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Roman Catholic Church

1650 ROUTE 12 GALES FERRY, CONNECTICUT 06335

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Office Hours: Starting Monday, 1 February 2021 Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Glenda Obrero with Ivan Linbeck along with volunteers Elizabeth Tuazon, Margie Valasquez, Vincent LaBarbera, Tom Harvey, Bill Souder, Hal Lindner, Riza Templeton, Kerri Charette and Mary and Tom Baudro who helped put away all the Christmas decorations in the Church. Thank you so much for all you do at Our Lady of Lourdes!

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Very Rev. Brian J. Converse, CH (LTC) CT ARNG
Deacon William McGann, CDR, USN (RET)
Administrative Secretary: Mr. Randy Pelkey
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Hillary Geoly
Financial Assistant: Mrs. Shannon Martens
Maintenance: Mr. Ray Cormier

Faith Formation

Mrs. Sheila McGann, RCIA
Mrs. Josephine Cometa, PreK-9th Grade Religious Education Director

Music Ministry

Mr. Jesse N. Glaude, Director of Music

Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Live Stream on Facebook) & 5:00 PM
Monday: 9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday: 9:00 AM Mass
Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass
Thursday: No Mass
Friday: No Mass
Saturday: Vigil: 5:00 PM
Holy Days: As Announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Cancelled until further notice

Sacrament of the Sick

Sundays after the 8:30 AM Mass or upon request

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM or by Appointment

Baptisms and Weddings by Appointment

Baptismal Preparation - Please contact the Rectory
Wedding Arrangements - Please contact the Rectory to schedule at least six months in advance

Current Meetings Now Scheduled

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Back Conference Room
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Next meeting Thursday, February 4th at 12:30 PM in the Back Conference Room.
Bereavement Support Group – Next meeting Thursday, February 11th at 2:00 PM in the Back Conference Room.
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month by on line Zoom Meeting. Contact Vincent LaBarbera for more information 860-572-0026.
Workshop Ladies - Monday at 10:00 AM in the Church Hall - Starting Monday, February 1, 2021
Youth Group - Meeting on-line via Zoom please contact our Religious Education Director, Josephine Cometa at 860-464-7251.

All other Meetings - Cancelled Until Further Notice

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild: 3rd Monday of the Month in the Hall
Ecumenical Bible Study - Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room
Prayer Group - Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Chapel

Scan this code on your smart phone with the QR App. to follow OLOL on Facebook!

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Bulletin Announcement Email: secretary@ololgf.org
Please Remember Our Lady of Lourdes
Endowment Fund in Your Will

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23 - Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
5:00 PM Elizabeth Marren req. by Caise Family

Sunday, January 24 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM John J. and Virginia G. Manning
11:00 AM Jane P. Couture
5:00 PM For the better health of Barbara A. Hvizdo (Living)

Monday, January 25 - Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
9:00 AM Southeastern CT Catholic Homeschool Families

Tuesday, January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
9:00 AM Elizabeth Darna req. by a Parishioner

Wednesday, January 27 - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder
8:00 AM Johnny Agagon req. by the Datu Family

Thursday, January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Friday, January 29 - Weekday
No Mass

Saturday, January 30 - Weekday, BVM
5:00 PM Deacon Roland LaCasse

Sunday, January 31 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Rosina Tedeschi req. by the Tedeschi Family
11:00 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Benigno and Marie Louis Arguelles req. by the Arguelles Family

2021 Mass Intentions

Please consider having a Mass said for a birthday, graduation, anniversary, special event or a memorial for someone special. Please come by the parish office during business hours Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM to reserve your date and time for a Mass Intention. Mass intentions may be made for both weekday and weekend Masses.

Offertory Update

Offertory January 16/17

Offertory: $5,800.21
Our Lady of Lourdes Endowment Fund: $25.00

If you are unable to attend Mass please go to www.ololgf.org and follow the "Online Giving" tab on our website.
Thank you for your generosity!

CALENDAR

Please visit our Facebook Page www.facebook.com @ololgf or website www.ololgf.org for updated information.

Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM will be Live Streamed and can be viewed on www.facebook.com @ololgf

If you do not have a Facebook Account you can view the Live Stream Mass and Fireside Chat on: http://facebook.com/ololgf/live_videos

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 24 - 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 31- 11:00 AM

The Church will be open for private prayer daily 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Reconciliation Retreat

Please keep the 2nd year sacramental students in your prayers as they are having a Reconciliation retreat on Saturday, 23 January 2021 from 10:00-11:30 AM in preparation for their First Reconciliation in February.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule 17 February 2021 Our Lady of Lourdes Church 1650 Route 12 Gales Ferry, CT

8:00 AM
9:00 AM
12:00 Noon
5:00 PM
7:00 PM

Please follow social distancing guidelines, wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from your fellow parishioners while waiting for the distribution of ashes.

Lector Schedule

January 30
5:00 PM - D. Patterson

January 31
8:30 AM - D. Patterson
11:00 AM - K. Tomaszewski
5:00 PM - R. Maranzano

Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 12:00 Noon
RCIA Inquirers: Josephine Cometa
860-464-7251
Baptism Class: Dcn. Bill McGann
as needed

Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group Zoom Meeting

Join the Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group for a virtual gathering of learning about Christ, helping others and having fun while doing other activities. All middle school and high school students are encouraged to join. For more information please contact Josephine Cometa at 860-464-7251 or confirmation@ololgf.org.

Baptismal Classes

Has your child been baptized? If not kindly call the Rectory at 860-464-7251. We will be happy to help you begin the process.

Free Meals for ALL Ledyard Children

Ledyard Public Schools has received a grant to offer free meals to **ALL** Ledyard children during the pandemic. The program is for any child even if they don't attend Ledyard Public Schools. Pick up: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Monday, Wednesday & Friday at Ledyard High School. If your K-8 grade child attends Ledyard Public Schools, breakfast and lunch are served each day. Pre-order for K-8 at www.ledyard.net. If you have questions, please call Ledyard Public Schools Central Office 860-464-9255.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Norwich Thanks You!

Catholic Charities deeply appreciates your ongoing support which has allowed us to continue to provide much needed basic human necessities to those in our community. With your generous donations over the holidays, Catholic Charities was able to provide 313 individuals and families with a Thanksgiving meal and 404 families and children with toys, gift cards, food and much more this Christmas! You have made an impact in the lives of your neighbors in need, and we THANK YOU! Visit www.ccfsn.org to see how you can help!

Bereavement Support Group Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 11th at 2:00 PM in the Rectory Back Conference Room

The Support Group is a small group voluntarily sharing their experiences in going through bereavement and discussing helpful spiritual guidance.

Bereaving the Loss of Normal Life During a Pandemic

Bereavement is the process of recovering after a dramatic change in our lives such as a loss of a loved one, a job, a pet and now a Pandemic. We go through similar emotions of denial, anger, confusion and others. The Pandemic has forced us to restructure our lives and how we interact with our family and neighbors and interact with the community in general.

Our meetings complying with COVID requirements including face masks and social distancing. The meeting space is limited. If you would like to attend, please call the Parish Secretary at (860) 464-7251 to reserve your seat.

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops Regarding Covid-19 Vaccines

If you have questions about the efficacy of the Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZenica vaccines please refer to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website at https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Thursday, February 4th 12:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church combines the skills of knitting and crocheting into a caring, loving, prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Over 4,100 shawls have been completed by parishioners and distributed to those in need of spiritual comfort. They also provide shawls to those being baptized.

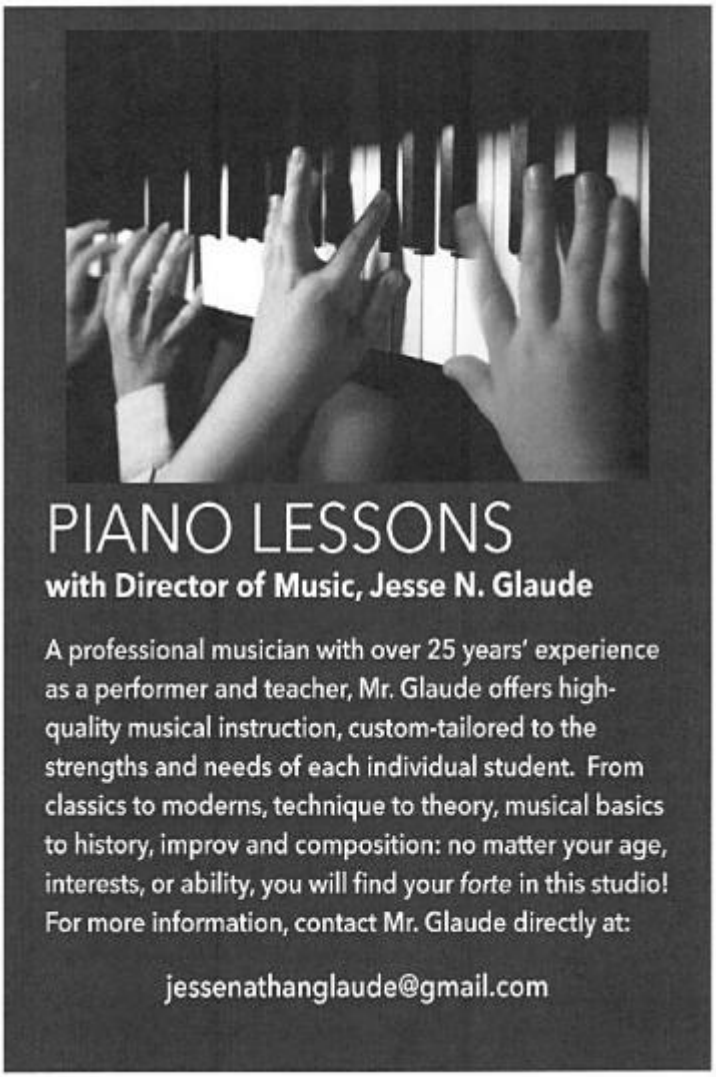
The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12:30PM in the back conference room in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We will be socially distancing and you MUST wear a mask at all times while in the meeting room. No food is allowed at the meeting. For more information, please contact Barbara Souder at 860-464-6218 before 8:00 PM. For those requesting shawls for themselves or others they can fill out a form in the Vestibule of the church.

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices about a lasting and just peace in those lands. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please pray for: CDR Michael Chin, CAPT Alison Cowie, Patrick LaJoie, USMC, CDR Colleen Perle, Christopher Gagnier, MA2 Travis LaFlamme, LCDR Robert O'Donnell, Michael Friess, Chris Guilfoil, Patrick Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle Olsen, Michael E. Lewis, Michael Pietrallo, LCDR Shea Quinn, OSC Jeremy Sotomayor, CAPT Jack Houdeshell, CDR Gary Montalvo, CAPT Lloyd Alex McDonald, USMC, PV2 Matthew Carmack, MA3 Michael J. Sargent, LT Kevin Schwenk, IT2 Austin Graber, Nicholas Morales, MAJ Janell Hanf, USMC, CAPT Phillip Hanf, USMC, CAPT Connor Downie, A1C Cameron Zihlman, LT, USA Sam Jacey, Christine Smith, USMC, Noah Browning, USMC, Devan Wawrynowicz, US Navy, CAPT Daniel DePasquale, CDR Sarah McGann, SSGT Aubrey Mattice.

Any changes or additions to this list, please contact the Rectory Office at secretary@ololgf.org or 860-464-7251.



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Marian Prayer Service
Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
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Sponsored by Our Lady's Council 7054
January 30-31, 2021

Monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass
Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 8:30 AM
St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich, CT

Please join celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and at Planned Parenthood.

Ledyard Food Pantry Donation
Current Needs For January

There are several ways to donate to the Ledyard Food Pantry including (just launched) the ability to donate online https://snwbl.it/XKHPTS

You can also donate through our Amazon Wish List: https://buff.ly/2KMJljb

Current Needs for January
Canned Beef Stew
Boxes of Oatmeal Packets
Progresso Beef Soup
Crackers
Tuna Helper
Canned Sloppy Joe Mix

The Ledyard Food Pantry is located at 722 Colonel Ledyard Highway. Volunteers can accept your donations most mornings 9 AM -11 AM except Sundays. Have questions about using or donating to the Ledyard Food Pantry? Please contact us by email LedyardFoodPantry@gmail.com

Parish Endowment Fund

Many times, we are reminded to "remember and pray for those who have filled the pews of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the past." They have left us the parish spirit and facilities as their legacy to us. In our desire to pass this legacy on to future generations and to accomplish our mission for those yet to fill these pews, we have established the OLOL Endowment Fund to help address future financial changes.

What is an Endowment Fund?

Endowment funds are donor-restricted funds that are invested in secure, conservative investments. The returns from that investment are then used for a specific purpose. Endowment funds typically have a perpetual existence. The gift principal giving far beyond the lifetime of the donor.

What is the OLOL Endowment financial goal?

Although there is no official campaign to raise money for the endowment, the recommended financial goal for endowment funds is two times the amount of the annual budget. Since OLOL's operating budget is $400,000, the goal for the OLOL Endowment is approximately $800,000.

The OLOL Endowment Fund is to preserve our parish spirit and facilities for future operations

Practically, contributing to the Endowment will happen over several years and through the efforts of many people. The funds are vested with the Diocese of Norwich and comprised of multiple investment managers.

How can Parishioners contribute to the Endowment Fund?

Among your regular parish support envelopes, we have included a blue envelope that is labeled Parish Endowment Fund: Building on Foundations of Faith. The purpose is to create awareness of parishioners' responsibility to provide for future generations and to offer an easy vehicle to accomplish that goal. We ask that you utilize the envelope to help with the endowment goal in any way you can. You can also make a regular or one-time online contribution to the Parish Endowment Fund through our web page at www.ololgf.org and follow the prompt for on-line giving.

What about inheritances and large gifts?

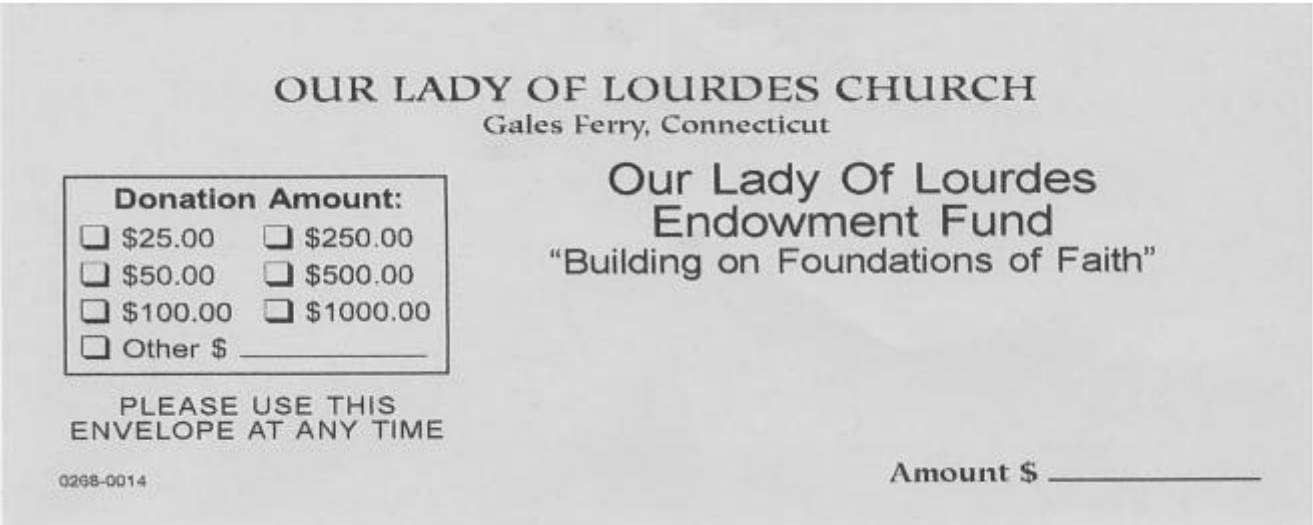
Through the grace of God and the generosity of family members, people inherit or receive large monetary gifts. To respond to God's gracious gifts bestowed by others, we ask that you think of the church as a partial beneficiary. This envelope may be used to fulfill that desire.

What about planned giving and estate planning?

Planned gifts are a way of making a financial gift during your lifetime or through your estate. They are called "planned" because they are typically made after thoughtfully reviewing assets in your estate and planning for their use. Planned gifts to the OLOL Endowment Fund may include: Cash, Life Insurance, Appreciated Securities, Real Estate, Bequests, Gift Annuities or Retirement Plans.

Please contact the rectory at 860-464-7251 to learn more.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, now and always.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- ❑ $100.00
- ❑ $250.00
- ❑ $500.00
- ❑ $1000.00
- ❑ Other $ _____

PLEASE USE THIS ENVELOPE AT ANY TIME

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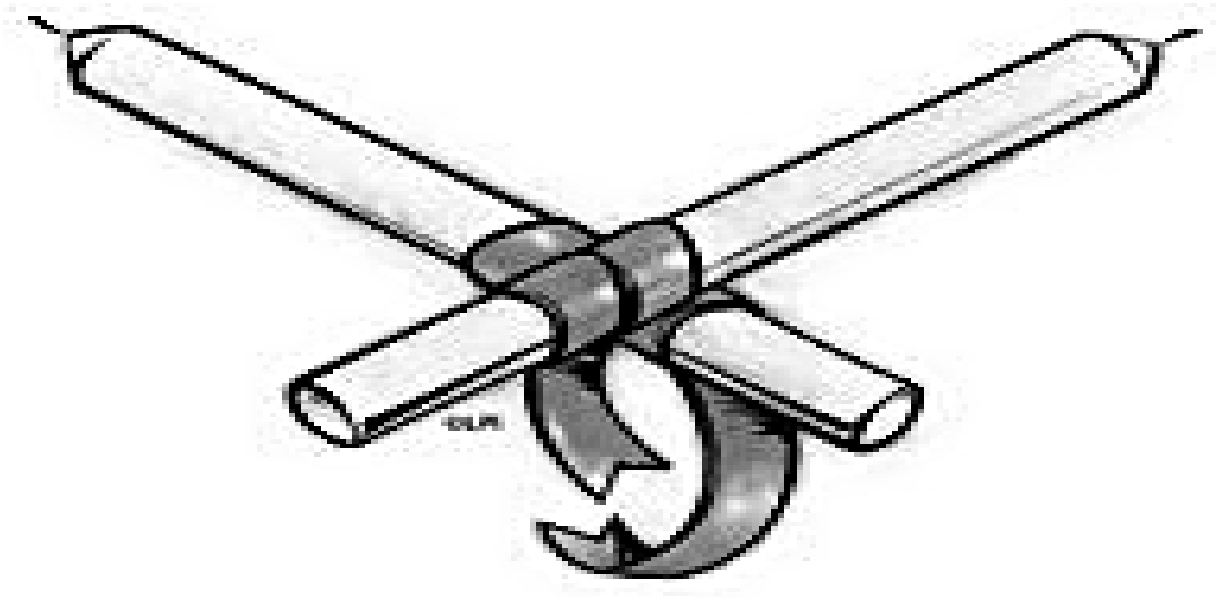
<u>In honor of the feast day of Saint Blaise please join Our Lady of Lourdes Church for the Blessing of the Throats after these Masses:</u>



Saturday, January 30 after the 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday, January 31st after the 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses
Wednesday, February 3rd after the 8:00 AM Mass

Please follow social distancing guidelines, wear a mask and keep at least 6 feet away from your fellow parishioners while waiting for the blessing.

Thank you.

Please consider signing up for
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1) Visit www.ololgf.org & Click <u>Online Giving</u>
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That's It!
If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact the Rectory Office.
860-464-7251 or by email
secretary@ololgf.org

Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace University"
9 week virtual class every Tuesday Night at 7:30PM
Starting Now - Tuesday, March 9th

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join my *Financial Peace University* class and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together! Interested? Watch the online class and then join me for an online discussion starting Tuesday, January 12th, 2020 at 7:30PM-8:15PM.

Feel free to email trichejody@gmail.com with any questions or sign up at www.fpu.com/1130596

Additional Details: Class attendees watch one lesson per week (each takes between 30 min and an hour or so) prior to getting together on Tuesday night via a Zoom call to discuss the lesson. The Ramsey organization is running a promotion now where attendees can get a 14 day free trial with access to all 9 Financial Peace University classes. After the 14 day free-trial ends, you will need to pay $129 (directly to the Ramsey Organization thru the fpu link above) for access to resources and to take part in the nine classes. **Coaching clients are eligible to pay a discounted $99 for the class so please contact me for details

For more information please watch this trailer: https://www.financialpeace.com/coordinator/classes/1117893/promo

Ledyard Clothing Exchange

Do you have clothes your children have outgrown that are still in good condition? Please consider dropping them off at the Ledyard Clothing Exchange donation bin located in the Gallup Hill Baptist Church parking lot at 79 Gallup Hill Road section of Ledyard. You will see the donation bin to your left as you pull into the church driveway. They are accepting winter clothes now through March in all girl's sizes infant through Junior and boy's sizes infant through size 18.

Do you need children's clothes for your family or know someone who is in need? The Ledyard Clothing Exchange is open by appointment only and you can contact them by visiting their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Ledyard-Clothing-Exchange-100896275320867W.

Families may come and shop for each child and may select up to 5 outfits per child per season. A photo ID is required for each visit.

Ledyard Clothing Exchange Seasons
Winter: December-March
Summer: April-July
Fall: August-November

For more information please contact Gallup Hill Baptist Church by email at Churchoffice@galluphill.org or call 860-464-8532.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Church

If you are a resident in this area, we hope you will continue to grace us with your presence and register by filling out a postcard located on table in vestibule or use the Parish Update form below. You may also call 860-464-7251 or stop by the rectory office to register. If you are a visitor, we hope to see you again soon!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Parish Update

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____

Zip:_____

Phone (s):_____

Email:_____

_____ New Registration

_____ Change of Address

_____ Would Like Envelopes

_____ Moving out of the Parish

Please consider registering with Our Lady of Lourdes Church to access enrollment in Faith Formation Classes, to arrange for Baptisms and Marriages, to obtain Sponsor Certificates, and to be on our mailing list for parish updates and events. Please complete and drop this form in the collection box or mail to the rectory. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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