneth Dalrymple
<b>Dave Belenets</b> by Patricia Belenets	<b>Parents</b> by M/M Herbert Oesterle	<b>Otto Warmbier</b> by M/M Santos Santiago	<b>Parents of Walter &amp; Bernice Gierla</b> by M/M Walter Gierla
<b>Karen &amp; Glenn Stacy</b> by M/M Edward Stacy	<b>John &amp; Verna Mattioli</b> by M/M Edward Smith	<b>Wheeler &amp; Liguori Families</b> by Rose Wheeler	<b>Venes &amp; Dunelewicz Families</b> by M/M Carmine Venes
<b>Gloria Ahearn</b> by Arlette Bromberg	<b>Carpency &amp; Kuba Families</b> by M/M Donald Carpency	<b>Erich W. Wolz</b> <b>August &amp; Theresia Lippert</b> <b>Joseph &amp; Elizabeth Wolz</b> by Theresia Wolz	<b>McLaughlin &amp; Quillin Families</b> by Veronica Quillin
<b>Russell Scutari</b> <b>Virginia Giaccio</b> by M/M Gene Scutari	<b>Carmine Romanelli</b> <b>Adele Melofchik</b> by Therese Romanelli	<b>Pauser &amp; Cotter Families</b> by M/M Richard Cotter	<b>Deceased Members of the Ferrara &amp; Michetti Families</b> by Robert & Fran Michetti
<b>Malaker/Sutor</b> by M/M Brian Malaker	<b>Bittner &amp; Landers Families</b> by M/M Kenneth Bittner	<b>Josephine Inguagiato</b> by M/M Mark Di Pietro	<b>Eckert &amp; Koletar Families</b> by M/M Vince Eckert
<b>Brady &amp; Ford Family</b> by M/M John Ford	<b>Al &amp; Eleanor Klimas</b> by M/M John Klimas	<b>Deceased Members of the Kontra Family</b> by M/M James Kontra	<b>Kuba &amp; Carpency Families</b> <b>Fran Roginski, John Leashefski</b> <b>Bob Viglianti</b> by M/M Donald Carpency
<b>Michael Kascin</b> by Mrs. Michael Kascin	<b>Connie Calderone</b> by Dr./Mrs. Joseph Calderone	<b>Matthew E. Gallagher</b> <b>Sally E. Skudder</b> by M/M Gerard Gallagher	<b>Gioachino &amp; Marie Dell'Osso</b> by M/M Cliff De Anna
<b>John Roman, Jr.</b> <b>Laura Ruso</b> by M/M John Roman	<b>Ptaszkowski Family</b> by Mary Reich	<b>Ciccarino, Duffy &amp; Vesper Families</b> by Irene Ciccarino	<b>Theresa &amp; Robert Geraghty</b> by Maureen Geraghty
<b>Edward Manziano</b> by Theresa Manziano	<b>Alex Szabo</b> by Stephanie Szabo	<b>Frank Babernitsh</b> by Jacqueline Babernitsh	<b>Patricia &amp; George Shaneen</b> by Karen Shaneen
<b>Ilg &amp; Booth Families</b> by Mrs. Robert Kaeppl	<b>Paul J. Mc Glynn</b> by Mrs. Barbara Mc Glynn	<b>M/M Edmund O'Keeffe</b> by M/M Scott Hahner	<b>Kockelmann/Burbach Families</b> by M/M Manfred Burbach
<b>Norman Schroeder</b> by Eileen Glassen	<b>Bill Theodos</b> by Amelia Theodos	<b>Fabiana Biol Limbaga</b> by M/M Sid Sawabi	<b>Virginia A. &amp; John A. Farinella</b> by Mark J. Farinella
<b>John F. Bradley</b> by Patricia Bradley	<b>Ann Snyder</b> <b>Josephine Martin</b> by Dr./Mrs. David Snyder	<b>Tom Root</b> by Thomas Root	<b>All Deceased Family &amp; Friends of the Burvett Family</b> by Edith Burvett
<b>Ann &amp; Ed Tarby</b> by M/M William McNamara	<b>Members of Powers &amp; Kwasnieski Families</b> by Genevieve Powers		
<b>William Schwab</b> by M/M Joseph Saggese			

**Christmas Flowers offered in memory of:**

**Dr. Edward M. Mayer**

by

Dolores Mayer

**Deceased Members of the Torra & Goggi Families**

by

Goggi Family

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| M/M Vincent Buonaspina  | M/M Charles Kiley    |
| M/M Leonil Castillol    | M/M Vito Laurenza    |
| M/MRay Cirasa           | Barbara Oberding     |
| M/M Dominick D’Anna     | Constance Pellegrino |
| M/M Daniel De Lorenzo   | Emma Pomo            |
| M/M James De Rose       | M/M Jay Post         |
| M/M Rene Dierkes        | Richard Rader        |
| Dr. & Mrs. James Dunne  | M/M Fred Raffa       |
| M/M Gregory Federico    | M/M Richard Ruggeri  |
| Robert Flynn            | M/M John Skinner     |
| M/M Maurice Gallipoli   | M/M Manuel Teixeira  |
| Mary Ann Golomb         | M/M George Tellier   |
| Anna Marie Graziano     | Dianne Tidaback      |
| M/M/ Alvaro Gutierrez   | MM Kenneth Trimarco  |
| Mrs. Charles Harrington | M/M Michael Varano   |
| M/M Robert Hilongos     | M/M Anthony Vignola  |
| M/M Brian Keane         | M/M Richard Watson   |
| Mrs. Myles Kelly        | M/M Mark Zacieracha  |

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> graders will go to confession during their January session.

There will be no class for our elementary weekly students this Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There also will be no lesson for our Family Faith families this week, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade winter session begins for Sunday students on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass and for our Tuesday students Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please remember that Confirmation books are due at the 1<sup>st</sup> class.

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

A reminder: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders should be attending Mass on a regular basis and putting church envelopes into the collection baskets. This year we once again adopted a family through Catholic Charities and we used the money from the envelopes to buy Christmas gifts and necessities for the family. This year we purchased gifts for a family of 5 - a mother and 4 children ranging in age from 7-15. We were able to purchase each family member a coat and winter boots, along with cookware for the mother, and clothes and toys for the children. Unfortunately, this family is under the care of Child Protective Services due to domestic violence. Please keep this family in



**Holy Trinity School News**

The PreK and Kindergarten students of HTS Mountainside Campus provided a joyous Christmas to many of the students of La Casa de Don Pedro in Newark. The HTS students bought and wrapped gifts that they would love to have themselves, and then sent the gifts to La Casa de Don Pedro.

The Holy Trinity Kindergarteners and Pre-K students and their families celebrated Jesus' Birthday at the Mountainside Campus with songs, stories and, of course, cupcakes! The proceeds from the evening were donated to a local charity.

Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Twilley's PreK-3 classroom looks like a Christmas wonderland! The students made a group project of a Christmas tree stamped with various shapes and colors of paint and glitter. They also made paper poinsettia that they cut out with scissors. Merry Christmas from PreK-3B!!

The fourth graders received a letter from Mrs. Claus asking for help since Santa's suit shrunk in the dryer, so they spent the week designing and describing a new look. Some entries for the new outfit include Scuba Santa, Chef Santa, Hockey Santa and more!

**All of the families and faculty of Holy Trinity School wish all of our parishioners a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year!**

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**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.

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

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner, Coordinators