



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent



## Mass Schedule @ Main Church

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

*Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or  
anytime by appointment*

## Weekday Morning Mass

Monday - Friday

8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH

*Monday 8:30 am Mass*

*with Miraculous Medal Novena*

### **Served By:**

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Robert K. Suszko, Weekend Assistant

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Religious Education

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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### Religious Education

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110 ext. 123

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### Religious Education

#### **Administrative Assistant**

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### Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

### First Friday

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration during the “Fall” months of September, October, November and December and the “Spring” months of March, April, May and June.

### Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

### New Parishioners

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

**MISSION STATEMENT** *The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.*



**Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes**

***I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about John the Baptist and his connection to Christ, by St. Augustine.***

**“JOHN IS THE VOICE, JESUS IS THE WORD” 3rd Sunday Advent (A)**

Augustine contrasts the role of John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the wilderness, with that of his cousin, Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. The humility of John, who prepared the way of the Lord, is highlighted. His joy was complete to see Jesus increase and himself decrease.

John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives forever.

#### **BUILDS UP THE HEART**

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

#### **THE VOICE PASSES - THE MESSAGE REMAINS**

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: The word ought to grow, and I should diminish? The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: My joy is complete.

Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

#### **JOHN NOT THE CHRIST**

Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe; we hope for salvation in him. This is the message the voice cried out.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offence to the word. I am not the Christ, he said, nor Elijah, nor the prophet.

And the question came: Who are you, then? [John the Baptist] replied: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord. The voice of one crying in the wilderness is the voice of one breaking the silence. Prepare the way for the Lord, he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

#### **PREPARE THE WAY THROUGH PRAYER & HUMILITY**

What does prepare the way mean, if not "pray well"? What does prepare the way mean, if not "be humble in your thoughts"? We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If [John the Baptist] had said, "I am the Christ", you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself.

He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/johnisthevoicejesusistheword/>)

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - DECEMBER 11, 2022



**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER**  
5:30 pm Joanne Insauto

**SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER**  
7:30 am The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families  
11:30 am Marcy Sugar

**MONDAY 12 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Alexa Justine Saniel (16th Birthday)

**TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Virgen de Guadalupe

**WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Antoinette Cecese

**THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Frank Miller

**FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Ruth Caste

**SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER**  
5:30 pm Kathleen & Owen Mooney

**SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER**  
7:30 am The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Chiaramonte & Catalano Families  
11:30 am Ruby Polixa (3rd Ann.)



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Joseph & Kathy Petrillo is in memory of **JOAN PAPALE**.



Brendan Byrne	Frank Refinski
Rita DiBiasi	Jacob Rivera
Michael DiPirro	Jaxson Rivera
Eva Donnelly	Pat Schoeler
Doris Handschuh	Laura Splendoria
Amy Lejano	Harry Vendemia
Cecile Leelin	Maureen Bacal-Zerna
Mary McGuinness	
John Mooney	

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

**SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 - 11:30 am 1st Penance Class (Chapel)  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church

**MONDAY 12 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church  
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass  
6:45-8:00 pm Rel. Ed. MHS—(OLLC)

**TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**  
7:00 pm Parent Confirmation Meeting (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER**  
6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)  
6:00—9:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Hall)

**THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER**  
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Dec 25th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

**FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER**  
  
Simbang Gabi Dec. 16-24

**SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER**  
4:00—5:15 pm Epiphany Rehearsal (OLLC)  
4:15—5:00 pm Confession in Church  
5:30 pm Mass in Church

**SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7:30 am Mass in Church  
8:00-11:30 am KOC Pancake Breakfast(Hall)  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		DEC 17 - DEC 18, 2022	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm Choir	Andrew Novoa	Judy Albore	
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Mary Cassels	
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Bill Talbot	
11:30 am Children's Choir	Julie Okeke	Paul Hirsch	

# Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE RAFFLE

# WINNERS

December 3, 2022

\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:  
Shauger Property Services, Inc.

\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:  
Jeri Konvalinka

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**Sunday, 18th of DECEMBER 2022**

8:30 am - 11:30 am

CONNOR HALL

\$10 DONATION - ADULTS AND CHILDREN 13 & OVER

\$5 CHILDREN 6-12

(No charge for any child 5 & under)

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee  
will be served.

Please make plans for you and your family to attend.  
All proceeds will go towards supporting local charities  
in the West Orange area.

A PRAYER FOR THE  
Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,  
let the anticipation of your birth  
fill us with overflowing joy.  
May our excitement and anticipation  
be a sign to the world  
that you are always near.  
Amen.



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## Annual Appeal Update

(Goal Achieved for 2022)

Thank you for your support toward the Lourdes parish  
Annual Appeal Goal before the June 30 deadline which has  
resulted in both a 2022 reduction of \$15,000 in assessment  
expenses and an additional surplus refund.

As of November 28, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal  
2022 amounts to \$35,613.50. Through your generosity, our  
surplus as of November 28 is \$7,403.50.

If you would like to make a gift, your gift will increase the  
surplus refund for Lourdes Parish. Call Father Jim Ferry  
with any questions.

## Peace & Good Corner



Holiday gift wrap and cards are now  
available in the Peace & Good Corner.  
There is also a great selection of  
religious items for Christmas Gift  
Giving.

We are open after Mass on weekends  
and available by appointment. Please  
call the Rectory—973-325-0110.

*Please be sure to stop in.*

## PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: November 26-27*	\$ 3756
Deficit:	\$ 3044
* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit	



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



*Christmas Choir Festival of Song Concert*  
**Saturday, December 10th**  
**6:30 pm in the church**



## Christmas & New Year's Mass

**Christmas Eve.** 4 pm, 5:30 pm, 10 pm (Dec. 24)  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Christmas Day.** 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am (Dec. 25)  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

**New Year's Eve.** 5:30 pm. (Dec. 31)  
*Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation*

**New Year's Day.** 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am (Jan. 1)  
*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation*

Celebrate

The Children's  
Epiphany Pageant

Sunday, January 8





## Advent Penance & Reconciliation

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD			
EVENING		MORNING	
Dec 12	6—6:45 pm	Dec 19, 20, 21	7—8:15 am
Dec 17	4:15—5:00 pm	Dec 24	7—8:15 am

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