



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Blessed Christmas to you, as we observe, the Baptism of the Lord, the final feast day of our Christmas liturgical season, on Sunday January 12, 2020.

The sacrament of Baptism reminds us that the home and church complement each other in important ways. A praying family is called together to unite in both locations and to unite for the good of the child and children being brought forward.

We learn to pray and sacrifice at home, to continue elements of worship. Similarly, we also enter into friendship and spiritual intimacy with those in our parish by coming together in worship. Thus, while we receive the rites of Catholic initiation at church, our sacramental life and worship extends to our homes and families. In both locations, we come home to God and to each other.

Pope Paul VI, writing about Nazareth and the Holy Family, reminds us that our spiritual education is ongoing writing that “education in the Gospel is never finished.” Paul VI observed that we can learn several ideals by observing the portrayals of Nazareth to us in the Gospel. This teaches us about both the home and the church.

**SILENCE.** Very little is written explicitly about Christ’s home life in Nazareth. The details are spare and muted. The pope wrote: “The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual and to be open to the voice of God’s inner wisdom.” (Paul VI, *Address in Nazareth*, 5 Jan 1964)

**FAMILY.** Paul VI observed that the

family is “a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings; in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children.” (*Address in Nazareth*)

**DISCIPLINE/WORK.** Paul VI observed that in Nazareth, we see the home of a craftsman and laborer, Joseph. Jesus learned both routines and regulation from Joseph. Paul VI wrote that such work is “demanding yet redeeming ... [it] has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself.” Paul VI reminds that all our work, then, serves the greater good – and the Greatest Commandment – to love God and neighbor. (*Address in Nazareth*)

In his own reflections on the family, Pope John Paul II wrote this about the role of the family and church, describing the family as the “domestic Church”:

“Thus the little domestic Church, like the greater Church, needs to be constantly and intensely evangelized: hence its duty regarding permanent education in the faith...the family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates...the future of evangelization depends in great part on the Church of the home” (John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, nn. 51-52).

**Save The Date:** The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated solemnly and for all on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am Mass, and follow with our festive Feast Day Café in Connor Hall. Please see the flier in the bulletin and we invite you to bring a treat or dessert. But, most important, please join us in prayer for our parish family and for the intercession of the Blessed Mother of Lourdes. This is a great opportunity for all of us – as a parish family – and families and children to gather at Sunday Mass and after Sunday Mass.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – JANUARY 12, 2020**



**SATURDAY 11 JANUARY**  
 8:30 am John Edward McGuire  
 5:30 pm Emma McCauley O'Rourke

**SUNDAY 12 JANUARY**  
 7:30 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Catherine Parisi  
 11:30 am Thomas, Evelyn and Robert Clayton

**MONDAY 13 JANUARY**  
 8:30 am Vincenza & Luigi Russo

**TUESDAY 14 JANUARY**  
 8:30 am In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mother

**WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY**  
 9:30 am Kathy Whelan

**THURSDAY 16 JANUARY**  
 8:30 am Bernard J. Degnan

**FRIDAY 17 JANUARY**  
 8:30 am Richard Iannacone

**SATURDAY 18 JANUARY**  
 8:30 am John Wiegel  
 5:30 pm Bernard J. Degnan

**SUNDAY 19 JANUARY**  
 7:30 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Nancy Lynch  
 11:30 am Michael Sugar

**SUNDAY 12 JANUARY**  
 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal

**MONDAY 13 JANUARY**  
 6:00 pm 1st Communion Parent's meeting—C. Hall

**WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY**  
 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting—C. Hall


**THURSDAY 16 JANUARY**  
 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Jan 26th bulletin email: Lourdesbulletinaol.com.

6:00 pm Choir Practice  
 7:00 pm Christian Book Club, KOC room

**SATURDAY 18, JANUARY**  
 11:15 am 1st Penance—Church  
 5:30-8:30 pm KOC Roast Beef Dinner—C. Hall

**SUNDAY 19 JANUARY**  
 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal



 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank, is in memory of **RHETA BRINKERHOFF**



**PRAYERS Needed For...**


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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Daphne Brown</b>       | <b>Mary Lou Ruppel</b> |
| <b>Catherine Gascoyne</b> | <b>Pat Schoeler</b>    |
| <b>Nicholas Larusso</b>   | <b>Patricia Seib</b>   |
| <b>Peter McDonald</b>     | <b>Katerina Zachos</b> |
| <b>Mary McGuiness</b>     |                        |

**PRAYER Requests**

*If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the rectory at 973.325.0110.*

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE JAN 18 – JAN 19, 2020**

| Mass                    | Lector              | Eucharistic Ministers   | Altar Servers                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 5:30 pm                 | Pauly Camosy        | Judith Albore<br>Eileen Reilly<br>Sharon Rosario                      | David Broking<br>Jordan Broking       |
| 7:30 am                 | Bless Bernardo      | Patricia Saway<br>Louis Volpe   | Joseph Lobo<br>Barry Skinner          |
| 9:30 am                 | Kathy Petrillo      | Annette Chiamonte<br>JoAnne Chiamonte<br>Joseph Petrillo<br>Ann Pflug | Seamus Murphy<br>Volunteer            |
| 11:30 am<br>Adult Choir | Wendy Sheyka        | Espy Cain<br>(C) Paul Hirsch<br>Nancy Lanfrank<br>Wendy Sheyka        | Anika Fernandes<br>Jennifer Fernandes |
| 11:30 am                | Children's Liturgy: | Carol Ford  | <i>Called to Serve</i>                |




**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**  
 January 25-26 is our monthly food collection for St. John's Church, Newark. Please bring non-perishable food and place it in the bins in the Church lobbies. Thank you.



**ROAST BEEF DINNER**  
**CONNOR HALL, OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
 Saturday, January 18, 2020  
 5:30—8:30 pm  
 Cost: \$20 for ages 13 and over  
 \$10 for 5-12 year old's  
*See Flyer in today's Bulletin*



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
 When all the hustle-bustle of the holidays are over.... Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree they you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information go to website [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email [mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com).



**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**  
**February 7-9, 2020**  
 Marianist Family Retreat Center  
 Cape May Point, NJ 08212  
 Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!  
**Cost:** \$135 per person, double occ.  
**Register at:** [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 1-609-884-3829.  
 Some financial aid is available

**RESPECT LIFE HOT LINES**  
 Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese 973-497-4350  
 or via email: [rileyche@rcan.olrg](mailto:rileyche@rcan.olrg). All calls and emails are confidential.  
 Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 1-888-4 OPTIONS  
 Post Abortion Healing 1-877-HOPE 4 ME (Rachel's Vineyard Hotline)  
 National Life Center 1-800-848-LOVE  
 Birthright 1-800-550-4900  
 Catholic Charities—Pat Chiarello 201-246-7379  
 Several Sources 201-818-9033  
 New Hope 201-408-4726  
 Good Counsel Homes 1-800-723-8331



**Our Annual Tricky Tray Preparations Begin**  
 Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society  
 This is a major parish fund raiser.  
 This year's theme is




**Event Date: Friday, April 17, 2020**

**Would you like to be a Tricky Tray elf?**

Between now and April we need many volunteers for many tasks. (prize solicitation, wrapping, advertising, auction tickets, etc.)

If you are interested please contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or [Eileen.reilly50@verizon.net](mailto:Eileen.reilly50@verizon.net).

**CHRISTIAN BOOK DISCUSSION –**




Our Next Book: **“KEEPING FAITH”**  
 By: **Jodi Picoult**  
 Join the Book Discussion Group  
**Thursday, , January 16th at 7:00 pm**  
**in the Knights of Columbus Room, C.Hall**

**PARISH GIVING**

**FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019**

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| WEEKLY GOAL                   | \$ 6800        |
| <b>Collection*: Dec 28-29</b> | <b>\$ 5257</b> |
| Deficit:                      | \$ 1543        |

\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



**THANK YOU**

**For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure**

*Tu n'as plus à craindre, ni terreurs la nuit, ni flèches qui volent durant la journée.*  
(Psaume 91)

*You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. (Psalm 91)*

## 12 January 2020, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Léogâne & Port-au-Prince Earthquake



**Drapeau d'Haïti**  
**L'union fait la force**  
*Unity makes strength*



**Notre dame, aide des chrétiens,**  
**priez pour nous.**  
*Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.*

### Recalling the People & Homeland of Haiti, 12 January 2010

With an epicenter near Léogâne and 16 miles west of Port-au-Prince, an earthquake occurred at 4:53 pm, Tuesday, 12 January 2010.

By 24 January, over 50 seismic aftershocks of 4.5+ occurred. An estimated 3,000,000 people were affected and an estimated 200,000 people died in Léogâne, in Port-au-Prince and the Haitian capital region.

We extend our prayers for the dead, for the surviving injured, and for the people of Haiti.

**Reste éternel accorde-leur, ô Seigneur,**  
**et laisse la lumière perpétuelle briller sur eux.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*