

# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ February 13, 2011

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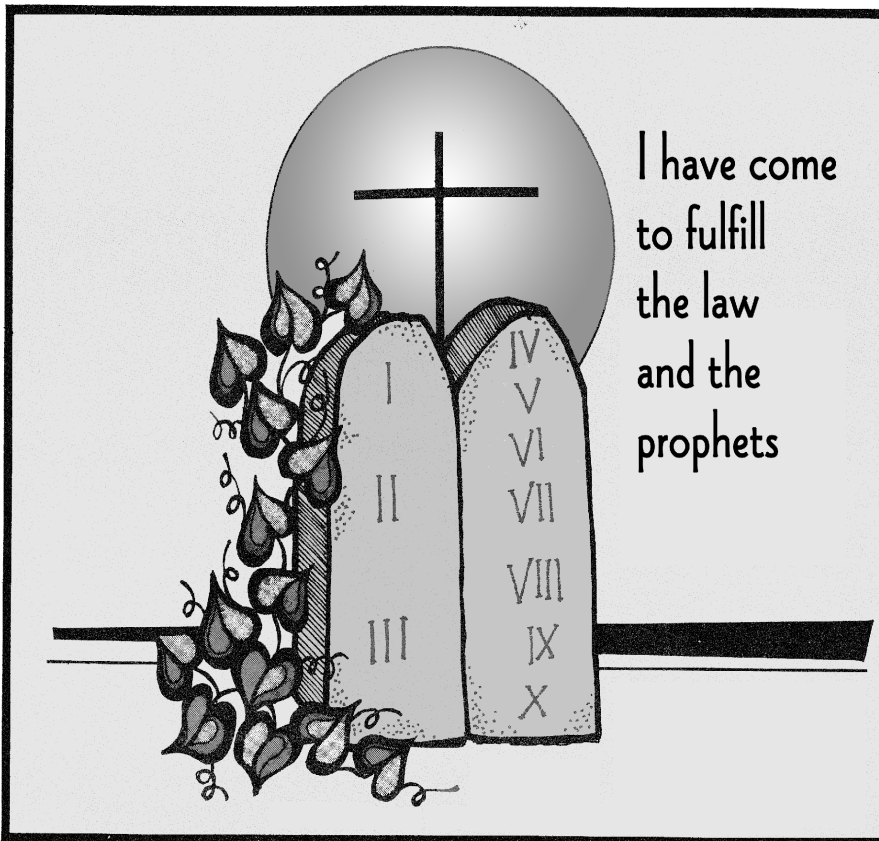
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## COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

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

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

- Blood Mobile Sign Up
- 10:15am Religious Ed.
- 10:30am Religious Ed.
- 2pm Widows & Widowers Group-PH
- 6pm Family Catechesis-PH

### Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

- 4pm Religious Ed.

### Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

- 4pm Religious Ed.
- 7pm Religious Ed.

### Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

- 4pm Religious Ed.
- 7:30pm Youth Group

### Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

- 4:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal II-Church
- 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal-Church

### Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

- Women's Cornerstone

### Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

- Women's Cornerstone
- 1pm Confession



## "HTIS School News"

-The Kindergartners and their Third Grade Buddies enjoyed another day together at the Westfield Campus. They celebrated the upcoming Valentine's Day together and look forward to seeing each other again for their spring activities.

-The third graders at HTIS have third grade Pen Pals at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield. They are introducing themselves with a friendly letter that each will receive on Valentine's Day. These Pen Pals will continue to get to know one another through correspondence until June, when they will meet face to face. How exciting to have friends at another school!

- As part of an ongoing unit on ecosystems, the fifth grade science classes are studying threatened, endangered, and extinct species. By separating into groups and playing a board game that they developed themselves, the students learned many facts about various animals while having fun doing it.

-The Two & a Half Year Old class is using faith to build self-esteem. They used *Thank You for Me* by Marion Dane Bauer to show how much we need to thank God for all of our blessings, especially ourselves.

- There is still some availability in the Two & a Half Year Old class and the full day Kindergarten. We invite you to call the Mountainside Campus at (908) 233-1899 if you are interested in the preschool and full day Kindergarten programs for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information regarding grades 1 to 8, please call the Westfield Campus at (908) 233-0484.

*To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under heaven*

*"...a time to remember..."*

**THE EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL CANDLES** will burn this week in loving memory of:

Connie Dorio requested by Irene Ciccarino

**AND**

Margaret Kortina requested by the Ventura Family

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in loving memory of Anna Olsofsky requested by the Family

*"...a time to serve..."*

Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Connor Crehan and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

## ANNIVERSARY MASSES



On April 3, 2011, all couples in Essex and Union Counties celebrating 50 or more years of marriage are invited to the Cathedral for Mass with the Archbishop at 3:00pm.

On June 5, 2011, all couples celebrating 50 or more years of Marriage from Bergen and Hudson Counties are invited to the Cathedral for Mass with the Archbishop at 3:00pm.

And finally, on June 12, 2011, all couples throughout the Archdiocese celebrating 5 and 25 years of Marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00pm for Mass with the Archbishop.

To register please call the Parish Office at 908-232-1162.

**Everyone is welcomed! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.**

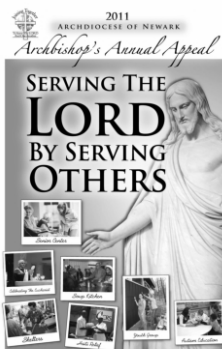


**OLL BLOOD DRIVE  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
AFTER MORNING MASSES  
THE RECENT WEATHER HAS  
CREATED A REAL SHORTAGE  
PLEASE GIVE**

**YOU MAY MAKE AN APPOINTMENT  
FOR A SPECIFIC TIME AFTER  
MASSES THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT  
IN THE HALL BY POLLARD HALL**

Anyone wanting a copy of their 2010 contributions for **tax purposes** may request a statement by calling the parish offices at 908-232-1162. We will send it in the mail or you may pick it up.

Parishioners who make their contributions through Faith Direct will receive a statement from the company. Thank you.



*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - John 13:34.*

It is the generosity of faithful Catholics that inspired the theme for the 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **"Serving the Lord by Serving Others."** The theme is based on a passage in the thirteenth chapter of St. John's gospel, which reads, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

As we saw in the Archbishop's video last weekend at masses, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is our opportunity to assist the poor with food, shelter and clothing; offer the young religious education, guidance and CYO athletics; provide for the future of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most importantly, bring Christ's saving message to the people of the Archdiocese.

Our parish goal for 2011 is \$56,210. Show your support for the mission of the Church of Newark by making a generous gift to the 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I know giving is more difficult during these poor economic times, but the needs are also greater than any time in recent history.

### **Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball**

Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care will host its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Beginning at 6:30pm, this fundraiser will take place at The Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield, Ave., Summit, NJ.

The ticket price for the Center for Hope Hospice 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ball is \$100. For more information, or to order tickets, please contact Barbara Witt at 908-288-9112. For ad journal information, please contact Phyllis Layton or Judi Chiusano at 908-889-7780.

**The Women's Cornerstone V Weekend is this upcoming weekend, February 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Experience the unique opportunity to spend 26 hours without the demands and distractions of every day life. Cornerstone is a 26 hour retreat sponsored by the parish and conducted by fellow parishioners who themselves have attended a Cornerstone Retreat.**

This is your final chance to register. Give yourself the best gift you can imagine. Only a few openings remain, so please send in your registration by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Donna Pinto at 908-232-9517 (dpinto7@comcast.net) or Briege Lennon at 908-789-8581 (blcellequi@aol.com).

Re-Ignite the Flame of Faith



*Women's Cornerstone V  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountaintop  
February 18-19, 2011*

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE SCRIPTURES



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

On the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time we hear Matthew's Gospel. Jesus speaks to his followers about religious laws and also of our own relationships. Go to offer gifts to God at the altar, but first, Jesus says, "Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Cyril, monk, and Saint Methodius, bishop.

We continue with first readings from the Book of Genesis. This is the beginning of the story of salvation: Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel. The week concludes with the Letter to the Hebrews' summary of the beliefs of our ancestors in the faith.

As we follow Jesus' ministry in Mark's Gospel, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: "he sighed from the depth of his spirit." As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious "leaven" of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter. Jesus heals a blind man who first sees only in a distorted way - a scene which begins the journey to Jerusalem on which Jesus tries to heal the blindness of his disciples. Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ but rejects Jesus' instruction that he must suffer and die before the resurrection. Jesus rebukes him and instructs his disciples about their discipleship. It is about taking up our own cross with him: "whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it." Then Jesus takes Peter, James and John and shows them his glory, to prepare them for the scandal of the cross.

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.



It seems that in this life we have an endless array of difficult choices always conflicting for our time and our attention. But in the end it is all very simple. Do we choose to give or do we choose to have? Do we choose to participate or do we choose to go our own way? Do we choose God or do we choose the world?

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 9,412	\$ 301,184
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 8,452	
<b>Mail-Ins &amp; Electronic Giving</b>	\$ 1,400	\$ 295,732
<b>Overage/Shortfall</b>	\$ + 440	\$ - 5,452
<b>Mass attendance:</b>	730	
<b>Envelopes Used:</b>	217	

### Our Lady of Lourdes' Prayer List

If you have an individual who is ill that you would like added to this list, please:

1. Talk with the person and get their permission (in some instances we know people who do not want their name published). If the individual is not able to do this, speak with their family.
2. Call or Email the Parish Office (908-232-1162 or [office@ollmountainside.org](mailto:office@ollmountainside.org)) with the information.
3. PLEASE call or E-mail the Church Office with updates, new requests and deletions. Be sure to share with us how God has answered prayers in your life. Unless notified with more information, names added to the Prayer List will be automatically taken off the List after four weeks of publication. If you wish a particular individual to continue to be listed beyond that date, please contact the parish office.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The sun penetrates crystal and makes it more dazzling. In the same way, the sanctifying Spirit indwells in souls and makes them more radiant. They become like so many powerhouses beaming grace and love around them.

St. Basil the Great

### Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!!!

*One Hour... Our Lord Needs Us!*

Sunday	4 am, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm
Monday	4 am, 5 am, 12 midnight
Tuesday	4 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 12 midnight
Wednesday	10 am, 3 pm, 8 pm, 12 midnight
Thursday	11am, 12 noon, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 12 midnight
Friday	1 am, 11 am, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 12 midnight
Saturday	1 am, 4 am, 2 pm, 3 pm,

...the more difficult the sacrificial hour, the greater the blessing...an early AM adorer or a 2-3AM adorer. Contact Irene Ciccarino at 732-574-0064.



**Adoration Chapel Candles** may burn In Memory of a Loved One, Special Birthday or Anniversary.

**The Women’s Cornerstone** will take place next Friday and Saturday here at Our Lady of Lourdes. In order to respect the spirit of prayerful silence, we ask those coming to Masses and Confession on Saturday to use the front door of the church. The School doorway and the Pollard Hall doors will remain locked during the Cornerstone.



### Saturday Evening,

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Barbara Carpency

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM John Vitale

11:30 AM Edward Manziano

**Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Sts Cyril and Methodius.**

7:30 AM Nicholas Louis Pagnetti

**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Erundina Montalvo

**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Regina Mazur Fitzherbert

**Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**

7:30 AM Anna Dercole

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Rev. Gerard McGarry

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Mary Clare Clifford

### Saturday Evening,

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM For the People of Parish

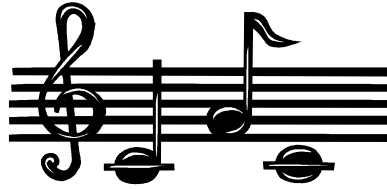
**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Mary & Carl Leonhard

9:30 AM Daniel Ryan

11:30 AM James & Alice Price

We learned this week of the death of Rev. Patrick Leonard, Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Lourdes. Father Leonard served the parish as Temporary Administrator in 1995, and then returned in 1996 as Pastor. Father Leonard retired in 2003. Throughout his entire priestly ministry, Father Leonard served the Lord by serving his people as a dedicated priest, journeying with many of us in our joys and in our sorrows. Our prayers are with his family and friends. May he now rest in peace. May he hear from Jesus, the Great High Priest the words: well done, good and faithful servant.



An Afternoon of Music!

**NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS**

**CONCERT BAND**

*"From Renaissance to Ragtime"*

Howard Toplansky, *conductor*

John Ondrey, *guest conductor*

**February 20, 2011**

**2 PM**

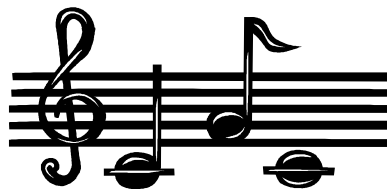
**(seating begins at 1:45 PM)**

Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church

300 Central Ave.

Mountainside, NJ

\$10 Suggested Donation



### From This Side of the Mountain ...

This week, our nation “celebrates” one of the most well known and popular days of the year. That day, of course, is Valentine’s Day. Flowers are sent, cards are exchanged, couples go out to dinner, and, in general, **love is in the air**, as the song says. It is wonderful that a couple will celebrate and honor their love for each other, whether they are dating, engaged to be married or married. It is hoped that the flowers and the cards and the dinners are not just an external sign; we always pray that the love they express also shows an honor and a respect that they have for one another. Gifts are only important if they express a true and selfless love.

Valentine’s Day becomes a good time for us as Catholic Christians to reflect on what we believe about Christian love, especially when that love is lived out in the sacrament of marriage.

The best place for us to begin such a reflection is with the Lord Jesus himself. At the Last Supper in the 4th Gospel, Jesus, in his farewell to the Apostles, challenges them when he says, **“Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love than this no one has, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”** To read and to reflect on these ideas is to come to a real understanding about what Christian love is, especially when that love is expressed by a man and a woman who have promised to love one another for the rest of their lives.

When we love each other as Christ loves us, one of the most challenging aspects of that relationship comes from the fact that Christ loved people, as they were when he encountered them. His love was not withheld until they became what they should be or could be; his love was offered, to saint and sinner alike, as they were. It was that free gift of love that touched them so deeply, allowing and encouraging them to change. They were challenged to change, to become all that Christ knew they could be.

People that Jesus actually met like Zaccheus or the woman caught in adultery or people described in parables, such as the prodigal son – all of these were capable of change because of how they were treated, how they were loved. That love gave them the dignity, the ability, the strength, the freedom and the courage to move beyond what they were into what they could become in God’s plan. That change was possible only because they were first loved by Christ.

We pray that, as people celebrate Valentine’s Day this week, the love that they profess will be a love that mirrors the love that Christ has for us and asks that we have for each other. May our love for each other be, as Paul writes in Corinthians: patient, kind, not jealous, not boastful, not arrogant, but generous, kind, forgiving, and blessed by the Lord who loved us first and loves us without cost.

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The next meeting of the Gift of Words Book Club will be Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Spirituality Room. The book for discussion will be the biography Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff, a timely look at Egyptian history.



If you have ever wanted to read the Bible, but did not know where or how to begin, then A Quick Journey Through The Bible Parish Study is for you. A Quick Journey Through The Bible makes reading the Bible not only easy, but exciting. In this study, you will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible—getting the “big picture” of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday mass readings come alive like never before. A Quick Journey Through The Bible will be offered at six Parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark starting late March, 2011, including Our Lady of Peace Parish, 111 South St., New Providence, NJ 07974 Mondays—7:00-9:00 pm, beginning March 28, 2011. For more information contact the Office for Evangelization at [sotolili@rcan.org](mailto:sotolili@rcan.org); 973 497-4353; [www.rcan.org/evangelization](http://www.rcan.org/evangelization).



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### Rise up, O Man of God!

A Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00am and ending around 4:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

Ticket price is \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and senior citizens and priests & religious free including breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at [www.rcan.org/menscommission](http://www.rcan.org/menscommission) or contact our Parish Conference Leader, Deacon Mike DeRoberts at 908-868-0727 or email him at [deaconmike@ollmountainside.org](mailto:deaconmike@ollmountainside.org)