



# Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
This Sunday, Mother's Day, we pray for all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, living and deceased.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reflects on the ways in which our mothers integrate and collect the pieces of life their families and children. What a child may see as only a lost part or particle a mother will see as part of a greater structure both organically and spiritually. Certainly this was also the role of our Blessed Mother in the mystery of her child and the revelation of God's life in Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for the ways in which each of our mothers have helped us to discern God's will and find unity even amid crisis and difficulty.

Blessed Mother's Day to all.

## "PIECING TOGETHER" / MOTHER'S DAY, 8 MAY 2016

In a 2008 homily, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote about the way in which our Blessed Mother Mary "pieces together" and ponders the mystery of faith in her life, giving us an example of prayer and meditation. Benedict reflected on this as our Blessed Mother surely tried to understand the mysteries of faith and truth personified in her own child:


*[This] "piecing together" ... makes us think of a great mystery to be discovered little by little. Although the Child lying in a manger looks like all children in the world, at the same time he is totally different: he is the Son of God, he is God, true God and true man. This mystery - the Incarnation of the Word and the divine Motherhood of Mary - is great and certainly far from easy to understand with the human mind alone.*

*Yet, by learning from Mary, we can understand with our hearts what our eyes and minds do not manage to perceive or contain on their own. Indeed, this is such a great gift that only through faith are we granted to accept it, while not entirely understanding it ... And in her heart Mary continued to treasure, to "piece together" the subsequent events of which she was to be a witness and protagonist, even to the death on the Cross and the Resurrection ... it is only by pondering in the heart, in other words, by piecing together and finding unity in all we experience, that, following Mary, we can penetrate the mystery of a God who was made man out of love and who calls us to follow him on the path of love. (Benedict, 1 January 2008, Homily)*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us!

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry





**BLOOD DRIVE**  
TUESDAY, MAY 28th , 1:30 pm—6:30 pm  
Connor Hall  
Sponsored by the Red Cross/West Orange Fire Dept.  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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

**FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2018**


WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection: Aril 27-28*	\$ 4538
Deficit:	\$ 2262

**\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK	
<b>SATURDAY 11 MAY</b>	8:30 am Nancy Lynch 5:30 pm Catherine Del Plato
<b>SUNDAY 12 MAY</b>	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Filomena Napolitano & Elizabeth Pflug 11:30 am Annie Rae
<b>MONDAY 13 MAY</b>	8:30 am Sophie Pearson
<b>TUESDAY 14 MAY</b>	8:30 am Agnes Day
<b>WEDNESDAY 15 MAY</b>	8:30 am Dumonname Dossous
<b>THURSDAY 16 MAY</b>	8:30 am Nancy Lynch
<b>FRIDAY 17 MAY</b>	8:30 am Nancy Lynch
<b>SATURDAY 18 MAY</b>	8:30 am Anna Andreas 5:30 pm Carmaleta Ann Harris
<b>SUNDAY 19 MAY</b>	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Mary & Thomas Foley 11:30 am Richard Iannacone

<b>SUNDAY 12 MAY</b> 10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal 
<b>WEDNESDAY 15 MAY</b> 6:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY 16 MAY</b> 10:00 am	Deadline for News & Announcements for May 26th bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com.
	7:00 pm Christian Book Club—KOC room 7:30 pm "Town Hall" Parish Council Meeting-Hall
<b>SUNDAY 19 MAY</b> 10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal






**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Vincent Aiello, Sean Bailey,  
Josefina Balerdi, Suzane Ball,  
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 McGuiness, Stephanie  
Montano, Noreen Meyers, Liam Morley, Florence  
Olabiyi, William Ollenschleger, Otilia Ortega,  
Idelourdes Petion, Patrick Pierre, Mark Quarto,  
Thelma Ramaglia, Amy Ricciardi, Mary Lou  
Ruppel, Marie Salvatoriello, Vincent Santucci,  
Jr., Heather Scoffone, Patricia Seib,  
Natalie Sims, Jimmy Tiernan, Robin Tobia,  
Harry Vendemia, Annalisa Verdi, 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 19 MAY			
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Pauly Camosy	Marge Christiano Emily Kunz Frank Refinski	Liam Cunningham Thiago Lavado Jacquyanah Vincent
7:30 am	Howard Casey	Ella Gruszczynski Joe Gruszczynski Sr. James Soon	Joseph Lobo Barry Skinner
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Carmelita Dizon Joseph Petrillo Myrna Regino Bill Talbot	Briana Sampson Volunteer
11:30 am Choir	Wendy Sheyka	Paul Hirsch Nancy Lanfrank Wendy Sheyka	Gregory Clark Andrew Onubogu William Onubogu
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy -	Carol Ford	

# Around the Parish & Community



## "TOWN HALL" PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM Thursday May 16

All parishioners are invited to our 7:30 pm parish council meeting on Thursday May 16 at which time Father Jim Ferry, together with our parish and finance councils will give you the opportunity to learn about Lourdes parish, our operation, our finances, our needs and to ask questions of Father Jim or members of the Parish and Finance Councils. Meeting will be held in Connor Hall (lower level of church) - from 7:30 pm—8:45 pm.

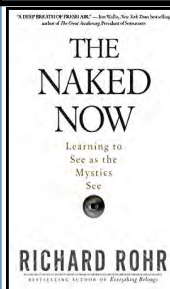
Thanks,  
Father Jim



### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

May 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.



### CHRISTIAN BOOK DISCUSSION – Our Next Book:-"THE NAKED NOW"

Join the Book Discussion Group on

**Thursday, May 16th, 7:00 pm**

**in the Knights of Columbus Room,  
Connor Hall**

## Archdiocese -



## Partial Tuition Scholarship

## for African American Students

All students of African descent about to graduate from high school who are headed to college or technical/trade school may apply for a grant/gift from the "Bishop Joseph Francis" Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of Newark. There is a link to the scholarship application on the [LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG) home page—or call our rectory office and we can give you the instructions.

### 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:

#### 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).

### Mary, the Mother of Compassion



Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all of God's children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) to Catholic Charities. The donation bin is located in the Church's vicinity.

Thank you.

### ◆ Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. Barnabas Health is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in Hudson, Essex and Union Counties.

Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team on 3 consecutive Tuesdays, June 4th, 11th and 18th from 10 am till 3:00 pm at Barnabas Health Hospice, 80 Main Street, West Orange. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions.

Advanced registration is required, please contact [973-370-8130](tel:973-370-8130) or email [volunteer.coordinator@vnahg.org](mailto:volunteer.coordinator@vnahg.org) for more information.

### ◆ ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - RUMMAGE SALE

St. Joseph's Church, CYO Gym, 767 Prospect Street, Maplewood - **Saturday June 1, from 9-3 and Sunday June 2, from 12:30—3.**

Questions about donating? Ernie D'Amato at [973-763-2002](tel:973-763-2002)