

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph + December 29, 2019

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.

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 5 pm

Weekdays 7:30 & 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

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Rich Ruggeri, Pedro Antonio Turcios Moreno, Valerie Santiago, Rose Vera Kaepfel, Elizabeth Szabo, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Louise Stacy, Jack Schuvert, Luke Granger, Martha Pares, Irene Ciccarino, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Jack Ford, Logan Alseika, Anthony DePalma, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Mary Reich, Jim Looram, Mildred Plucienik, Angelo (Buddy) Latora and Marilyn Hart.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the loving memory for Jack & Doris Barrington requested by Michele Hopkins and a Thank You to God for all my blessings requested by Laura Kuntz.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the special intentions for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Vesper and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

Children’s Choir

We invite all interested young people with a desire to praise God in song to join us. If you are interested, but missed the first meeting, don't worry! Everyone is welcome! Just contact Theresa Neglia at tneglia@shp.org for more information.

Adult Choir

The OLL adult choir meet Sundays at 10:30 am in the school library and sing at the 11:30 am Mass. If you are interested in more information, see Joe Neglia after any Mass, or contact him at jneglia@shp.org.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

All boys and girls are welcome to sign up, the only qualification is that you already received your First Holy Communion!



**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT
FR. BILL.**

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

Every conversion comes from a previous experience of mercy from God’s tenderness that captures the heart.

Faith gives us the ability to look with hope at the events of life, and helps us to accept even defeats and sufferings, in the knowledge that evil never has the last word.

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!

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!

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.

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

Prayer for a Happy New Year. Perfect Ending. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

As this year comes to a close, be assured that God is present at every point in your life. He is the Beginning and the End, the One who is faithful all year long. Because of this fact you can look ahead with expectation and hope, knowing God's perfect love waits for you in every tomorrow.

Heavenly Father, as one year flows into next, Your love is ever present helping me to let go of the past and joyfully look ahead to the future.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

Jesus longs for our company—just one hour...

PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Monday: Noon; 2 pm
- Tuesday: 10 am
- Thursday: 3 pm
- Friday: Noon; 8 pm
- Saturday: 3 am (that's Friday into Saturday); 3 pm

2nd ADORERS NEEDED FOR HOURS BEGINNING:

- Sunday: between 9 am & 1 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm
- Monday: 11 pm
- Tuesday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm
- Thursday: between 6 am & noon; 5 pm
- Friday: 7 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, 10 pm,
- Saturday: between 9 am & 11 am, between 1 pm & 5 pm, between 7 pm & 11 pm

All days of the week - between Midnight & 6 am.

SUBSTITUTE & ON-CALL ADORERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

CONTACT:

KATHY SNYDER (908-232-4817; auntkik@comcast.net)
 or **MARIANNE TAYLOR (908-233-6074)**

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!



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.



Saturday Evening, December 28th, Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 PM Rose Lambert
 Req. by Audrey, Katie & Jack Stavish

Sunday, December 29th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Louis Ahlquist & Pagowski Families
 Req. by Helen & Candy Ahlquist
 11:30 AM Edward Manzano
 Req. by Theresa Manzano
 5:00 PM Ernesto Brito
 Req. by the Aranjo Family

Monday, December 30th

7:30 AM Robert H. Kaepfel
 Req. by Rose Vera Kaepfel
 8:30 AM Genevieve Powers
 Req. by Yvonne & Norman Hobbib

Tuesday, December 31st

7:30 AM Genevieve Powers
 Req. by Irene Ciccarino
 5:00 PM For the People of the Parish (**Vigil Mass**)

Wednesday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:30 AM Stephen Brady
 Req. by the Brady & Ford Families
 11:30 AM Paul McGlynn
 Req. by Barbara McGlynn
 (**No Evening Mass**)

Thursday, January 2nd, St. Basil the Great

7:30 AM Peter Kuhn
 Req. by the Family
 8:30 AM Helen Duran
 Req. by the Cogan Family

Friday, January 3rd, Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 AM Elizabeth Della Torre
 Req. by Carmin, Janice & Family
 8:30 AM Joseph Dooley
 Req. by Rev. Richard Carrington

Saturday, January 4th, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM Jimmy Haughey
 Req. by the Haughey Family

Saturday Evening, January 4th, Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM James McCormack
 Req. by M/M Richard Blackwell

Sunday, January 5th, Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Rev. John R. Willis, S.J.
 Req. by the Family
 9:30 AM Patricia Flanagan
 Req. by Liz Kelly
 11:30 AM John McCarthy, Sr. (10 Anniversary)
 Req. by the McCarthy Family
 5:00 PM Scott Buchanan
 Req. by the Zipeto Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2020 IS NOW OPEN

COLLECTION

December 15 - \$6,261

Immaculate Conception - \$ 755
(as of 12/15/19)

Retired Religious Collection - \$1,413

Due to publishing dates, the following collections
will be published in the January 12th bulletin:
December 22nd, 25th, 29th and January 5th.

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



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.



The Sunday that follows Christmas is the celebration of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The gospel from Matthew is the story of the angel appearing to Joseph in a dream, telling him to flee with Mary and their newborn son, Jesus, to Egypt so Herod could not find them. After a time, they returned and lived in Nazareth, "so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, he shall be called a Nazorean."

Monday, we look in on Anna, in the temple, through Luke's eyes. When the Holy Family returns to Nazareth, "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

Tuesday, we hear the beginning of John's gospel: the story of the Word becoming flesh, among us.

Wednesday, New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and also the Naming of the Child, Jesus, a special day for the Society of Jesus. In addition, it is a celebration of World Day of Prayer for Peace. A new calendar year begins, and we can always have a new beginning, because of Jesus coming among us.

On Thursday, we hear the testimony of John the Baptist about Jesus, from John's gospel. And, on Friday John tells of what he was told about Jesus. Saturday, is the story, from John, about the call of the first disciples - Jesus saying to them, "Come and see." They went and spent the day with him.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

The Parish Office will be closed on
Tuesday, December 31st and will reopen
on Thursday, January 2, 2020 with our
regular hours of 9 am - 3 pm.

Vigil Mass, December 31st, 5 pm

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:30 am & 11:30 Masses

No evening Mass

**POPE FRANCIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE
ON THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

At the beginning of the year, let us implore from Mary the grace to be amazed at the God of surprises. Let us renew the amazement we felt when faith was first born in us. The Mother of God helps us: the Mother who gave birth to the Lord, now presents us, reborn, to the Lord. She is a mother who generates in her children the amazement of faith, because faith is an encounter, not a religion. Without amazement, life becomes dull and routine, and so it is with faith. The Church too needs to renew her amazement at being the dwelling place of the living God, the Bride of the Lord, a Mother who gives birth to her children. Otherwise, she risks turning into a beautiful museum of the past. A “Church museum”. Our Lady instead gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God, as the inhabitants of Ephesus did at the time of the Council. Like them, let us acclaim her “Holy Mother of God”. From her, let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon, to be embraced, and to be taken by the hand.

Mary, take us by the hand. Clinging to you, we will pass safely through the straits of history. Lead us by the hand to rediscover the bonds that unite us. Gather us beneath your mantle, in the tenderness of true love, where the human family is reborn”. Let us together pray these words to Our Lady: “We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The parish Priests along with Fr. William McDonald and Deacon Mike wish all parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish a healthy an spiritually profitable year under the protection and intercession of our Blessed Mother.

The Giving Tree 2019

The Giving Tree Ministry thanks the many parishioners who participated in our project. Close to 350 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

Hospital Privacy Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their nparishioners are in the hospital. **If you or a loved one is going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the parish office and let us know.**



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

Tend My Sheep Ministry

Our next Tend My Sheep Ministry will be on Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3, 2020, at St. Andrews on South Street in New Providence.

The drop off date for food and other nonperishable items is Thursday, January 2, 2020, at Pollard Hall from 3-4:30 pm. There are still a few items left on the sign-up sheet. However, if you cannot sign up this time, consider making a donation or providing gift cards in small denominations--\$10-25. Walmart, Target, Shoprite, as well as Uber and Lyft, are always appreciated.

These can be dropped off at the rectory, given to Deacon Mike, or put in the collection basket during all masses, in an envelope marked Tend My Sheep Ministry.

The link for the sign-up sheet is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA722A1FB6-ollfood8>

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

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

Deacon Mike and Karen Hahner
Coordinators

FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION



A New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

Weekly Elementary Grades 1-7: There will be no classes Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31st and January 1st. Classes will resume January 7th and 8th.

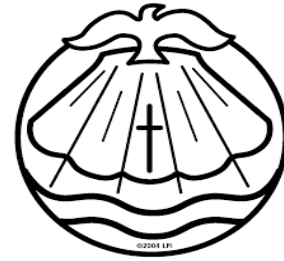
Family Faith: The next session will be Sunday, January 5th beginning with the 5 pm Mass.

Grade 8: The Winter session will begin on Tuesday, January 7th at 7 pm.

Grade 2: The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 11th at 10 am.

Confirmation Grade 9: The next session is Sunday, January 12th beginning with the 11:30 am Mass.

The Faith Formation Staff would like to wish all of our families a very Happy and joy-filled New Year!



2020 Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms will be celebrated at 1 pm on the following Sundays:

January 12 th	August 2 nd
February 9 th	September 13 th
May 3 rd	October 11 th
June 14 th	November 8 th
July 12 th	December 13 th

New parents are reminded that they MUST register for Baptism and attend a preparation class prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

The prep classes are held every other month, on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 pm. Attendance of the class may be completed during pregnancy.

Dates of these sessions are:

Feb 23 rd	August 9 th
April 26 th	Oct. 25 th
June 28 th	Dec. 27 th

For more information or to register for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at 908-232-1162.

RCIA

*Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults*



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Are you searching for meaning or trying to make sense out of life? Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic and wonder what Catholics believe? Have you considered sharing the same faith as your spouse or your kids? Were you baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation? **MAYBE GOD IS CALLING YOU...** The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which we "make new Catholics": a process of learning, and asking questions, and growing together in a nurturing welcoming community of faith. Find out more: contact Fr. Bill Benedetto at frbill@ollmountainside.org or you can call the parish office at 908-232-1162.

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

**Virginia A. & John A.
Farinella**

by
Mark J. Farinella

Dr. Edward Mayer

by
Dolores Mayer

**Katherine Michetti
Gino Ferraro**

by
M/M Robert Michetti

Margie & Bill

Dabrowski

Joan & John

Bieszczak

by
Sue Dabrowski

**Christmas Flower
Gift Offering...**

- Thomas Beke
- M/M Ray Cirasa
- Mrs. Irene Ciccarino
- M/M Rene Dierkes
- Mr. James Gallagher
- Maureen Geraghty
- M/M Peter Goggi
- Mrs. Rosemarie Graziano
- M/M Jeffrey Kelly
- Mr. William Leber
- M/M John Nardiello
- Diana Petrazzuoli
- Mr. Richard Ruggeri
- Livia Perez-Santalla
- M/M Sid Sawabi
- M/M John Skinner
- M/M Manuel Teixeira
- Mrs. Diane Tidaback
- M/M Richard Watson
- Mr. Mauro Wolfe
- Mrs. Susanne Zimmermann

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,
Glen Rosivak and Barbara Plucienik

Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? As the cold days of winter chill us to the bones, there are many homeless who don't even have a single blanket. Catholic Charities provides a warm haven (along with heavy blankets) in our 7 shelters. We need your help to continue this mission. We need all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books. Please contribute to the donation bin. Thank you with all our heart.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
908-753-2091, www.msmhope.org
msmhope@msmhope.org

GOT CHANGE?

We all have changes in our lives, both minor and major. We'll talk about finding God in changing times and places, and how to best try to discern God's will for us when we are faced with making a decision.

Monday, January 13, 7-9 pm. (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Mary Foy

Mary serves as pastoral associate at St. Joseph Church, North Plainfield and as a project manager for RENEW International.



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.