



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

ST. JOSEPH FEAST + TABLE

REMINDER: *Our St. Joseph Novena concludes with Mass at 7:00 pm on Thursday March 19. If you would like to bake or bring some food or a treat, please call the rectory 973.325.0110. Most importantly, however, we want you to join us for the Feast Day Mass & Table.*

Friends in High Places

When consoled do we feel we can count, among our friends, persons of influence and fame. We might boast of friends or a family in the media, academia, government. Or we simply give thanks for the friends and family to whom we can turn to for the truth and for perspective. It does not mean that they have worldly power. But, their love and truthfulness is a powerful grace and blessing.

The old saying is true: it's not what you know, it's who you know. And, knowing someone in a high and lofty place, we would hope for advancement.

Jesus wants to turn this around and remind us of our need to be humbled. His disciples follow him up a mountain. Observing their dazzling-in-white Savior with Moses and Elijah, three of the apostles conclude they have a friend in a very high place. (cf. Luke 9:28-36).

Peter, James and John – the Lord's closest disciples -- do not always understand. We can learn from their words and actions.

These apostles -- Peter, James, and John -- are right to show reverence. However, in a rush of loyal feeling, what they suggest is the building of monuments, the three tents.

A critical view of their suggestion would show the foolishness of Peter, James, and John who focus on something material, something on the mountain.

Meanwhile, Jesus really wants them to see this transfiguration as one step toward another glorification. What the disciples see now is the dazzling white; what they will later see is the Lord's passion and resurrection.

This second transfiguration – from death on the cross to new life in the tomb – will be their salvation. This picture is much less attractive and glorious at first glance than the first transfiguration on the mountain.

It will take some time for the apostles to grasp.

On the mountain, they feel relatively prosperous and comfortable. And, the mountaintop experience of dazzling white brings the hope of future success. They want to capture the moment. And, they have new confidence in their well-connected friend Jesus.

Perhaps, their reaction is natural. In a way, they put their friendship with the Lord above all others. Aristotle also expressed this as a moral and ethical choice. We tend to put our friends – especially our high-placed friends – ahead of all other things:

“For without friends no one would choose to live, though he had all other goods.”

The apostles see their prosperity connected to Christ and put him first.

With Moses and Elijah, the apostles have two more well-placed friends. Reading Aristotle's Ethics, we might see the logic in what the apostles suggest doing. Aristotle asks for example, “How can prosperity be guarded and preserved without friends? The greater [prosperity there] is, the more it is exposed to risk.”

The apostles recognize that Jesus can protect them as a miracle worker, a renowned rabbi, a leader. He can shelter them from adversity and preserve their prosperity.

Peter, James, and John do not want unnecessary risks. The tents are their shelter. Meanwhile, Jesus will – later and gradually – expose them to risk. He will teach them about laying down their lives.

Peter, James, and John will – eventually – come down the mountain and realize that their friendship with Christ does not depend on what they build or establish or prove.

Rather, they will grow closer to Jesus, their high-placed friend, as they become humble, become lowly, and lay down their lives.

This is friendship that Jesus asks of us. Not tents or monuments but humility and repentance.

“No greater love is there than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” (John 15:13)

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – MARCH 8, 2020



SATURDAY 7 MARCH

8:30 am Elizabeth Rippelmeyer
5:30 pm Michael Trusio

SUNDAY 8 MARCH

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Catalano (17th Ann.)
11:30 am Nancy Lynch

MONDAY 9 MARCH

8:30 am Vito Napolitano

TUESDAY 10 MARCH

8:30 am Vito Napolitano

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

8:30 pm Dumonname Dossous

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

8:30 am Elizabeth Rippelmeyer

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

8:30 am Dumonname Dossous

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

8:30 am Vito Napolitano
5:30 pm Susan Konstead

SUNDAY 15 MARCH

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug and Napolitano Families

CHURCH CALENDAR



SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY 9 MARCH

5:30—7:30 pm Family Catechesis—CH—Grades 1-6
7:00—8:30 pm M/HS Religious Ed—School Chapel

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

7:00 pm St. Joseph Novena

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Mar 22nd bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com.

6:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm St. Joseph Novena

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

7:00 pm St. Joseph Novena

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

8:00 am—4:00 pm Men's Conference—Seton Hall Univ
5:30 pm St. Joseph Novena

SUNDAY 15 MARCH 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30 am St. Joseph Novena
10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal



NO 11:30 AM MASS TODAY DUE TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

**WEEKDAY 8:30 am MASS for LENT
WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN CHURCH**

In addition,

The Tuesday Morning Retreat with Sister Sandy DeMasi starting March 3 and then alternating Tuesdays will take place in the main church as well.



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAR 14 – MAR 15, 2020

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Sharon Rosario	Marge Christiano Emily Kunz	Francesca Appolon Jacquyanah Vincent
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Hermie Santos Sr. James Soon	Joe Lobo Barry Skinner
9:30 am Adult Choir	Kassidy Beauzil	(C) Cain Sonia Murphy Myrna Regino	Seamus Murphy Volunteer
11:30 am	NO MASS— --- ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE		
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy:	Children's Liturgy will not be held today	<i>Called to Serve</i>



**Daphne Brown
Cheryl Fontana
Catherine Gascoyne
Nicholas Larusso
Mary McGuines
Matthew McHugh**

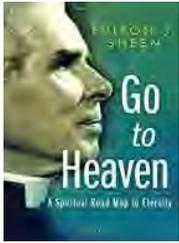
**Dolores Otero
Mark Quarno
Gregory Roxborough
Mary Lou Ruppel
Pat Schoeler
Katerina Zachos**

PRAYER Requests

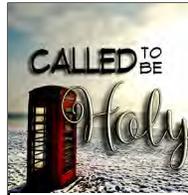
*If you wish to have
a friend or loved one prayed for,
please call the rectory
at 973.325.0110.*

**CHRISTIAN BOOK DISCUSSION –
Our Next Book: “GO TO HEAVEN”**

By: BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN



Join the Book Discussion Group on
Wednesday, MARCH 25th
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus
Room, Connor Hall



*“God has called us with a holy calling...
according to His own purpose and grace.”*

*If you think God is offering you the grace of a
vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, please continue to
pray and do not hesitate to speak to Father Jim Ferry.*

*You may also wish to contact the Archdiocese for more information
about either priesthood (973.313.6190, NEWARKPRIEST.COM)
or religious life (973.497.4368).*



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

March 28-29 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.



Is organizing a

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

effort of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America
from

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th—SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

We are asking people to come and pray for 1 hour per week
for 6 weeks between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM at
the Social Security Building in Montclair, 396 Bloomfield Ave.
(across the street from a high-volume abortion center.)

To get more information or to sign-up to volunteer, call Lisa
Hart at 973-769-4422 or email lisa@lifeneteducation.org.

Pray for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb.

WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

APRIL 3—5

Marianist Family Retreat Center—
www.capemaymarianists.org
Cape May Point, NJ 08212
609-884-3829

Join with other women in an exploration of your own story and stories of
women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. A team of women
has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, other prayer
experiences, beach walks, socials and fun are included.



The Archdiocese of Newark will once again be honoring
those couples who will be celebrating five (5), twenty-
five (25) and fifty (50) years of **Christian** marriage in the
year 2020. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated
by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the
Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

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

Mass will take place on **April 19, 2020 at 3:00 pm.**

(registrations due April 3)

50th Anniversary Couples (all counties):

Mass will take place on **May 3, 2020 at 3:00 pm.**

(registrations due April 15)

Please call the Parish Rectory at 973-325-0110 to
register, or if you require additional information or
assistance, please call the Office for Family Life
Ministry at 973-497-4323.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A World-
wide Marriage Encounter weekend will help you find
new life, closeness with each other and God.

For more information go to website www.wwme.org or
call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-
6880 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection*: Feb 22-23 \$ 4018

Deficit: \$ 2782

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

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2020 Saint Joseph's Novena
Wednesday, March 11 - Thursday, March 19

Scheduled Guest Speakers

<p>Wednesday, March 11 7:00 pm Rev. Msgr. Edward G. Bradley Archdiocese of Newark Minister to Retired Priests</p>	<p>Thursday, March 12 7:00 pm Rev. Frederick Miller, S.T.D. Immaculate Conception Seminary Seton Hall University</p>
<p>Friday, March 13 7:00 pm Rev. Christopher M. Ciccarino, S.S.L., S.T.D. Immaculate Conception Seminary Seton Hall University</p>	<p>Saturday, March 14 5:30 pm Mass Rev. Robert Suszko, M.B.A, M.Div. Immaculate Conception Seminary Seton Hall University</p>
<p>Sunday, March 15 9:30 am Mass Rev. James Ferry Our Lady of Lourdes West Orange</p>	<p>Monday, March 16 7:00 pm Rev. Msgr. Robert Harahan, S.T.D. St. Rose of Lima Short Hills</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 17 7:00 pm Rev. Juan José Esteban St. Aloysius Caldwell</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 18 7:00 pm Rev. Thomas Blind St. Aloysius Caldwell</p>
<p>Thursday, March 19 7:00 pm Rev. James Ferry Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes St. Joseph Table and Blessing after 7:00 pm Novena All are welcome!</p>	

We invite you to join us for an evening of Lenten devotion of Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Reflection. Join us any evening – or every evening – as we celebrate our salvation in Christ and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.