

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



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


**FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2018**

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
<b>Collection: September 22-23*</b>	<b>\$ 4306</b>
Deficit:	\$ 2494

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
<b>SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER</b> 8:30 am Michael Cassels 5:30 pm Josephine & Sylvester Greco
<b>SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members-Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society 11:30 am Veronica Hirsch
<b>MONDAY 8 OCTOBER</b> 8:30 am William Kunz, Sr.
<b>TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER</b> 8:30 am Michael E. Cassels
<b>WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER</b> 8:30 am James Grant, Jr.
<b>THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER</b> 8:30 am Michael Cassels
<b>FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER</b> 8:30 am Angelina Della Pia
<b>SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER</b> 8:30 am Virgin Carmen 5:30 pm Rose Konvalinka
<b>SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Patricia Villarosa 11:30 am Acce Jules


THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS
<b>SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER</b> 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary—Church 9:30 am Annual Communion Mass 10:30 am Annual Communion Breakfast—C Hall
<b>MONDAY 8 OCTOBER</b> <u>COLUMBUS DAY</u> <u>RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED</u> 6:30—11:00 pm Knights of Columbus—First Degree
<b>WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER</b> 6:00 pm Choir Practice 6:30—11:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Second Degree C Hall
<b>THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for October 21st Bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com 7:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting—C Hall
<b>FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER</b> 6:30—11:00 PM Knights of Columbus—Third Degree C Hall
<b>SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER</b> 12:00 Noon PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY Front Steps of Church 3:30—5:15 pm Family Catechesis—C Hall
<b>SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER</b> 9:30—11:00 am M/HS Religious Ed—Church/CH



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

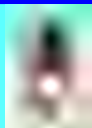
Vincent Aiello, Sean Bailey,  
 Josefina Balerdi, Suzane Ball, Gina  
 Cammarata, Darlene Cangialosi,  
 Teresa Carbin, Josephine Ciullo,  
 Tom Collinson, Jeannie Cox, Ramona De Castro,  
 Peggy Dolan, Pierre Ferrus, Helen Filan, Anna  
 Frazzano, Catherine Gascoyne, Al Gebhardt,  
 Judy Givas, Alberta Greco, Michael Harris,  
 Marissa and Richard Hedstrom, Jovann Henry,  
 Yann Henry, Glenn Holland, Prepty Joint, Bruce  
 Kiefer, Tim Klein, James Leung, Adella F. Love,  
 Rose Mateus, Marion McConville, Mary  
 McGuinness, Stephanie Montano, Noreen  
 Meyers, Liam Morley, Florence Olabiyi, William  
 Ollenschleger, Otilia Ortega, Idelourdes Petion,  
 Patrick Pierre, Mark Quarno, Thelma Ramaglia,  
 Amy Ricciardi, Mary Lou Ruppel,  
 Marie Salvatoriello, Vincent Santucci, Jr.,  
 Heather Scoffone, Patricia Seib,  
 Natalie Sims, Marie Stopfer, Jimmy Tiernan,  
 Robin Tobia, Ann Whelan, Michael Whelan,  
 Dolores J. Williams.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS— SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER			
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Sharon Rosario	Judith Albore Marge Christiano Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly	David Broking Jordan Broking Thiago Lavado
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Howard Casey MaryEllen Chandler Joe Gruszczynski	Rosalinda Saniel Lisa Westheimer
9:30 am	Jo-Ann Melhorn	Sonia Murphy Myrna Regino Bill Talbot	Briana Sampson
11:30 am Choir	Doris Spivey	Paul Hirsch Nancy Lanfrank Wendy Sheyka	Samantha Joseph Ikenna Odoemene Leslie Odoemene
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy - Julie Nzegwu		
10:30 am	RCIA Sacred Heart Room -		

# Around the Parish & Community

**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, *except* Saturdays in the  
church — **TIME:** 6:30 pm

**Recemos el Rosario cada día durante Octubre**

**LUGAR:** Gruta de la Virgen Maria, *excepto* Sabados en la  
Iglesia — **HORA:** 6:30 pm

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

**LIEU:** Grotte de la Vierge Marie, sauf les samedis dans  
l'église — **HEURE:** 6:30 pm

**#JoinUs**

## 101st Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY October 13, 2018

**12 noon**

**OLL CHURCH PLAZA**

We will be praying the Rosary in English & Spanish



Can you use a relaxing evening  
filled with nostalgic music?

**JOIN US** for a great show,  
All while supporting a worthy  
cause!

**The Midtown Men**, the original stars from Broad-  
way's Jersey Boys, will perform a Benefit Concert with  
all ticket proceeds supporting Catholic Charities of  
the Archdiocese of Newark.

**When:** Sat. November 10 - 8PM

**Where:** Union County Performing Arts Center,  
Rahway, NJ

**Ticket Info:** [www.ucpac.org](http://www.ucpac.org), or 732-499-8226

**Event Info:** Catholic Charities—973-639-6531

We hope to see you there!!!



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- ⇒ Men who are 18+
- ⇒ Practicing Catholics
- ⇒ Are asked to consider joining this worth while fraternity.  
The West Orange 5519 helps support the charitable  
organizations in the local community.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS** can be found in the sacristy. An  
application must be filled out in order to be considered.

## DEGREE CEREMONY

Degree Ceremonies will be held at **7:30 pm** in Connor Hall as  
follows:

- 1st Degree— October 8
- 2nd Degree— October 10
- 3rd Degree — October 12



## CHRISTIAN BOOK DISCUSSION –

Our Next Book: “**ENDURANCE**”  
by: **SCOTT KELLY**

Join the Book Discussion Group on  
Thursday, **OCTOBER 18th** at 7:00 pm in  
the Knights of Columbus Room, Connor Hall



West Orange Knights of Columbus  
Council 5519 Will be hosting a bus  
ride to the Sands Casino

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Leaving from: Our Lady of Lourdes (Upper parking lot)  
Departing at 10:00 am sharp —(Meet at 9:30 am)

**Cost—\$25 includes**  
(\$20 free slot play and \$5 food voucher)

**Tickets are limited**  
(Last trip of 2018)

**For Reservations: Call Rich or Annette Chiamonte**  
**973-325-3545**

**Make Checks payable to: West Orange Knights of Columbus-  
Council 5519**

**MOUNT SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE**  
3 Ryerson Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

**OCTOBER 3, 2018 AT 6:30 pm**

**OCTOBER 28, 2018 AT 12:00 noon**

**FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS AND FAMILIES**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 973-226-0660, EXT.  
1122 for questions or [www.msdacademy.org](http://www.msdacademy.org)**