



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I write to you this Sunday with an excerpt from an article in Our Sunday Visitor Newsweekly (OSV.COM), about John Paul II and the Rosary.

Contemplating the Rosary through John Paul II's method and model on the 15-year anniversary of his apostolic letter, it's clear we need the Rosary now more than ever

David Werning OSV Newsweekly (10/16/2017)

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The old saying, "Better late than never," surely applies here. Yet, one may ask how exactly does praying the Rosary enable one to share with others God's gifts of salvific love and peace?

The need to listen to God's word is essential to being a participant in his plan. Therefore, John Paul II suggests that after announcing the mystery, "the proclamation of a related Biblical passage" should follow. Both Jesus and Mary are models of listening to the word of God, motivated by their love for the Father and the desire to do his will. Like them, the one who prays the Rosary with love will receive the word of God not merely as information, but as a message "spoken for today and spoken 'for me'" (No. 30). In any relationship, the importance of listening cannot be understated. If a person desires to hear God and to know his will, a continued effort at attentive listening is crucial. Such listening includes the humble and faithful questioning that Mary practiced and that leads to obedience.

John Paul II wrote that a period of silence should follow the announcement of the mystery and the proclamation of the word of God. Back in 2002, he commented that a "drawback of a society dominated by technology and the mass media is the fact that silence becomes increasingly difficult to achieve" (No. 31). Fifteen years hence, society has only increased its dependence on cellphones, tablets and digital media. Distractions continue to be a stumbling block for people in their relationship with God and with each other. To receive God's word clearly, one needs to remove the "noise" of other voices and concerns in order to hear God speak (if he so chooses), just as Elijah learned during his interaction with God (see 1 Kgs 19:11-ff).

Changing the world

By bringing the events of Jesus concretely to mind, by listening to the word of God and by maintaining silence in order

to give these mysteries "space" in one's life, one is prepared to enter the prayer of the Rosary ready to receive the gifts that God may bestow. As one continues with the Our Father, the Hail Mary's, and the Gloria, one is joined to Mary in prayer and centered on Christ. Over time, the praying of the rosary – offered attentively, with love and with openness to God – can become an agent of change in one's life. The rosary helps one to assimilate the virtues of Christ, even as sharing Jesus' life did the same for Mary.

John Paul II passed on a quote from Blessed Bartolo Longo that explains the assimilation process well (and which Bartolo practiced, being transformed from an unbeliever to a faithful follower of Jesus): "Just as two friends, frequently in each other's company, tend to develop similar habits, so too, by holding familiar converse with Jesus and the Blessed Virgin, by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and by living the same life in holy Communion, we can become, to the extent of our lowliness, similar to them and can learn from these supreme models a life of humility, poverty, hiddenness, patience and perfection" (No. 15).

Given the transformation that can happen in one's life by praying the Rosary with Mary as one's model and by using John Paul II's method, one can understand why John Paul II was convinced that it would lead to a wider experience of God's love and peace won by Christ. If individuals change their lives, practicing charity and working for peace in their relationships, then the possibility of positive change in society increases dramatically. Certainly the world has seen the opposite: Individuals filled with hate and greed have created disharmony and contaminated society with the effects of their sins. All the more reason to heed John Paul's appeal to pray the Rosary with love for God and a desire to cooperate with his plan. If people do so, then, like Mary, they will change the world by changing themselves.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2019

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection: Oct 2-Oct 3 \$ 4537

Deficit: \$ 2263

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH – OCTOBER 20, 2019



SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER
 8:30 am Virgin Lourdes
 5:30 pm Mary Frances Glennon

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER
 7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am John D. Pflug III (32nd Birthday)
 11:30 am Frank Ludwiczak

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER
 8:30 am Victor Nzegwu (Special Intentions)

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER
 8:30 am Divino Nino Jesus

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER
 8:30 am Earl Spivey

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER
 8:30 am John Joseph Scanlon, Jr.

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER
 8:30 am Michael P. & Eleanor Cassels

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER
 8:30 am John D. Pflug III (11th Ann.)
 5:30 pm Fran Glennon

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER
 7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Catherine & Lawrence Del Plato
 11:30 am Margaret Hensler



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank, is in memory of **ARTHUR J. KELLER**

Proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient... (2 Timothy 4:2)



SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER
 9:30-11:15 am M/HS Rel. Ed.—Church/C. Hall
 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

Baby Shower ALL MASSES

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER
 5:30—7:30 pm Family Catechesis—C. Hall—6th Grade Only
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER
 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Nov. 3rd bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com.
 6:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER
 11 am—1:30 pm Soup Kitchen—St. Vincent DePaul @ Holy Trinity Church
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER
 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Recitation of Rosary—Grotto



PRAYERS
 Needed For...

Catherine Gascoyne Mary Lou Ruppel
 Peter McDonald Pat Schoeler
 Mary McGuiness 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 MINISTRY SCHEDULE OCT 26– OCT 27, 2019

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz Frank Refinski Eileen Reilly	Francesca Appolon Jacquyanah Vincent
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway Sr. James Soon	Tim Brennan
9:30 am Choir	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiamonte JoAnne Chiamonte (C) Sonia Murphy Bill Talbot	Seamus Murphy Volunteer
11:30 am	Doris Spivey	Virginia Dimapilis Carmelita Dizon Michelle Gizzi	Ikenna Odoemene Leslie Odoemene
11:30 am	Children's Liturgy -	Annamarie Frey	<i>Called to Serve</i>

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 **\$14,694** 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.

**poetry reading:
you are invited**

Based on The Saint John's Bible at Caldwell University

"A Saint John's Bible Poetry Reading"

With **SISTER EVA MARY HOOKER, CSC**

Will be held from noon to 1:30 pm, WEDNESDAY, Oct. 30

Westervelt lecture hall in Werner Hall

Caldwell University campus.

FREE ADMISSION & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



**2019 Public Square
Rosary Rally**

The Blessed Mother once again blessed us with a clear blue sky and a bright warm sun as we offered our rosary rally as a special public commemoration of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima and for the conversion of America so that it may fulfill its historic mission.

10/12/2019

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY



October 26-27 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.

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.

OCTOBER 27, 2019 Between 12 and 3pm

SETON HALL PREPARATORY SCHOOL ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS & FAMILIES

Visitors will tour the campus and our brand new 44-acre Kelly Athletic Complex, enjoy a bar-b-que and meet the Staff.

For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at 973-325-6640 or visit www.shp.org.



81st ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST—October 6, 2019

Our Guest Speaker, Monsignor Sylvester J. Cronin, pastor of St. James Church, Basking Ridge, NJ, gave an informative talk on Our Lady of Guadalupe and noted that the Bishop of the Metuchen Diocese will be consecrating all the Metuchen Parishes to Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. Following his talk, Sr. Jean Ruppel came to the podium and announced that she had been his 6th grade teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School. Monsignor Cronin immediately called out her name and said: "Sr. Jean! Yes, I do remember you. I use to play guitar with you at the 5:30 pm Mass." He then proceeded to the podium and gave Sr. Jean a hug. Sister Jean then presented him with a framed copy of his 1975 Graduating Class Picture.