



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, September 3, 2023 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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 1st 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,

Section 1. Peter the Apostle

In last Sunday's Gospel and this Sunday, we read about the primary place of Peter among the 12 Apostles. In the August 27 Gospel, Peter's wisdom and awareness of Jesus as Messiah is stated. Peter knows who Jesus is. It is possible the other 11 were catching on, but Peter gets there first.

This Sunday (September 3), Peter also leads the way, but in the wrong direction. Learning that Jesus as Messiah will suffer and die, Peter rebukes the Lord. It is quite possible the other apostles would have sided with Peter. They were, collectively, not ready for the Passion when it happened.

In the Bible, we are often "shown" rather than "told" what God's way is. Consider that even the great King David had many flaws which showed God's power working through human frailty. Witnessing Peter's one step forward and then two steps back, we are also shown a new way.

Section 2. The Papacy and God's Mercy

The reason Jesus established the papacy for Peter, for John Paul II, for Benedict XVI, for Francis, for every successor of Peter was not to guarantee their personal greatness or security.

Jesus tells Peter why he is giving him authority symbolized by the keys which is not PIN or code for him to conceal, but a power for him to lead others to God's mercy. Jesus said to Peter "I will give you the keys to the kingdom. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
" (Matthew 16:19)

This authority is given to Peter for the forgiveness of sins so that priests – generation after generation – would follow not their own opinions but God's Word in morality and judgement.

Is my life and my opinion always in perfect synchronicity with God? No, for this reason, I am called to pray, to reflect on God's Word, Church

teaching and tradition and go to confession myself, to confess my sins.

I need the teaching authority of the Church so that I can continue to learn how God's mercy applies to my life and those of others. As a priest, I do not absolve a sinner on my own but by Christ's authority given to the Church.

Nevertheless, every penitent in confession can trust that the priest never speaks about their sins to anyone. The priest has this authority. What happens in the confessional does not even "stay" in the confessional. Rather, these sins "are put to death" in the confessional. The penitent walks free without probation.

Section 3. Confession and God's Mercy

The normal way that we receive mercy and absolution for our sins, as Catholics is to go to confession, which I admit, is a sacrament that has fallen on hard times. You may think this has less relevance these days.

But confession – Penance and Reconciliation – has continued relevance in 2023. These days, when we fall or fail, we easily think that the only way to recover from our failing or our failure from sin is to prove ourselves by doing something excellent, equally good to make up for what was bad. I.e., we are performance focused, achievement oriented.

But that's not the gospel. When Jesus urges us to be perfect, to be virtuous, He's not asking us to just rack up more successes, or more successful goals to make up for all the penalties committed. Those are sports rules – they are not the rules of salvation. Peter even gives into this foolish pride. Peter thinks this way.

Section 4. Objections to Confession

There are objections to go into confession. For example, why do we object to confession? Many feel we should "go 2 God direct". Yes, "go 2 God direct" whether you repent or rejoice.

Yet, we go to confession for our sins for the same reason we go to the doctor for our health or

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

5:30 pm Maxine Nzegwu
(Special Intention)

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Peter Taylor
11:30 am Jaroslav Konvalinka (24th Ann.)

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Eustaquio Francisco Reyes

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Thomas Bardzinski (2nd Ann.)

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Legion of Mary

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Peter Caste

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Baby Andie Ang

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

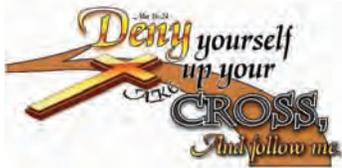
5:30 pm Nestor Matias

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the
Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am Abdon Domingo



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy Lanfrank is in memory of BESSIE CORCORAN



SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
9:00 am Rosary in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 - 11:30 am RCIA (OLLC), JF
11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.



RECTORY OFFICE
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the SEP 17th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church
6:30—7:30 pm ROSARY REMEMBRANCE 9/11— GROTTO

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 - 11:30 am Fam. Cat. Parent Mtg. Grades 1-6 (OLLC, HALL)
9:30—11:30 am RCIA (OLLC), JF
10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)
11:30 am Mass in Church

WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 9 - 10, 2023
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly (Choir) Judy Albore	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon	
9:30 am Choir	Carol Ford	Myrna Regino Joe Petrillo (Choir)	
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Wendy Sheyka	



Joan Clarke Jacob Rivera
Mary McGuiness Jaxon Rivera
Joan Monik Pat Schoeler

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

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the dentist for our teeth, in other words to receive a 1-on-1 affirmation and assurance of forgiveness. Also, confession has stricter privacy and secrecy than any doctor-patient confidentiality. You're safe in the confessional!

Another reason we might not go to Confession is because we say well, the priest is a sinner too. He's got lots of sins. Have you ever said, "The priest – the padre – is worse than I am"

It's possible that the priest is worse off than you. But that's not a reason not to go to confession. It's also not a reason not to go to the doctor. The doctor might not be in great health, but the doctor can still help you.

Section 5. The Sign of the Cross and Gospel

In church, before we hear the Gospel, we make the sign of the cross on our mind, on our lips, and on our heart.

That is, we pray that God's word will bless and strengthen us in 3 ways – in what we KNOW and LEARN (MIND), in what we SAY and are SPEAKING (LIPS), and in what we BELIEVE and are STORING UP (SOUL).

You and I, made in the image and likeness of God are not merely material. We are both body and soul.

Peter himself – in this Sunday's Gospel – through human sinfulness gets in the way of Jesus' mission. Papal infallibility does not prevent Peter or any Pope from sinning.

It is a grace from the Holy Spirit that calls the Pope and calls us to pray for the Pope that strengthens our thoughts, words, and beliefs in God's Word. God is in charge.

In Christ's Peace.
Father Jim Ferry



**September 11th
Rosary Remembrance**

Please join us as we recite the Holy Rosary

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (Near Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel)

Parking: Upper parking lot near school

Please be respectful of social distancing

The Rosary will be recited in English and Spanish (reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries)

Rosaries will be available.



The **Rosary Altar Society's Meeting** will be held on **Monday, September 11th, at 1:00 pm** in Connor Hall.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.
Carol Ford, President



St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 9/23/2023** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is +operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **9/23/2023** so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at travisb23@juno.com.



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

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Deficit:	\$ 2463

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UPCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER



♦ **Monday 9/4/23** LABOR DAY
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

♦ **SEPTEMBER 11th ROSARY REMEMBRANCE**
(22nd Anniversary of 9/11)
Saturday 9/9 - Time: 6:30 pm -
Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto



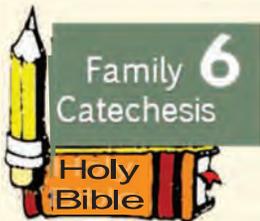
♦ **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:**
September 17 - 11:30 am Mass
BISHOP MANNY CRUZ, PRESIDING

♦ **Saturday 9/23 9—12 noon** CHRISTINE'S SOUP KITCHEN
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



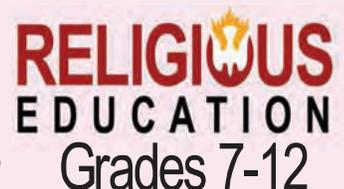
FAMILY CATECHESIS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Sunday 9/10 9:30 am Mass—10:30 am Fam. Cat. Parents Mtg—Grades 1-6 (Hall)
- ♦ Saturday 9/16—3—5:30 pm - 1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)
- Monday 9/18—5—7:30 pm - 1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)



- ♦ Wednesday 9/6/23 6:30—7:30 PM - 1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)
- ♦ Wednesday 9/20/23 6:30—7:30 PM - 2nd Class: Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)

- ♦ Sunday 9/24 9:30—11:30 Rel. Ed. Grades 7-12 9:30 am Mass / 10:30 am Class (Hall)
- ♦ Monday 9/25 (OLLC) 6:45—7:15 pm Parents Mtg. "2024" Confirmation Class 7:30—8:00 pm Parents Mtg. "2025" Confirmation Class



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