

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph + December 31, 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 pray for the sick. . . Patricia Kane, Marta Pares, 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 of Jack & Doris Barrington requested by Michele & William Hopkins.

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.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, January 2nd

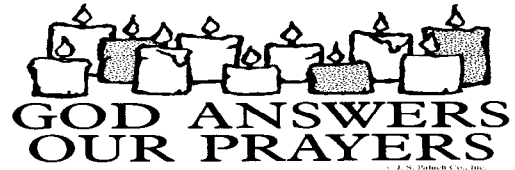
4 pm - Faith Formation
7 pm - 8th Grade Service

Wednesday, January 3rd

4 pm - Faith Formation
7:30 pm - Youth Group

Saturday, January 6th

9 am - 1st Reconciliation Retreat



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Today we want to remember all those who suffer persecution. We want to be close to them with our affection and prayers.

Today we pray for all the children who are not allowed to be born, who cry with hunger, who hold weapons in their hands instead of toys.

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!



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

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!

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.

Contact Irene Ciccarino at 732-574-0064.



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 30th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 PM
Ryan Mc Adam
Req. by the Aranjó Family

Sunday, December 31st, 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 Fr. Richard Carrington

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

Monday, January 1st

9:00 AM World Peace
Req. by Anne Hoang

Tuesday, January 2nd, St. Basil the Great

7:30 AM Joseph Oanl
Req. by Anne Hoang
8:30 AM Peter Kuhn
Req. by the Family

Wednesday, January 3rd, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 AM Teresa Nelson
Req. by the Greeley Family
8:30 AM Ben Mirta
Req. by Eve Vitale

Thursday, January 4th, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 AM No Mass Intention
8:30 AM Ben Mirta
Req. by Terri & Bob Czenszak

Friday, January 5th, St. John Neumann

7:30 AM No Mass Intention
8:30 AM Rev. John R. Willis, S.J.
Req. by the Family

Saturday, January 6th, St Andre Bessette

8:00 AM No Mass Intention

Saturday Evening, January 6th, The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Kevin Ward
Req. by Ethel Ward

Sunday, January 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Eileen Nelson
Req. by the Ethel Ward
11:30 AM Josephine Inguagiato
Req. by Anthony Inguagiato
5:00 PM Dominick Deluca (1st Anniversary)
Req. by the Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

THE SCRIPTURES



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

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

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

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.

The collection for December 24th will appear in next week's bulletin.

NEW YEARS DAY MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:00 am Mass

2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Book is now open.

Sunday is the wonderful Feast of the Holy Family, and there is a wonderful variety of readings from which to choose. Luke's Gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents searched for 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."

New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In addition, it is a celebration of World Day of Prayer for Peace. It marks the mid-point in the Christmas Season.

The week continues with a Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen. In the US, we remember Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop.

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, although the US celebrates it on Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the Baptism of the Lord, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but in the U.S. it is moved to Monday.

The first reading until the Epiphany continues from the First Letter of John, encouraging us to make our home in the one who makes his home in us. In Jesus, we have eternal life and we are called to love one another.

The Gospels for this week show Jesus manifesting himself in his life on earth, following John's Gospel, from the testimony of John to the manifestation or sign at the wedding feast of Cana.

The Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the light that has come into the darkness of the world and that our salvation was made known to the Gentiles.

The Baptism of the Lord is another epiphany. The divine voice from heaven manifests, reveals, points Jesus out as God's "beloved Son."

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 with our regular hours of 9 am - 5 pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERED IN MEMORY OF...

**Bernard Amadio,
Grandfather**

By
M/M Edwin Carr

Harry S. Caldis

by
M/M Grant Caldis

Charles Macaluso

by
M/M/ Anthony Luaces

Craig & Walter Sr. Kempner

by
Sally Kempner

**Deceased Members of the
Whelan & Gallagher Families**

by
M/M James Whelan

Elio Di Cosmo

by
M/M Michael Di Cosmo

Ligia Quinn

by
M/M David Quinn

Olga Spagnola

by
M/M John Manziano

Joanne Franzoni

by
M/M Pascal Esemplare

Kristen Shraven Mawn

by
MM Kevin O'Donnell

**Deceased Members of the
Dabrowski & Bieszczak Families**

by
Sue Dabrowski

Stephen F. Matysek

by
Kenneth Matsek

Our Deceased Parents

by
M/M Norman Hobbib

Blewis & Kazanowski

by
M/M John Blewis

Ahlquist & Pagowski Families

by
Helen Ahlquist

Our Grandparents

by
M/M Jose Rodrigues

Luciezia & Jerry Barberi

by
M/M Vito Spagnolo

Gift of ...

M/M Michael Balmann
M/M Philip Baseil
M/M Coady Brown
M/M Nelson Co
William Madden
M/M Lawrence Prybylski
M/M Mario Profita

The Parish Priests wish to thank Francine and Marlene Perez-Santalla and their committee members who worked so hard to make the Luminary Fundraiser a huge success!!

The profit to the parish was \$4,100.00

Thank You

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 parishioners 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.**



Please remember the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate planning.



Holy Trinity School News

WEE ONES PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 9:30-10:45 am.
Come with your toddler to enjoy an art experience with Mrs. Williams. RSVP to this session by January 18th at (908) 233-1899.

The fourth and first graders worked together to build elf traps. They read *How To Catch An Elf* and designed and built traps.

The seventh and second graders created their very own cardboard arcade, assembled with great spirit, partnership and imagination!

On your **Facebook** page, search for our new Group page “**Holy Trinity School Early Education Center**”! **Join us, Like us, Follow us and Share us!!!**

For more information about our full day kindergarten and preschool program, please contact the Mountainside Campus at (908) 233-1899. Tours are available January 8th at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. For information about grades K through 8 at the Westfield Campus, please call (908) 233-0484. [Follow us on Instagram at htschoolmountainside.](#)

The Dates for the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism** in the year 2018 are:

- January 14
- February 11
- April 8
- May 6
- June 10
- July 8
- August 5
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9



The Preparation Sessions will be held bi-monthly:

- February 25
- April 1
- June 24
- August 26
- October 21
- December 16



Focus on Faith Formation



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 9th graders will go to confession during their January session.

Our weekly elementary classes will resume this Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2nd and 3rd.

Our mandatory 1st Reconciliation Retreat will take place next Saturday, January 6th from 9-12.

The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at 10 am.

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

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

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

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

A reminder: 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th graders should be attending Mass on a regular basis and putting church envelopes into the collection baskets.

Catechists, we are hosting a catechetical certification class towards doctrinal certification on Saturday, January 13th from 9-3 pm Pollard Hall. The Archdiocese requires that all catechists work towards full certification, so please consider attending. RSVP to the Faith Formation office by January 6th.



Please clip and donate Box Tops Labels to help support Holy Trinity School.

Collection boxes are located in the Church lobby.

Thank You!

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

Sandwich volunteers needed!

Are you interested in preparing sandwiches for St Joseph’s Social Service Center? It’s easier than you think and it happens on your time and budget!

What is involved?

Shop for and prepare 6 loaves of sandwiches.

Where?

In your own home then delivered to a Mountainside address (easy drop off).

When?

ANY Monday of your choice!

Who?

Families, sports groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, service hour volunteers, Church friends.

For more information please email Briege Lennon at blcellequi@aol.com or call 908.789.8581.

WANTED: Only 3 Hours a YEAR for the Lord

Your help is needed:

To: Serve as a 2017 On-Call Adorer for our Midnight to 6 am Adoration Team.

Purpose: To cover for Midnight to 6 am Adorers during vacations, illness, etc.

Commitment Length: UP TO only 3X per year

Details:

- You would be 1 of at least 3 Adorers On-Call at a given time
- If you have any restrictions (e.g., weekends only, Mondays only, etc.), you can let us know what they are and we will note them
- Before contacting On-Call Adorers, we first ask regular and sub adorers for help
- Depending on our needs and other coverage resources, you may never be called
- Our Chapel is secure; additional information will be provided to you

Our number of On-Call Adorers has dropped significantly due to moves, illness etc., and we need to replace them in order to keep our Chapel going. Please prayerfully consider this special opportunity to serve the Lord. Remember, it would be for UP TO only 3X per year and that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.

Contact Kathy Snyder (phone: 908-232-4817; email auntkit@comcast.net) to sign up or obtain information.

Clothing Donation Drop Box

Our Archdiocesan Catholic Charities is seeking your support on a fundraising project that will raise funds with very little effort on our part. More and more people, in an effort to stretch their dollar, are buying clothing from thrift stores. As demand has increased, thrift stores need to seek out new sources of used clothing.

The Archdiocese of Newark is partnering with Sentinel Management Services, who have placed an attractive Clothing Donation bin on our property. The bin is clearly labeled with the Catholic Charities’ logo and contact information. Please place donations inside the bin.

Thank you!

