



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

*This Sunday, we celebrate a Solemn Mass at 9:30 am Mass with our Rosary Altar Society and express our gratitude for their devout prayers and dedicated service to Our Lady of Lourdes.*

*This is an excerpt/reflection from a recent homily of Pope Francis about the Blessed Mother:*

**HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS Vatican Basilica Monday, 1 January 2018**

The “Mother of God” is the most important title of Our Lady. But we might ask why we say Mother of God, and not Mother of Jesus. In the past some wanted to be content simply with the latter, but the Church has declared that Mary is the Mother of God. We should be grateful, because these words contain a magnificent truth about God and about ourselves. From the moment that our Lord became incarnate in Mary, and for all time, he took on our humanity. There is no longer God without man; the flesh Jesus took from his Mother is our own, now and for all eternity. To call Mary the Mother of God reminds us of this: God is close to humanity, even as a child is close to the mother who bears him in her womb.

Ours is the joy of knowing that our solitude has ended. It is the beauty of knowing that we are beloved children, of knowing that this childhood of ours can never be taken away from us.

[On the Solemnity of January 1<sup>st</sup> we read:] “Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19). She kept them. She simply kept; Mary does not speak.

Pondering the crib [of Jesus], we discover anew that we are loved; we savor the real meaning of life. As we look on in silence, we let Jesus speak to our heart. His lowliness lays low our pride; his poverty challenges our outward display; his tender love touches our hardened hearts. To set aside a moment of silence each day to be with God is to “keep” our soul; it is to “keep” our freedom from being corroded by the banality of consumerism, the blare of commercials, the stream of empty words and the overpowering

waves of empty chatter and loud shouting.

The Gospel goes on to say that Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. What were these things? They were joys and sorrows. On the one hand, the birth of Jesus, the love of Joseph, the visit of the shepherds, that radiant night. But on the other, an uncertain future, homelessness “because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7).

We “keep” things when we hand them over: by not letting our lives become prey to fear, distress or superstition, by not closing our hearts or trying to forget, but by turning everything into a dialogue with God. God, who keeps us in his heart, then comes to dwell in our lives.

These, then, are the secrets of the Mother of God: silently treasuring all things and bringing them to God. And this took place, the Gospel concludes, in her heart. The heart makes us look to the core of the person, his or her affections and life.

The gift of the Mother, the gift of every mother and every woman, is most precious for the Church, for she too is mother and woman. While a man often abstracts, affirms and imposes ideas, a woman, a mother, knows how to “keep”, to put things together in her heart, to give life. If our faith is not to be reduced merely to an idea or a doctrine, all of us need a mother’s heart, one which knows how to keep the tender love of God and to feel the heartbeat of all around us. May the Mother, God’s finest human creation, guard and keep this year, and bring the peace of her Son to our hearts and to our world.

*(Pope Francis, January 1, 2018, Homily)*

*Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us.*

In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| WEEKLY GOAL                        | \$ 6800.00        |
| <b>Collection: Sept 21-Sept 22</b> | <b>\$ 4540.48</b> |
| Deficit:                           | \$ 2259.52        |

\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – OCTOBER 6, 2019



**SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Sis Brochon  
5:30 pm Vincent Santucci

**SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am OLL Rosary Altar Society  
11:30 am Frank Ludwiczak

**MONDAY 7 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Kay McFarland

**TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Anna Frazzano

**WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Elizabeth Hiner

**THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER**

8:30 am La Virgen de Carmen

**FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER**

8:30 am La Virgen de Guadalupe

**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Raymonde Azor—Good Health  
5:30 pm Adella Love

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Catherine Parisi  
11:30 am Rose Konvalinka

**CHURCH CALENDAR**



**SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER**

9:00 am Recitation of Rosary—Church  
9:30 am RAS Communion Mass and Breakfast following in C. Hall  
10:30 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

**MONDAY 7 OCTOBER**

5:30—7:30 pm Family Catechesis—CH GRADE 1-6  
6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto  
7—8:30 pm Religious Ed— School/Chapel M/HS

**TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER**

6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

**WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER**

6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto  
7:00 pm KOC meeting—C.. Hall

**THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER**

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Oct. 20th bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com.  
6:00 pm Choir Practice  
6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

**FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER**

6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto


**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER**

12:00 Noon **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY**  
**Front Steps of Church**  
6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER**

9:30-11:15 am Rel. Ed. M/HS parent/youth—**MANDATORY**—Church/ CI Hall  
10:30 am Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 am **OLL ALUMNI REUNION MASS—**  
**Reception to follow in Cafeteria**  
6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

**F**or God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7)



**PRAYERS**  
Needed For...

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Catherine Gascoyne    | Mary Lou Ruppel |
| Peter McDonald        | Pat Schoeler    |
| Mary McGuinness       | Patricia Seib   |
| William Ollenschleger | Dineya Urena    |

**PRAYER**  
*Requests*

*If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the rectory at 973-325.0110.*

**WEEKEND** OCT 12– OCT 13, 2019  
**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

| Mass              | Lector               | Eucharistic Ministers   | Altar Servers                                    |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| 5:30 pm           | Pat Sigalas          | Marge Christiano<br>Emily Kunz<br>Frank Refinski                        | David Broking<br>Jordan Broking<br>Thiago Lavado |
| 7:30 am           | Bless Bernardo       | Patricia Saway<br>Louis Volpe   | Rosalinda Saniel<br>Lisa Westheimer              |
| 9:30 am           | JoAnn Melhorn        | Carmelita Dizon<br>Annette Chiamonte<br>JoAnne Chiamonte<br>Bill Talbot | Seamus Murphy<br>Volunteer                       |
| 11:30 am<br>Choir | Anika Fernandes      | Espie Cain<br>Paul Hirsch<br>(C) Eileen Reilly                          | Gregory Clark<br>Ramone Eugene<br>Faith Nzegwu   |
| 11:30 am          | Children’s Liturgy - | Rachelle Brown  | <i>Called to Serve</i>                           |

**OCTOBER  
MONTH OF  
THE HOLY  
ROSARY**



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
PARISH**

Please join us as We Pray the  
Rosary every day during  
**OCTOBER**

**LOCATION:** Grotto of the Virgin Mary—**TIME:** 6:30 pm

Recemos el Rosario cada día durante Octubre

**LUGAR:** Gruta de la Virgen Maria — **HORA:** 6:30 pm

Nous prions le Rosaire tous les jours au mois d' Octobre

**LIEU:** Grotte de la Vierge Marie — **HEURE:** 6:30 pm



**102nd Anniversary  
of Our Lady of Fatima**

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY**

**October 12, 2019**

**12 noon**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Church Plaza**

We will be praying the Rosary in English & Spanish

**CHRISTIAN BOOK DISCUSSION –**

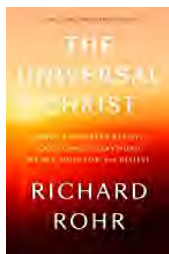
Our Next Book:-“THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST”

By: **Richard Rohr**

Join the Book Discussion Group on

**Thursday, October 17th, 7:00 pm**

in the Knights of Columbus Room,  
Connor Hall



**Lourdes PIPE DREAM  
Organ Raffle Tickets**

**\$50.00 per ticket**

**10 chances to win 500!**

Maximum 400 Tickets Sold

Available after Saturday evening and Sunday  
morning Masses or at the rectory 9 am—2 pm  
Monday-Friday.

2 Drawings to be held on the 1st Sunday of the  
month beginning November 3, 2019  
thru March 1, 2020.

**Our 1st Winners will be announced Nov. 3rd**



**Archdiocese -  
Partial Tuition Scholarship  
for African American Students**



The Archdiocese of Newark African, African-American,  
Caribbean Apostolate has recently established a fund  
to reward Catholic young people from parishes of the  
Archdiocese with scholarship/tuition assistance.

We are pleased to announce that two of our young  
people are recipients.

**MAXINE NZEGWU**, Cornell University student &  
West Orange H.S. graduate. Maxine received a gift from  
the Bishop Francis Scholarship Fund.

**FAITH NZEGWU**, Junior at West Orange H.S. Faith  
received a gift from the Altar Server Scholarship Fund of  
the Archdiocese.

FYI: The application for the Bishop Francis Fund is avail-  
able on both our parish website and the Archdiocese for  
anyone who would like to apply. You may also contact  
Father Jim Ferry if you have any questions.



**Saint Peter's Prep**

Jersey City

**SUNDAY October 14th—1:00 to 4:00 PM**  
**at the School's Campus in downtown Jersey City**

Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will  
be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of  
the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872 Saint Peter's  
Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys  
and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school.

For more information, please call 201-547-6389.



**St. Vincent DePaul Society**

is hosting the soup kitchen on Saturday,  
**October 26th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm**  
**at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.** If  
anyone is interested in preparing or  
serving food, please call Rosanne Bruno at  
973-243-0679.