



3 FEBRUARY 2019

4th Sunday
of
Ordinary Time

Some people reject Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Our Lady of Lourdes (Part 1 of 2)

“Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.” (1 Peter 1:8-9)

We'll have a Sunday celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes day at 9:30 am Mass on SUNDAY February 10. Join us for this Mass and our festive Feast Day Café in Connor Hall after 9:30 am Mass on February 10. If you would like to “bring and share” some treats or food, please see flier in the bulletin.

What is the history and the joy of Lourdes?

HISTORY In France, in 1858, a young 14-year old girl, Bernadette of Soubirous, sees our Blessed Mother in a vision or apparition (appearance). This encounter is depicted above our church's altar. Bernadette was in the Massabielle grotto and at the River Gave.

JOY Pope Benedict XVI, in 2008 at Lourdes, emphasized the smile of Our Lady as the beginning of the call to the young Bernadette. Benedict XVI describes the smile of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a “spring of living water.” He states that every time we pray the *Magnificat* (“My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord”), we also testify to the joy of Mary and to our salvation through Christ.

Invited by this smile, Bernadette also was striving to know more, to learn more. Benedict XVI wrote:

“In the course of the apparition of Wednesday 3 March 1858, Bernadette contemplated this smile of Mary in a most particular way. It was the first response that the Beautiful Lady gave to the young visionary who wanted to know who she was. Before introducing herself, some days later, as “the Immaculate Conception”, Mary first taught Bernadette to know her smile, this being the most appropriate point of entry into the revelation of her mystery.” (Benedict XVI, Lourdes, 15 September 2008)

Benedict XVI acknowledged that Lourdes is also the place of pilgrimage for many who are ill, writing: “Like every mother, and better than every mother, Mary is the teacher of love. That is why so many sick people come here to Lourdes, to quench their thirst at the ‘spring of love’ and to let themselves be led to the sole source of salvation, Jesus the Savior.” (Benedict XVI, Lourdes, 15 September 2008)

Benedict encourages us in our devotion both to Our Lady of Lourdes and to Our Lord, reminding us that the Blessed Mother always leads us to her Son.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for Us!

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2018

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection: January 19-20* \$ 3161

Deficit: \$ 3639

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit

MASSES FOR THE WEEK	
SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Fr. Jim Ferry (Special Intention) 5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney
SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte 11:30 am Patricia Paxton
MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Frank & Angela Volpe
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Frank Volpe
WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Andrew Joseph McCauley, Sr.
THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Lucille Cappello
SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Sally Ioannides 5:30 pm Peggy Brennan
SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Emma Campanella

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY	9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary—Church 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL KICKOFF/VIDEO	
WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY	6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm Alumni Meeting—Connor Hall
THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY	10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for February 17th bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com . 7:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY	3:30—5:15 pm Family Catechesis—Hall
SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY	9:30 am Solemn Mass / Feast Day Café 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal






PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vincent Aiello, Sean Bailey,
Josefina Balerdi, Suzane Ball,
Gina Cammarata, Darlene Cangialosi,
Teresa Carbin, Josephine Ciullo,
Tom Collinson, Jeannie Cox, Ramona De Castro,
Peggy Dolan, Pierre Ferrus,
Catherine Gascoyne, Al Gebhardt, Judy Givas,
Gary Grasso, Alberta Greco, Michael Harris,
Marissa and Richard Hedstrom, Jovann Henry,
Yann Henry, Glenn Holland, Prepty Joint,
Bruce Kiefer, Tim Klein, James Leung,
Rose Mateus, Marion McConville,
Mary McGuinness, Stephanie Montano,
Noreen Meyers, Liam Morley, Florence Olabiyi,
William Ollenschleger, Otilia Ortega, Idelourdes
Petion, Patrick Pierre, Mark Quarno, Thelma
Ramaglia, Amy Ricciardi, Mary Lou Ruppel,
Marie Salvatoriello, Canico Saniel, Sr., Vincent
Santucci, Jr., Heather Scoffone, Patricia Seib,
Natalie Sims, Marie Stopfer, Jimmy Tiernan,
Robin Tobia, Harry Vendemia, Ann Whelan,
Michael Whelan, George Zachos.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS— SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY			
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm Choir	Pauly Camosy	Judith Albore Marge Christiano Emily Kunz	David Broking Jordan Broking Liam Cunningham
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Bless Bernardo Mary Cassels Sr. James Soon	Rosalinda Saniel Lisa Westheimer
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	JoAnne Chiaramonte John Pflug Myrna Regino Bill Talbot	Seamus Murphy Volunteer
11:30 am Children's Choir	Julie Nzegwu	Virginia Dimapilis Paul Hirsch Nancy Lanfrank	Faith Nzegwu Andrew Onubogu William Onubogu
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy	TBA	
10:30 am	RCIA		

Around the Parish & Community

TODAY



All are welcome on
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd
at 4:00 pm

For an interfaith prayer service for Christian Unity to be celebrated with other houses of worship and faith communities in our area.

To be held at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church
28 Livingston Ave., Roseland, NJ

This is the new date, having been rescheduled due to previous inclement weather.

INTERESTING!

Bishop Robert Barron interview @ Amazon

Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire Ministries, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles), posted a video of his daytime interview at the offices of Amazon HQ. In this engaging discussion, Bishop Barron speaks about the Catholic faith, why intelligence and reason are not opposed to faith, and engages his listeners with some highlights and helpful explanations. He also makes an effort to teach us why "arguing" about religion is not something we do in order to put someone down, or raise ourselves up. Rather, true argument is something we can do lovingly and to build up the Kingdom of God. To find the video enter "Bishop Barron Amazon Arguing Religion" or enter the link below. A link to the talk will also be on our parish Facebook page. The video is 44 minutes.

<https://bishopbarronbooks.com/amazon-talk>



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Do you want to give your Valentine something that will be remembered for a lifetime? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a great romantic get away! If you would like to find out more or to receive a registration brochure, contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email: mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com

Mass For Our Country



Thursday, February 7th at 7:30 pm
we will celebrate a Mass For Our Country at **St. Thomas The Apostle Church in Bloomfield.**

Come together as a community to pray in support of our country, for our families and friends, and for our needs. In these challenging times, what better way to seek peace and know God's purpose and plan than to gather for Holy Mass. I hope to see you there.

Fr. John Gordon, Coordinator, Office for Evangelization

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The Archdiocese of Newark will once again be honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of marriage in the year 2019. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

50th Anniversary Couples (all counties):

Mass will take place on April 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm

5th & 25th Anniversary Couples (all counties):

Mass will take place on June 2, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Please call the Parish Rectory at [973-325-0110](tel:973-325-0110) to register, or if you require additional information or assistance, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at [973-497-4323](tel:973-497-4323).

SAVE THE DATE!!



2019 Women's Day of Reflection
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 8 am—4 pm
"Alive in Christ..."



2019 Catholic Men's Conference
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 8 am—4 pm
"Be Not Afraid...!"

These events include inspirational talks, fellowship, Holy Mass, Holy Hour, Confession, Breakfast and Lunch. Both events are in Spanish and English and take place at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ. Registration fee is \$25.

More information can be found at: www.rcan.org/womenscommission or www.NJCatholicMen.org