



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 9. Join us for this Mass and our festive Feast Day Café in Connor Hall after 9:30 am Mass on February 9. If you would like “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 Saviour.” (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



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – FEBRUARY 9, 2020



SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

8:30 am Vanessa Espinosa
5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am Maureen DeCoursey

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

8:30 am Joseph & Jean Sansone

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

8:30 am Thomas Peter Longo

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

9:30 am George Pflug (68th Ann.)

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

8:30 am Divino Nino Jesus

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

8:30 am Theresa Sweeney

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY

8:30 am Nancy Hocart
5:30 pm Nancy Lynch

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Jeanne T. Blind
11:30 am Emma Campanella

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

9:30 am Our Lady of Lourdes Solemn Mass +
Feast Day Café—Connor Hall
10:30 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal



NAME TAG SUNDAY

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

5:30—7:30 pm Family Catechesis—CH
GRADES 1—6
7—8:30 pm Religious Ed—M/HS
School/Chapel

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

7:00 pm KOC meeting—CH

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements
for Feb 23rd bulletin email:
Lourdesbulletinaol.com.
6:00 pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

10:30 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**Stewardship Reflection
February 9, 2020**

**“Let your light shine before others, that they may see
your good works and give glory to your Father who is
in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)**

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.



This week’s Bread & Wine, a gift of Joseph & Kathy Petrillo, is in memory of **VITO NAPOLITANO**



**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

FEB 15 – FEB 16, 2020

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Lynda Clement	Marge Christiano Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly	Gina Camosy Jenie Camosy Jonathan Camosy
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Patricia Saway Sr. James Soon	Joseph Lobo Barry Skinner
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Annette Chiaramonte JoAnne Chiaramonte Carmelita Dizon Myrna Regino	Seamus Murphy Volunteer
11:30 am Adult Choir	Doris Spivey	(C) Paul Hirsch Nancy Lanfrank Wendy Sheyka	Anika Fernandes Jennifer Fernandes
11:30 am	Children’s Liturgy:	Carol Ford	<i>Called to Serve</i>



**PRAYERS
Needed For...**

Daphne Brown
Catherine Gascoyne
Nicholas Larusso
Mary McGuines
Matthew McHugh

Dolores Otero
Mark Quarno
Gregory Roxborough
Mary Lou Ruppel
Pat Schoeler
Katerina Zachos

**PRAYER
Requests**

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

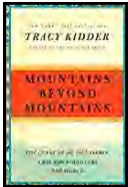


FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

February 22-23 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.

CHRISTIAN BOOK DISCUSSION –

Our Next Book: "MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS"



Join the Book Discussion Group on

Thursday, FEBRUARY 20th

**7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Room,
Connor Hall**

PIPE DREAM

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE HAPPY
WINNERS

February 2, 2020

**\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:
Barbara Camp**

**\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:
Jeri Konvalinka**

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800.00

Collection*: Jan 25-26 \$ 4497.00

Deficit: \$ 2303.00

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure



At this time of heightened concerns about health and the flu and the new Coronavirus, our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are following their regular procedure of using a hand sanitizer before distribution of Holy Communion.

As an additional caution—and as a temporary measure—the reception of Holy Communion will be limited to the host (Body of Christ). This limitation means that we are not distributing the cup (the Precious Blood of Christ) for the time being.

We hope this discontinuation will be temporary as we gain more information about the flu and Coronavirus. Please contact Father Jim Ferry if you have any questions.



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CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Man of God...

I am my Brothers' Keeper

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
8:00 AM—4:00 PM

400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ

To register online visit www.rcan.org/mens-commission
Or call 973-497-4545



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WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

Alive in Christ...

The Eucharist...His Heart in My Heart

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
8:00 AM—4:00 PM

400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ

To register online visit www.rcan.org/womenscommission
Or call 973-497-4013

2019
**CHRISTMAS
GIVING**

Christmas Collection: \$18,894.43
Christmas Flowers Collection 2,183.72

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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MORNINGS
OF
REFLECTION

March 3, 17, 31,
and April 14

*immediately following
the 8:30AM Mass*



SISTER SANDY DEMASI, SSJ
Presenter