

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is a Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition. We are committed to journey together to God in prayer, community awareness and service. As a parish, we foster spiritual formation, ministry to those in need and active love for all
"Together to God"

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Francis J. Cloherty
Program Assistant	Jeanne Lafond
Music Director	Richard Cesarini
Secretary	Karen Danahy
Bookkeeper	Janice Loonie

Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Francis Goss

Weekend Mass Schedule - Saturday 4:00pm,
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm
Daily Masses – Monday, Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat 9:00am
Daily Rosary after 9:00am Mass
Novena in Honor of Our Lady is after 9:00am Mass on Wednesdays

Sacrament of Baptism: Please phone the rectory for information and registration. Pre-Baptismal Instruction for parents and godparents. Attendance is a requirement

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm and by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony: Six months notice is required and attendance at Pre-Marital Classes is part of the preparation. Please call the Rectory for appointment to see a Priest



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

If you are an adult interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Church through Confirmation, please call the rectory

Religious Education Class Schedule

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Grade 1 & 2	Sunday	8:45am -9:45am
<i>Classes for grades 3-10 are in the process of being scheduled</i>		

Registration will begin again in late August.

For more information on Religious Education Classes, please call Karen at the Rectory
Mon – Fri 508-588-1484

Prayer for Vocations with Fr. Goss are held on the first Thursday of each month from 1:00pm – 1:30pm in the church. All are welcome

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:

Please notify us if someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if someone is unable to come to Mass because of illness, we will make sure they receive Holy Communion regularly.

New Parishioners:

Welcome! If you are new in the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and fill out yellow registration card found on the windowsills of the church. We have a Coffee Hour once each month after an 8:00am and 10:00am Mass and would enjoy meeting you.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11

4:00pm – Ralph Ruggiero – 34th anniversary

Sunday, July 12

8:00am – For the people of this parish
 10:00am – John McCarthy- 1st anniversary
 12:00pm – Juvinal & Aris Goncalves – remembrance

Wednesday, July 15

9:00am – Mary & John Murphy – anniversary

Thursday, July 16

9:00am – Alice Gillis – Birthday remembrance

Saturday, July 18

4:00pm – Gertrude Duford – 5th anniversary

Please remember in your prayers

- For :** Brady Poz (Chris Poz's nephew) 12months old with liver Cancer & Gerry Coughlin, (Sr. Marie's sister) & Rev. Thomas Gallagher who is seriously ill,
- For:** Those who are homebound and ill especially: Charlie Dornan, Mary Ellen Bauer, Helen Bath, Joseph Ameri, Jay Balsavich, Catherine Butler, Mary Webby, James Conley, Manuel Jancinto, Francis Gibbs, Marilyn Castillo , Catherine Farmer, Mario Cesarini, Emma Keene, John Hardy, Elaine Sullivan, Fontaine Metta, Judy Wallen, Rita Ritucci, & Mat Danahy
- For:** small farmers whose crops have been damaged by excessive rain and those prone to depression that could be triggered by this weather.
- For:** All civilians, peace workers, relief workers, & military in areas of conflict and war, that they be protected from all harm.
- That** the recent incidents of domestic violence may serve as an alert to family members and helping professions for the need to get people help before people are hurt.
- For:** All those working for peace and justice in Pakistan, Israel, Burma, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur, and the eastern part of the Congo.
- For:** The young people and others in our city who have been murdered and for a greater commitment from the community to address the seed beds of this violence



**Thoughts from
 Our Spiritual Development Committee**

“May all the marvels of your presence fill us with praise, thanksgiving, and joy. May we in these vacation days of rest and relaxation be blessed by the vision of you we see reflected in sky, sun, sand, and stars. May we ever adore you the maker, the sustainer, and the lavish giver of such good things.”

-Franciscan booklet of Vacation Meditation & Prayers

Presiders

Saturday, July 18	4:00pm	Fr. Goss
Sunday, July 19	8:00am	Fr Butler
	10:00am	Fr. Cloherty
	12:00pm	Fr. Cloherty



Parish Calendar

Saturday / Sunday - July 11/12

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2nd Collection for Black and Native American Missions

Monday, July 13

3:00pm – Construction Committee meets in rectory upstairs
 7:00pm – An Evening on Church Annulments of Marriages at Christ the King Parish

Wednesday, July 15

7:00pm – Religious Education Task Force (rectory upstairs)

Thursday, July 16

2:00pm – Eucharist at Baypoint
 6:00pm – Parish Finance Council at Gail's Home

Saturday / Sunday July 18/19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Second collection for parish bills not covered by the offertory

Saturday, July 18

11:00am – 3:00pm – Annual Parish Picnic (rain date 7/19)

Sunday, July 19

12:00pm – Parish Baptism

Monday, July 20

7:00pm – Parish Bereavement Committee (rectory upstairs)

Dates to save

July 26

5:00pm – Parish Day at the Rox Game (tickets on sale now)

July 27

6:00pm – Citywide Parish - PPC, PFC & Staff Cookout at Christ the King Parish

August 16

4:00pm – Our Lady of Lourdes PPC, PFC & Staff Cookout

Volunteers needed

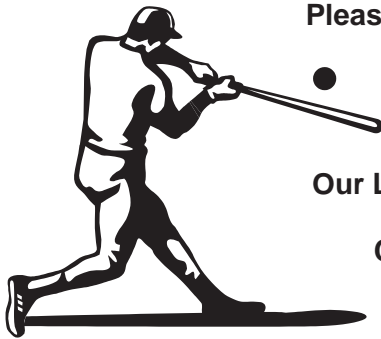
to bring Holy Communion to residents of Baypointe Nursing Home once a month, beginning in July. Other Ministers are needed for our homebound. For more information, contact Jeanne Lafond at the rectory. Call 508-586-4715



**What People Are Saying About
 ARISE Together in Christ**

“It will give you a new perspective on the Christian Faith.”

-Stay tuned for more information



Please Support our Parish Activities!
Join the Crowd Sunday
July 26 -5:05pm for
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Family Fun Day at
Campanelli Stadium!!
Gates open at 4:05
 Play catch on the field!

Free face painting. Kids can run the bases, get players autographs & a salute to Star Wars. Call Karen 508-586-4715 or Bob 508-586-6223 to reserve your tickets now. Tickets are \$4.00/ea

Readings for the Week

Monday – Ex 1: 8-14, 22 Mt 10: 34-11 1(389)
Tuesday – Ex 2: 1-15a, Mt 11: 20-24 (390)
Wednesday Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12, Mt 11: 25-27 (391)
Thursday, Ex 3: 13-20, Mt 28-30 (392)
Friday Ex 11: 10-12:14 Mt 12: 1-8 (393)
Saturday Ex 12: 37-42 Mt 12: 14-21 (394)
Sunday Jer 23 ;1-6/Eph2: 13-18 Mk 6: 30-34 (107)

Offertory

Weekly expenses	\$6600
July 4/5 – Offertory	\$4486
2 nd collection	\$804
Weekly deficit	- \$1310

If every adult gave \$3.00 more per week, we would not have a deficit. Average amount given in offertory envelopes = \$18.00
 Average amount given by people who do not use envelopes=\$7.00
 Please remember the parish in your will. A gift for future generations

Teachers wanted for the fall religious education classes.
Please call the rectory if interested 508-586-4715

My Brother’s Keeper has begun a way to help families with infants at a time of great economic pressure by collecting diapers and baby wipes. They will be distributed free of charge through their food assistance program to families in Brockton and Easton. A box for your donations is next to the piano. Thank you for your help.

From Fr. Cloherty

On my days off this week, I was able to get to some reading material that I have been carrying around for months. In that pile of books and articles, was a great article on prayer, entitled “*The Ignatian Examine, Rummaging for God: Praying Backwards Through Your Day.*” By Dennis Hamm, S.J. (Boston College / C21 Recourses / Spring 2009. I will use it for my letter to you hoping that it will be helpful and that the easier pace of the summer will give you space to practice the method of prayer suggested. It will be printed in two parts. Part II will appear next weekend.

The Biblical phrase, “If today you hear his voice,” implies that the divine voice must somehow be accessible in our daily experience, for this verse expresses a conviction central to Hebrew and Christian faith, that we live a life in

dialogue with God. We are creatures who live one day at a time. If God wants to communicate with us, it has to happen in the course of a 24-hour day, for we live in no other time. and how do we go about this kind of listening? Long tradition has provided a helpful tool, which we call the examination of consciousness today. “Rummaging for God” is an expression that suggests going through a drawer full of stuff, feeling around, looking for something that you are sure must be in there somewhere. I think that image catches some of the feel of what is classically known in church language as the prayer of “examen.”

The examen, or examination, of conscience is an ancient practice in the church. In fact, even before Christianity, the Pythagoreans and the Stoics promoted a version of the practice. It is what most of us Catholics were taught to do to prepare for confession. In that form, the examen was a matter of examining one’s life in terms of the Ten Commandments to see how daily behavior stacked up against those divine criteria. St. Ignatius includes it as one of the exercises in his manual, *The Spiritual Exercises*.

It is still a salutary thing to do but wears thin as a lifelong, daily practice. It is hard to motivate yourself to keep searching your experience for how you sinned. In recent decades, spiritual writers have worked with the implication that conscience in Romance languages like French (*conscience*) and Spanish (*conciencia*) means more than our English word “conscience,” in the sense of moral awareness and judgment; it also means “consciousness.”

Now prayer that deals with the full contents of your consciousness lets you cast your net much more broadly than prayer that limits itself to the contents of conscience, or moral awareness. A number of people—most famously, George Aschenbrenner, S.J., in a classic article for *Review for Religious* in 1971—have developed this idea in profoundly practical ways. I wish to propose a way of doing the examen, as an approach in five steps:

1. *Pray for light.* Since we are not simply daydreaming or reminiscing but rather looking for some sense of how the Spirit of God is leading us, it only makes sense to pray for some illumination. The goal is not simply memory but graced understanding. That’s a gift from God devoutly to be begged. “Lord, help me understand this blooming, buzzing confusion.”

2. *Review the day in thanksgiving.* Note how different this is from looking immediately for your sins. Nobody likes to poke around in the memory bank to uncover smallness, weakness, lack of generosity. But everybody likes to savor beautiful gifts, and that is precisely what the past 24 hours contain—gifts of existence, work, relationships, food, challenges. Gratitude is the foundation of our whole relationship with God. So use whatever cues help you to walk through the day from the moment of awakening—even the dreams you re-call upon awakening. Walk through the past 24 hours, from hour to hour, from place to place, task to task, person to person, thanking the Lord for every gift you encounter.