



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Magnification & Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day (August 15)

In the Gospel of August 15, Elizabeth personally and enthusiastically welcomes Mary as the “mother of my Lord.” (Luke 1:43). Elizabeth’s greeting anticipates the magnification, the indication of greatness of Mary.

The state of the magnifying or magnification art, today, may entice us or frighten us. For example, Google map satellites that allow us an aerial view of our homes, or the home we just visited or used to live in. This is enticing.

Or, frightening.. Who is, for example, listening to my conversations? Could someone detect or magnify my COMPLETE Social Security Number based on a small fragment of 4 digits or fewer. Magnification can be risky. Alexa? Siri? Cortana?

Mary herself responds to the greeting of Elizabeth with her magnification, the prayer we traditionally call the MAGNIFICAT: “my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord” (Luke 1:46)

Mary is the first magnifier of the Lord’s physical presence. And, we are also called to magnify the original ... to magnify the original presence and gift of God’s grace within us to others.

What does this AUTHENTIC MAGNIFICATION entail for you and for me? What is the state of the art...spiritually?

We are, on the one hand, aware of what physical and material magnification is. Do we try to recognize the way in which God’s grace can magnify our goodness?

Magnification is, at times, only a superficial aspect for visual special effect. This is external. The IMAX large screen at the cinema of Garden State Plaza would be one example. We receive superficial magnification, a hyperbole of dimension and sound. Such magnification is inviting... enticing. Of course, it is natural that we might enjoy some entertainment on the big screen, in its oversize form. The comfort or enjoyment of this magnification will be temporary. The magnification is also provided by someone else.

Sometimes, we go astray by imagining that the magnification of God is only God looking us up and down like an auditor or examiner. In fact, God wants

to magnify us from the inside out and to others.

In a spiritual sense, Mary magnified God’s presence which – until the birth of our Savior – also had appeared quite distant, quite invisible. And, isn’t it true that sometimes our choices to be virtuous – to choose justice – also will cause our actions to be noticed, magnified, seen?

We might prefer to be unseen – or un-magnified. Consider that you or I might work in an environment, an office, or to be part of a class or team at school – in which others do not share our faith or values or ethics.

They may not know our limits, boundaries, choices. But, we can make them known by what we do nor do not do. Consider the choice to be the one church goer in a family -- or in any other way that we may “stand out” or be noticed for our values. Or, we may be the one person among our friends choosing to go home early, to be honest.

Magnification is taking place magnified. However, we are not being magnified in a superficial IMAX-big-screen fashion. It is internal, happening inside.

Rather, we are magnifying God’s presence. Magnification, then, is not an effect, after the fact. Rather, magnification is our reason, our cause, beforehand.

And through the sacraments of the Church and the grace of God, we learn to magnify his presence each day.

Thank you for all you do to magnify God’s presence to your neighbors and family and friends by your participation in our worship and faith community.

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection: Aug. 3-4*	\$ 3834
Deficit:	\$ 2966
* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit	



THANK YOU



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – AUGUST 18, 2019



SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

8:30 am Mary Kay Dente
5:30 pm Nicolina Andriola

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Genevieve Dantel
11:30 am John Brennan

MONDAY 19 AUGUST

8:30 am Frank Volpe

TUESDAY 20 AUGUST

8:30 am John & Cecilia Fernandes

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST

8:30 am Michael Cassels

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

8:30 am Gloria Schultz

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

8:30 am Anna Frazzano

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

8:30 am Lawrence Furtado
5:30 pm Francis Glennon

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Anna Frazzano
11:30 am Elized Tirado

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Sept. 1st bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com.

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

Before & after **BOOK BORROW**-Church Lobby
5:30 pm Mass



**SAINT OF THE DAY FOR SUNDAY
AUGUST 18, 2019**

ST. HELENA—St. Helena is the patron saint of New Discoveries

St. Helena was the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great and an Empress of the Roman Empire. Constantine was forever loyal to his dear mother. In 308, Constantine became Emperor and summoned his mother back to the imperial court at which time Helena received the title of Augusta. Through her son's influence, Helena began to embrace Christianity. With her title of Augusta Imperatrix, Helena was given free reign over the imperial treasury. She was tasked with locating relics of Christian tradition.

Between the years 326-328, Helena traveled to Holy Places in the Middle East. During her journey, Helena had many churches constructed, and one temple destroyed that was built over the site of Jesus' death. Helena chose a site in this location to be excavated. This led to the discovery of three crosses. Tradition says Helena brought a woman near death to the crosses. There she had the woman place a hand on all three crosses. Nothing happened when she touched the first two crosses, but when she placed her hand on the third cross she suddenly recovered. Helena declared the third cross to be the True Cross. At this site, Constantine ordered the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to be built.

St. Helena died around 330 with her dearly devoted son by her side. She was then buried in the Mausoleum of Helena outside of Rome. Her sarcophagus can be seen in the Pio-Clementine Vatican Museum.

PRAYERS
Needed For...

Bruce Kiefer
Tim Klein
James Leung
Rose Mateus
Marion McConville
Mary McGuinness
Stephanie Montano
Noreen Meyers
Liam Morley
Florence Olabiyi
William Ollenschlegler
Otilia Ortega
Idelourdes Petion
Patrick Pierre
Mark Quarno
Thelma Ramaglia
Amy Ricciardi
Mary Lou Ruppel
Vincent Santucci, Jr.
Heather Scoffone
Patricia Seib
Natalie Sims
Jimmy Tiernan
Robin Tobia
Harry Vendemia,
Annalisa Verdi
Ann Whelan
Kathy Whelan
George Zachos

Vincent Aiello
Sean Bailey
Josefina Balerdi
Suzane Ball
Kazimiera Borchet
Darlene Cangialosi
Teresa Carbin
Josephine Ciullo
Tom Collinson
Jeannie Cox
Ramona De Castro
Peggy Dolan
Pierre Ferrus
Catherine Gascoyne
Al Gebhardt
Judy Givas
Alberta Greco
Michael Harris
Marissa Hedstrom
Richard Hedstrom
Jovann Henry
Yann Henry
Glenn Holland
Prepty Joint

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

**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

AUGUST 24-25, 2019

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Joe Riopel	Judith Albore Frank Refinski Eileen Reilly	Gina Camosy Jenie Camosy Jonathan Camosy
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Howard Casey MaryEllen Chandler Louis Volpe	Tim Brennan Volunteer
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiaramonte JoAnne Chiaramonte Joseph Petrillo Myrna Regino	Briana Sampson Volunteer
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Virginia Dimapilis Carmelita Dizon Sharon Rosario Wendy Sheyka	Faith Nzegwu Ikeh Uzor Mezu Uzor
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy -	Annamarie Frey	<i>Call to Serve</i>



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY
August 24-25 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.

West Orange Knights of Columbus Council 5519
 Will be hosting a bus ride to **WIND CREEK**
Sunday, September 15, 2019
 Cost: \$25.00
 Leaving Our Lady of Lourdes Upper parking lot
 Departing at 10:00 am — Meet at 9:30 am
For your \$25, you will get: \$25 in FREE SLOT PLAY
 For Reservations: call Rich or Annette Chiamonte
 973-325-3545
TICKETS ARE LIMITED.
 Checks made payable to: West Orange Knights of Columbus-Council 5519



Protecting God's Children Workshop



Tuesday, August 27, 2019
7:00—10:00 pm
Our Lady of the Lake in Verona

To sign up, go to rcan.org, Offices & Ministries, Child & Youth Protection then to Protecting God's Children Workshop Schedule on the right. If you have questions, please call the rectory 973.325.0110 .

Celebration of Marriage Retreat
SEPTEMBER 27-29
 Marianist Family Retreat Center
 Cape May Point, NJ 08212



This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. We strike a deliberate balance among participation/reflection, liturgy, free time, fun activities and plenty of "couple time" for walks on the nearby beaches.
Cost: \$280 per couple (includes all meals, room, and program).
Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call for more information—609-884-3829.

DOOR COLLECTION —

The Little Sisters of the Poor are committed to preserving the original charism of their Foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan, by giving happiness to the elderly and meeting their needs at their St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa. This year the Little Sisters are celebrating their 150th year of coming to the United States. They will be at our Parish the weekend of **August 24-25, 2019**, to ask for our assistance with their important work. Please prayerfully consider your support.



Cardinal Tobin's Stewardship Reflection
August 18, 2019.

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, and stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

PLEASE NOTE

Our **Bulletin Sick List** will be updated on **September 15th**

If you have friends or loved ones you wish to continue on the list, or if you wish to add a name to the list please call the Rectory by September 9th. All names not confirmed will be removed from the list. Thank you.

A Time To Relax



Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.