



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

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^{st} 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.

Served By:

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend Assistant Rev. Robert K. Suszko, Weekend Assistant Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee Mrs. Eileen Reilly, Trustee

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

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6) Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103 Email: <u>ollfamilyclass@aol.com</u>

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12) Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110 ext. 123 Email: <u>Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org</u> Religious Education

<u>Administration</u>

Administrative Assistant Astrid Ramirez 973.325.0110 ext. 102 Email: <u>astrid.ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org</u>



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes, <u>Anniversaries and Founder's Day</u> Anniversaries grow in value. This is not just an Emily Post and etiquette consequence but also our own experience. We celebrate more as the years go by. Anniversaries have their own economy of inflation. After one year of marriage, "paper" is the material which may require only a greeting card. Please be sure to write a note. For the 60th, 75th and 100th, the material is upgraded to diamond.

The anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes is November 8, 1914. Happy 108th! The diamond still works for 108, to remind us of our valuable initiation in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through baptism, we are not simply proposed to but also married to Jesus Christ. His life is the precious stone *par excellence*, or in biblical gift-registry terms, the pearl of great price. Discipleship means selling all we have to obtain it. (Matthew 13:46).

Gospel Marriage Question The Gospel this Sunday includes a marriage scenario designed to trap Jesus. The Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection of the body to eternal life, but they know that Jesus does. The Sadducees ask how Jesus will match up a woman, widowed multiple times, with a groom/husband in the afterlife. Jesus does not respond directly, but reminds us that marriage is our path to heaven. Spouses help each other to get to heaven. And, they also give us an example of love to everyone else.

John Budziszewski, a professor at the University of Texas and commentator on Thomas Aquinas and Marriage described Catholic marriage as follows:

"The love between husband and wife is not primarily a matter of instinct or emotion but an act of free will by which the spouses give themselves to each other totally, indissolubly and exclusively. Each spouse loves the other for the other's own sake. Through this gift, they attain genuine human fulfillment." (John Budziszewski, "*Thomas Aquinas on Marriage, Fruitfulness, and Faithful Love*", p. 67.)

The Goods of Marriage

Dr. Budziszewski notes that there are 3 goods in marriage in the theology of Thomas Aquinas.

1st. <u>Children and Education of Children to</u> <u>Worship God</u>. Does not everyone strive to have virtuous and excellent children? Yet, being a Christian is not simply the Honors Program. It may turn out to the opposite as we endure, at times, persecution and loss. St. Paul shared his own setbacks and shipwrecks. In the Catechism section on prayer we are reminded of God's faithfulness, "that he cannot contradict himself", though often in life, things go terribly wrong. (CCC 2577) The Bible gives you a safe and sure way to teach your children that while life is not fair, God is a just judge. (J. Budziszewski, "Aquinas", p. 71)

<u>**2nd. Mutual fidelity of the spouses</u></u>. Sometimes, this is referred to as the good of "unity". Thomas Aquinas stresses faithfulness as the action of the spouses toward unity. Dr. Budziszewski summarizes: "the 'principal end' of marriage is offspring, but this end 'includes' the education of the offspring, and their education** *requires* **a special kind of friendship. " (J. Budziszewski, "Aquinas", p. 71-72)</u>**

These days, some will say that contraception makes such unity less important because "even the unchaste can prevent births [but] ... the attempt to outwit natural consequences has natural consequences. Although contraception was commonly expected to abolish unwed motherhood, it has led to such far-reaching changes in sexual behavior that unwed motherhood has soared." (J. Budziszewski, "Aquinas", p. 76). Fidelity still matters.

3rd. Sacramental Good of Marriage.

The definition of a sacrament is a visible sign of an invisible reality. Sacraments are "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (CCC 1131). Marriage is part of our call to love and also to love the sinner: "According to faith, the disorder we notice [in marriage] so painfully does not stem from the nature of man and woman, nor from the nature of their relations but from sin." (CCC 1607)

Jesus loves us so much that he died for us, that he married us. The marriage we know or have known (PASTOR COLUMN continued on Page 4)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - NOVEMBER 6, 2022

MASS	
SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 5:30 pm All Souls Novena of Masses	SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER Celebrating Our 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:00 am Rosary in Church
SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 7:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses 9:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses 11:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses	Anniversary 9:30 am Founders Day Mass, Church 9:30—11:30 am MHS Rel. EdMass & C. Hall 11:30 am Mass in Church
MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 8:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses	MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Mass in Church
TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 8:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses	TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Mass in Church
WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 8:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Mass in Church 6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)
8:30 am All Souls Novena of Masses FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Elizabeth Pflug (46th Ann.)	THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Nov. 20th
SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 5:30 pm Simone Banks & Carmaleta Harris	bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 3:30—5:30 am Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5
SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER (C. I 7:30 am People of the Parish 4:15-5:00 pm Cont	(C. Hall) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
(66th Ann.) 11:30 am Bessie Horky	SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am—11:30 am 1st Penance Class (Chapel) 9:30 am Mass in Church
This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy & Michael Lanfrank is in memory of ARLENE MONTEVERDE (8th Ann.)	11:30 am Mass in Church
This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Jeri Konvalinka is in memory of MARY ELLEN BRUNO	IS FAITHFUL HE Strengthen AND GUARD YOU



Jacob Rivera Jaxson Rivera Pat Schoeler Laura Splendoria Harry Vendemia Maureen Bacal-Zerna

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reminds us that we can love another person for his or her own sake not simply based on gift/payback on one's anniversary or any other day.

<u>Lourdes Parish @ 108</u> In the 84th psalm, we read of the desire for shelter, for sanctuary. On our parish anniversary, we give thanks for those who have given to bless us with our beautiful edifice.

Our parish founding 108 years ago reminds us of God's love. Many couples have been married at our altar. Pray for married couples and families and for better understanding of the good of marriage not just for today but for all time.

We come to church for friendship with God and with each other, a friendship valuable and costly every year, made possible by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the altar of Calvary and the altar today:

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts ! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest in which she puts her young – at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere." (Psalm 84: 1-4, 11) Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry



Altar Linen Ministry

Carefully cleaning and ironing altar linens of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



Training Provided / Rotating Schedule

Contact: Mrs. Carol Ford (973) 885-2555 (call or text) cford54@aol.com

Our Lady of Lourdes

Alumni Association

Is pleased to get you all together on Wednesday, November 16th for a



Venue: Libretti's Restaurant (554 Nassau St, Orange, NJ)

Time: 1pm-5pm \$45-Buffet Lunch, includes Beer & Wine

Contact: Terry Lowe ('63) TBLowe74@gmail.com



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 October 24, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to \$34,998.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of October 24 is \$6,788.50.

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.

Fr. Jim Ferry, Pastor

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022WEEKLY GOAL\$ 6800Collection*: October 22-23*\$ 4922Deficit:\$ 1878* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.





The Annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up in November.

Please bring the gifts to Church by Sunday, December 11, 2022 before the 11:30 am Mass

Sunday, November 6:

Founders Day Mass at 09:30 am *Day Lights savings Time ends*





Thursday, November 24:

Thanksgiving Day—Mass at 8:30 am (Rectory Office Closed)

Friday, November 25: (Rectory Office Closed)





First Sunday of Advent, November 27:

Saturday Mass—5:30 pm Sunday Masses—7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am

> Wednesday, November 30: Last Day to buy Raffle Tickets.





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