

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Nativity of the Lord + December 25, 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, David Gagliardotto, Irene Ciccarino and Pat Knodel.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week in loving memory for Susan Letnik requested by John & Genevieve Schuvart for the loving memory for Jack & Doris Barrington requested by Michele & Bill Hopkins, for the loving memory for the Maguire & Perino Families requested by the Family, and for the loving memory for Doris Julian requested by Rick Julian.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the loving memory for Virginia Farinella 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.

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!

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....

Our joy comes from the confidence we have that the Lord is close to us with his tenderness, mercy, forgiveness and love.

I thank you all for your kindness. Please do not forget to pray for me.

Altar Server Schedule for the Weekend of December 31 - January 1

5:00 PM	DOMENICO DELUCA, ZACK KISCIRAS, SAL & MARCELLO CAMMINITI
7:30 AM	JOHN & MICHAEL BITTNER
9:30 AM	DANNY & JIMMY WHELAN ZACH PATER
11:30 AM	RYAN KENNEDY, JAMES SNYDER WILLIAM ZIPETO
NO 5 PM MASS ON NEW YEARS 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 973-503-9675.

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

The black velvety sky was clear and studded with sparkling stars that had looked down on Earth since the beginning of time. On the clear night air, sound traveled easily and

somewhere from the direction of the village inn someone slammed a door.

The Seed of the woman, who would open heaven's gate and welcome any and all who place their faith in Him...had been given!

The Hope that was born that night continues to radiate down through the years until it envelops your heart and mine.

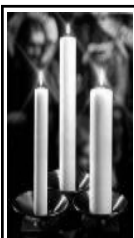
Many Blessings for a Happy and Holy Christmas!

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, 5 pm, 6 pm
- Thursday: 7 pm
- 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.



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 24th, Vigil, Christmas

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

Sunday, December 25th, 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

Monday, December 26th, St. Stephen

- 9:00 AM Mary Della Serra
Req. by Esther Rinald

Tuesday, December 27th, St. John

- 7:30 AM Tonica Milcetic
Req. by Paul Milcetic
- 8:30 AM Tonica Milcetic
Req. by the Family

Wednesday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents

- 7:30 AM Karen Richard
Req. by the Hahner Family
- 8:30 AM Virginia Giaccio (10th Anniversary)
Req. by Joann Scutari

Thursday, December 29th, St. Thomas Becket

- 7:30 AM Sonia Hanna
Req. by the Lynaugh Aberle Family
- 8:30 AM Therese Wuest
Req. by Jim & Maureen McAloon

Friday, December 30th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 7:30 AM Beverly Cambria
Req. by Lynaugh Aberle Family
- 8:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by Al & Carol Leick

Saturday, December 31st

- 8:00 AM Diane McGee
Req. by Irene Ciccarino

Saturday Evening, December 31st, Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 5:00 PM Special Intentions for Nancy McCabe
Req. by Cornerstone

Sunday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
- 9:30 AM Virginia Farinella
Req. by the Hahner Family
- 11:30 AM Paul McGlynn
Req. by Claire & Gordon Kwiatkowski

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THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

The Baby Clothes Fund Raiser to benefit struggling new parents was a great success! The Society of the Christ Child will help so many babies.

THANKS!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. As the legal holiday for the New Year is Monday, January 2nd, the office will be closed on this date and reopen on Tuesday January 3rd.

Our Lady of Lourdes wishes to thank the following parishioners for their efforts in assembling the crèche at Borough Hall: Pete Skinner, Bob Greeley, Joe Calderone and Mark Farinella.

Thank you

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. There are four Christmas liturgies to reflect on and celebrate. Whether we are alone or with a community full of joy, this is a special day to get close to the manger and to renew our sense of gratitude, not only that our Savior has come, but how he has come - to be with us in such lowliness.

This week is full of rich celebrations, with lots of reasons to help us stay reflective this week.

The 26th is the Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr.

The 27th is the Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist.

The 28th is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage.

The 29th is 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.

The 30th is The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When a Sunday does not occur between December 25th and January 1st, this feast is celebrated on December 30th. Even though it is not on a Sunday this year.

The 31st is the Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas. The Gospel is the beginning of John's Gospel.

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.

NEW YEARS EVE MASS

December 31st

5:00 pm

NEW YEARS DAY MASS

January 1st

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

NO 5:00 pm Mass

Christmas Message of Pope Francis 2016

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

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.

**Family Promise
Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Union County, NJ

Tend My Sheep Ministry

The next Tend My Sheep Ministry is right around the corner on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights. A reminder has been sent to all Team 1 members and we will post an online sign-up sheet for donations.

If you cannot volunteer or sign up for a food donation, we are also seeking monetary donations. Donations 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.

Please watch the bulletin for future announcements and we look forward to “tending HIS sheep” and making our next experience even better.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hahner, hahnerk@comcast.net or at (908) 789-4639 or Deacon Michael DeRoberts, mderobersts@aol.com, or at (908) 868-0727.

Thanks again for all you do to make Our Lady of Lourdes a great parish, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner
Coordinators

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF.....

Fredericks, Burke & Donnelly Families by M/M Richard Fredericks	William S. Mc Kinlay by Mary Mc Kinlay	Josephine Inguagiato by M/M Mark Di Pietro	John Jr. by John D'Auria
Whelan & Gallagher Families by M/M James Whelan	Juanita Lopez by M/M Santos Santiago	Antonio Glenn Dierkes by M/M Rene Dierkes	Alex Szabo by Stephanie Szabo
Barrington & Hopkins Families by M/M William Hopkins	Gionta & Solski Families by M/M Albyn Gionta	John, Jr., Rob, Dad & Grandparents by M/M Robert Kuczynski	Dave Belenets McHugh Family by Patricia Belenets
McLaughlin & Quillin Families by Veronica Quillin	Louis & Mary Rose by John Rose	Ciccarino, Duffy, Vesper Families by Irene Ciccarino	John Roman, Jr. Laura Russo by M/M John Roman
Elizabeth & Anthony Fradella by M/M Robert Fradella	Pauser & Cotter Families by M/M Richard Cotter	Ilg & Booth Families by Robert Kaepfel	Parents of M/M John Quinlan by M/M John Quinlan
Parents of Walter & Bernice Gierla by M/M Walter Gierla	Karen & Glenn Stacy by M/M Edward Stacy	Edward Manzano by Theresa Manzano	John Vitale by Eve Vitale
Iacona & Turney Families by M/M Thomas Turney	Paul J. McGlynn by Barbara McGlynn	Gloria Beiran by M/M Anthony Luaces	Joseph Dzik by Julie Spinelli
Dunne & Leonard Families by Dr. & Mrs. James Dunne	Helen Wroblewski by M/M Maurice Gallipoli	Olga & John Konoba Gary Tomko by M/M William Tomko	Mielie Pazlia by Arlette Bromberg
Erich W. Wolz Theresa & August Lippert Joseph & Elizabeth Wolz by Theresia Wolz	Paul J. McGlynn by M/M James Kennedy	Fredrick L. Bittner Fredrick J. Bittner by M/M Kenneth Bittner	Rose DeGiralmo by M/M Frank Duca
Carpency & Kuba Families by M/M Donald Carpency	Venes Family Dunelewicz Family by M/M Carmine Venes	Maria Ciepela by M/M Marek Ciepela	Irene Basta by M/M Richard Basta
Adele & Eugene Melofchik by Therese Romanelli	Our Deceased Parents by Yvonne & Norman Hobbib	John Bradley by Patricia Bradley	Walter Adam Frank Koenig Family by M/M Walter Adam
John & Virginia Farinella by Mark J. Farinella	Nicholas Passiatore by M/M John Sharkey	Mary Quinn by Karen Fenn	Dr. Edward M. Mayer by Dolores Mayer
Deceased Members of the Evangelho & Santos Families by M/M Antonio Santos	M/M Frank Conde Antonio Da Cunha by M/M Frank Conde	Albin Shumbris Mary Shumbris by Mrs. Mary Shumbris	M/M Frank A. Kelly, Sr. by M/M Francis A. Kelly, Jr.
Schnakenberg & Creamer Families by M/M John Schnakenberg	Lorraine Merone by M/M Vincent Buonaspina	Eckert & Koletar Families by M/M Vince Eckert	Angela Miceli by M/M Jose Gennaro
Blewis & Kazanowski Families by M/M John Blewis	Gioachino & Marie Dell'Osso by M/M Cliff DeAnna	Jennifer McAvoy by Dalrymple Family	Wallace & Gisela Brezik by M/M David Brezik
Departed Dimler & Krajcik Families by Marilyn Krajcik	Verna & John Mattioli by M/M Edward Smith	Deceased Members of the Kontra & Stearns Families by M/M James Kontra	Albert Clark by M/M Walter Heckel
Burbach & Kockelmann Families by M/M Manfred Burbach	Mom & Dad Kopacz by Geraldine Christensen	Our Parents by M/M Herbert Oesterle	H. Don Oberding by Barbara Oberding
Arthur, Diane & Edward Sauerborn by Theresa Sauerborn	Elizabeth & Andrew Buckva Mary & Louis Montsko by Norma Weinstein	Wheeler & Liguori Families by Rose Wheeler	Henry & Stella Meier by Gregory Meier
Deceased Members of the Brown, Paster and Sedlak Families by M/M Coady Brown	O'Keefe & Hahner Families by M/M Scott Hahner	Gass & Leick Families by M/M Albert Leick	Josephine Fairchild by Robert Fairchild
	Parents M/M John Quinlan by M/M John Quinlan		Michel Somnolet by M/M Marc Somnolet

Gift of ...

M/M Carl Aberle
 M/M Frank Barone
 M/M Thomas Beke
 Dr./Mrs Joseph Calderone
 M/M Grant Caldis
 M/M Leonil Castillo
 M/M Stephen Celona
 Dr./Mrs. Myroslaw Choma
 M/M Ray Cirasa
 M/M James DeRose
 M/M Bill Dillon
 M/M Pascal Esemplare
 Mr. Robert Flynn
 M/M Richard Fredericks
 M/M James Gallagher
 Virginia Gilcrest
 M/M Peter Goggi
 Mary Ann Golomb
 Mrs. Rosemarie Graziano
 Mrs. Charles Harrington
 M/M Christopher Hasselgren
 Mrs. Michael Kascin
 M/M Jeffrey Kelly
 M/M Charles Kiley
 M/M John Kitchell
 M/M John Klimas
 M/M Frank Kosuda
 William Leber
 M/M Al Leick
 M/M Michael Margello
 M/M Richard Miskewitz
 M/M Patrick Monaghan
 Mrs. Barbara Oberding
 Mrs. Genevieve Powers
 M/M Mario Profita
 Mr. Richard Rader
 Ms. Ellen Roccia
 M/M Donald Rodriguez
 Mr. Richard Ruggeri
 M/M Sid Sawabi
 M/M John Skinner
 M/M Frank Tanki
 M/M Manuel Teixeira
 Ms. Amelia Theodos
 Dianne Tidaback
 M/M James Tumolo
 M/M Antoon Uyttendaele
 M/M Richard Watson
 Mauro Wolfe
 M/M Robert Yurochko
 M/M Paul Zavodny
 M/M Thomas Zimmermann

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
 OFFERED IN MEMORY
 OF.....**

D’Anna Family
 by
 M/M Dominick D’Anna
John Roman, Jr.
Laura Russo
 by
 M/M John Roman
Matthew Ernest Gallagher
 by
 M/M Gerard Gallagher
**Jose & Felicitacion
 Evangelista**
 by
 Teresa Evangelista
Theresa & Robert Geraghty
 by
 Maureen Geraghty
Ann & Ed Tarby
 by
 M/M William McNamara
Frank Comune
 by
 M/M Ross Kisciras
**Russell Scutari
 Virginia Giaccio**
 by
 Scutari Family

Focus on Faith Formation



Christmas Dinner Grace

In the peace of this season our spirits are joyful:
 With the beasts and angels, the shepherds and
 stars, with Mary and Joseph we sing God's praise.

By your coming may the hungry be filled with
 good things, and may our table and home be
 blessed.

Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts,
 which we are about to receive from Thy bounty
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Faith Formation staff would like to wish all
 of our families a very Holy, Blessed, and Merry
 Christmas! May the Peace of Christ be with you!

There will be no Faith Formation classes this
 week. We will resume our regular schedule on
 Tuesday, January 3rd.

Thanks to all of our families who contributed to
 our food drive to help the Circle of Compassion
 prepare Christmas dinners for the needy. Your
 donations are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our 2nd and 9th grade
 sacrament candidates. They collected money
 to help a Family who lost their home and all their
 possessions in a fire. Though the Catholic
 Charities adopt a family program, the children
 helped this family have a Merry Christmas.

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