



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, December 18, 2022 - Fourth 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:**

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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 St. Joseph and his connection to Christ. (Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/st-josephs-claim-fame/>)***

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent, Year A: "St. Joseph – Father of Faith "  
By Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio**

Saint Joseph always appears in Manger scenes during Advent and Christmas time and even has a special Solemnity or Feast in his honor, St. Joseph's Day, March 19. But he is so often neglected that St. John Paul II decided to write a special teaching about his role as foster-father of Jesus. This essay makes a case that St. Joseph teaches us some crucial things about the nature of faith that we can't afford to forget.

In the drama of the incarnation, Jesus is, of course, the star. That's the way it is at every birth. All eyes are on the baby. The co-star, though, is definitely mom. Without her love and labor, the event could not have happened. In this case, without mom's faith it couldn't have happened either. According to Luke's Gospel, an angel brought her stunning news. She believed the unbelievable and said "let it be."

### **JOSEPH, FOSTER-FATHER OF JESUS**

But there is a best supporting actor in the drama as well. True, Joseph was not the biological father. But the messiah had to be of David's royal line. In ancient Israel, a child's clan was determined by that of his father. So it was Joseph who legally bound Jesus to the house of David. It was because of Joseph that the family had to go to Bethlehem for the census, that the prophecy might be fulfilled.

God carefully selected the woman who would be the mother of his Son. But he must have been equally careful in his selection of the foster-father. For genes are not the only thing parents impart to their children. Jesus, in his humanity, had to grow in wisdom, age, and grace (Luke 2:52). Joseph must have had responsibility for a good deal of this growth. It was Joseph who was Jesus' male role-model. From Joseph Jesus learned many things, including the trade that he would practice for some twenty years.

### **JOSEPH – MAN OF INTEGRITY**

But there are even more important things that Jesus learned from Joseph. For Joseph was a just man, an honest man, a courageous man, a man of integrity.

His betrothed was pregnant but not by him. Imagine the shame, the hurt, and the anger that he must have experienced assuming what anyone would assume in such a situation. His integrity would not allow him to marry an adulteress and pretend the child was his. Neither would he expose the woman he loved to shame and punishment. He did not procrastinate or waffle. He made the difficult decision to divorce Mary quietly.

But then came the messenger. In Luke's Gospel, there was an angelic annunciation to Mary. In the first chapter of Matthew, we learn that Joseph gets one too. He was named after the greatest dreamer of the Old Testament. Maybe that's why his annunciation came in a dream.

### **FAITH IN THE INCONCEIVABLE**

Mary's primary virtue is her faith. When told the unbelievable, she said fiat – let it be. Joseph's claim to fame is also his faith. He too was told the inconceivable and yet dared to believe.

Note, though, that his response of faith entailed taking action—he changed his plans, received Mary into his home, and accepted responsibility for this special child. Keep this in mind, though. Mary needed no revelation to be sure this was a virginal conception. All Joseph had to go by was what he received from an angel . . . in a dream!

Do you think he may have been tempted at some point to second guess this experience? Especially when things did not go smoothly. After all, when a plan is from God, are not doors supposed to open? Yet when they arrived in Bethlehem, the door of the inn was slammed shut in Joseph's face. If this were God's child, wouldn't God provide a room? And if this were really God's son, wouldn't God have turned back Herod's hit men?

### **WALK BY FAITH**

Then the angel shows up again in another dream: "Flee to Egypt with Mary and the baby."

Another journey on foot. This time to a foreign land 250 miles away. Wasn't the 90 mile walk to Bethlehem with a pregnant woman enough? If this was God's doing, shouldn't things be going more smoothly than this?

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# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - DECEMBER 18, 2022



CHURCH  
CALENDAR



## 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.)

## MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

8:30 am Thomas A. Bulger, Jr.  
(25th Ann.)

## TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

8:30 am Peter Caste

## WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

8:30 am Dominick Paradiso

## THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

8:30 am The Cassels Family

## FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER

8:30 am Michael Chiaramonte, Jr.

## SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

4:00 pm People of the Parish  
5:30 pm People of the Parish  
7:00 pm People of the Parish  
10:00 pm People of the Parish

## SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am People of the Parish

## 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

## MONDAY 19 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

7—8:15 am Confessions in Church

## TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

7—8:15 am Confessions in Church  
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass



## WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

7—8:15 am Confessions in Church

## THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News &  
Announcements for Jan 1st  
bulletin— call the Rectory at  
973-325-0110.

## SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

## CHRISTMAS EVE



7—8:15 am Confessions in Church  
4:00 pm Mass in Church  
5:30 pm Mass in Church  
7:00 pm Spanish Mass in Church  
10:00 pm Mass in Church

## SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

## CHRISTMAS DAY



7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church



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John Mooney

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Jaxson Rivera  
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Laura Splendoria  
Harry Vendemia  
Maureen Bacal-Zerna

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE			DEC 24 - DEC 25, 2022
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
4:00 pm C. Choir 5:30 pm A. Choir 7:00 pm 10:00 pm	Joy Hayward Wendy Sheyka TBA Pat Sigalas	Joe Petrillo Jo Anne Chiaramonte Patricia Saway Virginia Dimapilis	 
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Sr. James Soon	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain	
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Carmelita Dizon	



(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

Joseph may or may not have thought these things. I would have. The point is, Joseph believed and acted. And when the angel came a third time and told him to make the long trek back to Nazareth, he acted again.

Joseph certainly did a lot of walking. From Nazareth to Bethlehem to Egypt and back again. Paul said we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7). Joseph is a model of faith because he keeps walking, even in the dark.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/st-josephs-claim-fame/>)

Blessed Advent Season to you,

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
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**December 3, 2022**  
\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:  
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Jeri Konvalinka

**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.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WEST ORANGE COUNCIL #5519**



**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.**

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in the West Orange area.**



**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 December 5, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to \$35,613.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of December 5 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.

**PARISH GIVING**

**FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022**

**WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800**

**Collection\*: December 3-4\* \$ 5597**

**Deficit: \$ 1203**

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



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## Christmas & New Year's Mass

**Christmas Eve.** 4pm, 5:30 pm, 7pm (Spanish), 10pm (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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