



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

**St. Teresa and Mother Teresa of Calcutta  
(Feast Day: September 4)**

The Feast Day of Mother Teresa and St. Teresa of Calcutta falls close to our own U.S. Labor Day holiday in the United States. Known for her strenuous effort, Mother Teresa was tireless in her work and prayer for the last of our brothers and sisters.

St. Luke writes to remind us that we are called to this same charity and compassion, asking always what we can do for another: "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

**Regarding Mother Teresa, Pope Francis preached:**

*"Who can learn the counsel of God?" (Wis 9:13). This question from the Book of Wisdom that we have just heard in the first reading suggests that our life is a mystery and that we do not possess the key to understanding it ... Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help, and we visit the Son of God (cf. Mt 25:40). In a word, we touch the flesh of Christ.*

*We are thus called to translate into concrete acts that which we invoke in prayer and profess in faith ... Following Jesus is a serious task, and, at the same time, one filled with joy; it takes a certain daring and courage to recognize the divine Master in the poorest of the poor and those who are cast aside, and to give oneself in their service. In order to do so, volunteers, who out of love of Jesus serve the poor and the needy, do not expect any thanks or recompense; rather they renounce all this because they have discovered true love.*

*Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable". She*

*bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the "salt" which gave flavor to her work, it was the "light" which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.*

*Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor. Today, I pass on this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life to the whole world of volunteers: may she be your model of holiness! I think, perhaps, we may have some difficulty in calling her "Saint Teresa": her holiness is so near to us, so tender and so fruitful that we continual to spontaneously call her "Mother Teresa". May this tireless worker of mercy help us increasingly to understand that our only criterion for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion. Mother Teresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile". Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness. (Pope Francis, 4 September 2016, St. Peter's Square).*

We pray for the intercession also of Saint Teresa of Calcutta for all workers and families who struggle to build lives for themselves, for all refugees and those who need refuge due to health or isolation.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**PARISH GIVING**

<b>FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019</b>	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
<b>Collection: Aug. 17-18*</b>	<b>\$ 3826</b>
Deficit:	\$ 2974
<b>* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit</b>	



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

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**



**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.)

**MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Maxine Nzegwu (Special Intentions)

**TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Mary & Joseph Crines

**WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Baby Andie Ang (5th Ann.)

**THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Peter Caste (46th Ann.)

**FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Marie Stopfer

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Kay McFarland  
 5:30 pm Fran Glennon

**SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Berardino DiGiacomantonio  
 11:30 am Frank Ludwiczak

**SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER**

9:00 am Recitation of Rosary—Church

**MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Mass—Church

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**



**THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements  
 for Sept. 15th bulletin email:  
 lourdesbulletin@aol.com.

6:00 pm Choir Practice

**FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

5:30—9:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration—Church

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Virgin Mary's Birthday Mass—Church  
 9:00 am Legion of Mary Breakfast—C Hall  
 11 :00 am—5:00 pm Old Timer's Day—Cafeteria/School

**SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

9:30 am Mass and meeting—Religious Educ.  
 w/ newly registered—C Hall

*Generous giving means sharing with those who cannot repay us.*

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEP. 7– SEP. 8 2019**

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Paulyn Camosy	Marge Christiano Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly	David Broking Jordan Broking Jacquyanah Vincent
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Mary Cassels MaryEllen Chandler	Rosalinda Saniel Lisa Westheimer
9:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Annette Chiamonte JoAnne Chiamonte John Pflug Myrna Regino	Briana Sampson Volunteer
11:30 am Choir	Lynda Clement/ Wendy Sheyka	Joseph Petrillo ( C ) Eileen Reilly Wendy Sheyka	Ikenna Odoemene Leslie Odoemene
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy -	Rachelle Brown	<i>Call to Serve</i>

**PRAYERS**  
Needed For...

Vincent Aiello  
Sean Bailey  
Josefina Balerdi  
Suzane Ball  
Kazimiera Borchet  
Darlene Cangialosi  
Teresa Carbin  
Josephine Ciuolo  
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 Ollenschleger  
Otilia Ortega  
Idelourdes Petion  
Patrick Pierre  
Mark Quarno  
Amy Ricciardi  
Mary Lou Ruppel  
Vincent Santucci, Jr.  
Pat Schoeler  
Heather Scoffone  
Patricia Seib  
Natalie Sims  
Jimmy Tiernan  
Robin Tobia  
Harry Vendemia,  
Annalisa Verdi  
Ann Whelan  
George Zachos

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



The **Rosary Altar Society's 1st Quarterly meeting** will be held on **Monday, Sept. 9th, at 1:00 pm in the Rectory**. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Carol Ford, President

**Cardinal Tobin's Stewardship Reflection**  
**September 1, 2019.**

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you" (Luke 14:13-14)*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return—a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.



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



**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.

**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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)** or call for more information—609-884-3829.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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

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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 3 Day Retreat

**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.]