



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Got Memory?
(St. Augustine of Hippo, August 28)

“The huge repository of the memory, with its secret and unimaginable caverns, welcomes and keeps all things, to be recalled and brought out for use when needed.”

(Augustine, *The Confessions*, Book X., “Memory” (8, 13)

In *The Confessions*, Augustine suggests that the memory – or the mind – is an enormous personal warehouse of sense-impressions. Through its shelves do we search.

Isn't it similar in the case of trying to recall someone's name from last year or last week? We may say or hear similar names which might fit. But, ultimately, the only name which satisfies is the name which is in our memory.

We often need time – and quiet time – for recall. Have we not have recalled – hours or days later – a name stored in our brains? In a similar way, we need the private time of prayer, contemplation, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and at home, to recollect ourselves, and to recall not only information but also serenity. This may take time in our prayer just as it takes in our memory.

Augustine writes that our search – within our brain -- for a name will be unsatisfying until “at last the right one comes up.” And, this recall happens through the disk space and bandwidth which only God makes:

“From where does [this name] emerge if not from the memory itself? This must be the case, because even if someone else reminds us of the name, we recognize it again only because it springs from our memory.”

(Augustine, *The Confessions*, Book X., “Memory” (19, 28)

Isn't this also true in a review of geometry or geography? We compare what we are reading with what we have already measured and learned.

As Catholics, and as students, we are also working each day on a memory upgrade, a capacity to love and be loved. Also, we strive to recognize Christ in others. Sometimes, this image is brilliant, sometimes, dull. It is our hope that we truly abide in God so that we can draw closer to him. We draw closer to him in quiet also so that we can remember his presence and guidance and love.

Pope Benedict XVI writes that the Lord has loved us first, given us memory and experience of love which we can recall in the private study hall of our meditations:

“This [love of God and of neighbor] can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter which has become a communion of will, even affecting my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend ... Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave. Here we see the necessary interplay between love of God and love of neighbor.”

(Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* (God Is Love) 25 December 2005, n. 18.)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection: Aug. 10-11*	\$ 4480
Deficit:	\$ 2320

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – AUGUST 25, 2019



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

MONDAY 26 AUGUST

8:30 am Nuestra Senora De Lourdes

TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

8:30 am Divino Nino Jesus

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

8:30 am Dumonname Dossous

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

8:30 am Thanksgiving Mass

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

8:30 am Carol Sayers

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

8:30 am Wilma Crespo
5:30 pm Pat & Jackie Cassidy
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Ruth Kunz
11:30 am Jaroslav Konvalinka (20th Ann.)

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

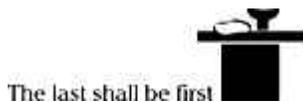
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements
for Sept. 8th bulletin email:
lourdesbulletin@aol.com.

**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.



AUG. 31 – SEP. 1 2019

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Paulyn Camosy	Marge Christiano Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly	Francesca Appolon Liam Cunningham Thiago Lavado
7:30 am	Joe Gruszczynski	Ella Gruszczynski Joe Gruszczynski Louis Volpe	Paul Parada Ross Parada
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Annette Chiamonte Carmelita Dizon Joseph Petrillo Bill Talbot	Seamus Murphy Volunteer
11:30 am	Doris Spivey	Virginia Dimapilis Michele Gizzi Sharon Rosario Wendy Sheyka	Ramone Eugene Andrew Onubogu Amir Stewart
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy -	Julie Nzegwu	Called to <i>Serve</i>

PRAYERS
Needed For...

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

Bruce Kiefer
Tim Klein
James Leung
Rose Mateus
Marion McConville
Mary McGuiness
Stephanie Montano
Noreen Meyers
Liam Morley
Florence Olabiyi
William Orllenschleger
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

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



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 .



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
WILL BE HELD
SEPTEMBER 6, 2019
5:30-9:30 pm in Church
Please Join Us

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.



Lourdes Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday Sept. 18, 2019 - 7:30 pm
Main Church --ALL ARE WELCOME

All parishioners are invited to our Town Hall meeting on Wednesday Sept. 18th at which time Father Jim Ferry will present: - A summary of our parish survey questionnaire; the Financial Report on the parish as of June 30, 2019 and, some Goals and Strategies for our growth as a parish family.

2019 SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)



Did you know that there is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal? Our Lady of Lourdes has received **\$13,434** in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown your support and generosity.

Will you join us in supporting this effort which strengthens many important charitable programs throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark (Essex, Union, Hudson, Bergen) and which makes our own parish a more vibrant place of worship?

Our goal of **\$28,979** can only be achieved through your generosity.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Helping You Find Peace, Power & Passion After Your Divorce

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a 3 day retreat for the separated and divorced. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, this program offers valuable insight & support.

Saturday mornings from 9 am to 1 pm
September 28th, October 26th & November 16th

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
28 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068
Founders Hall (Red building) Exit 5B off of Rt. 280

COST: \$20.00 (includes cost of guide book, refreshments & light lunch)

REGISTER online: <https://conta.cc/31gcKqr>
REGISTER by phone: 973-497-4327

[Also offering a fourth optional session on December 7th covering topics such as: dealing with the family & children, finances, & moving forward.]

Cardinal Tobin's Stewardship Reflection
August 25, 2019.

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?