



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, January 1, 2023 - Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God



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

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

Religious Education

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Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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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

I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about Mary, Mother of God.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/mary-mother-of-god/>)

This feast of Mary, the Mother of God, brings home the reality of the incarnation. In Jesus, the Creator truly became man. And that man had, and still has, a mother. So affirmed the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in AD 431.

The mother of the messiah has been called many things in the last 2,000 years – the Virgin Mary, Our Lady, the Blessed Mother. But call her “the Mother of God,” and you’ll see some Christians squirm.

THEOTOKOS

This is nothing new. One day in the early fifth century, a priest preached a stirring sermon in the presence of the patriarch of Constantinople. His subject was the holy mother of Jesus. The preacher continually referred to Mary as the “Theotokos” meaning “God-bearer.” This was no innovation – by this time, Christians had been invoking Mary under this title for at least two hundred years.

Nevertheless, at the close of the sermon, the patriarch ascended the steps of the pulpit to correct the preacher. We should call Mary the Mother of Christ, said Patriarch Nestorius, not the Mother of God. She was the mother of his human nature, not the mother of his divinity.

His comment sparked an uproar. And the dispute rocked not only the congregation, but the entire empire.

Cyril, patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt, immediately recognized that Nestorius’ theology of Mary was a symptom of a much deeper problem, a problem with the incarnation itself. For to deny Mary the title “Mother of God” makes of Jesus a dichotomy, a split personality. It would mean that God had not really embraced our humanity so as to become human. Rather, the humanity of Christ is hermetically sealed off from the divinity, as if Jesus were two persons. It was as if human nature was so distasteful that God, in Christ, had to keep it at arm’s distance. It is OK, according to Nestorius, to say that through Jesus, God raised Lazarus, or multiplied the loaves, or walked on water. But it is not OK to say that, in Jesus, God is born or that God died.

COUNCIL OF EPHESUS

Cyril, aware that this was a challenge to the heart of Christian faith, demanded that an ecumenical council be called to settle the matter. So in AD 431, the Council of Ephesus met, under Cyril’s leadership, and solemnly proclaimed that Mary is indeed rightly to be honored as the Theotokos. It proclaimed that, from the moment of his conception, God truly became man.

Of course Mary is a creature and could never be the origin of the eternal Trinity, who is without beginning or end.

But the second person of the blessed Trinity chose to truly become man. He did not just borrow a human body, drive it around for awhile and then ascend back to heaven, discarding his body like an old car.

No, at the moment of his conception in the womb of Mary, an amazing thing happened. God the Son united himself with a human nature forever. Humanity and divinity were

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SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER
5:30 pm Michael Chiamonte

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am In Thanksgiving—Abad & Matias Families

MONDAY 2 JANUARY
8:30 am Ann Balzano

TUESDAY 3 JANUARY
8:30 am Jose Catarroja

WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY
8:30 am Fidelina Saniel

THURSDAY 5 JANUARY
8:30 am Justina Nzegwu
(Special Intention)

FRIDAY 6 JANUARY
8:30 am Maureen Rosen

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY
5:30 pm Bud & Nancy Moore

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:30 am People of the Parish

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY SOLEMNITY OF MARY



7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Recitation of Rosary
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY 2 JANUARY
8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church**
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass

THURSDAY 5 JANUARY
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Jan 15th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY
4—5:15 pm Epiphany Rehearsal-Church
4—5:15 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am - 2:30 pm **CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PAGEANT**



****Please Note: Our Prayer List will be renewed every Jan. 15th and July 15th.**

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

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JAN 7 - JAN 8, 2023

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm Adult Choir	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Jo Anne Chiamonte	
11:30 am Children's Choir	Rachelle Brown	Wendy Sheyka	

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD - JANUARY 1, 2023

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so closely bound together in Jesus, son of Mary, that they could never again be separated.

Everything that would be done by the son of Mary would be the act both of God and of man. So indeed it would be right to say that a man raised Lazarus from the dead and commanded the wind and waves. But it would be equally correct to say that God was born on that first Christmas day and that, on Good Friday, God died.

The Council of Ephesus, once confirmed by the Pope, became the third ecumenical council of the Catholic Church. Its teaching in this matter is dogma, truth revealed by God which all are bound to accept.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

So why does the Roman liturgy celebrate the Octave of Christmas as the Feast of Mary the Mother of God? Because this paradoxical phrase strikes at the very heart of Christmas. The songs we sing and the cards we write extol the babe of Bethlehem as Emmanuel, God-with-us. He is so "with us" that after Gabriel's visit to the Virgin, the Divine Word can never again be divided from our humanity. What God has joined, let no man separate.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/Mary-mother-of-god/>)

Blessed New Year to You and Yours.

Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

Father Jim Ferry



DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage is a full-day event celebrating the Rosary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 30, 2023, the Vigil of Rosary Sunday hosted by the Dominican friars of the Province of St. Joseph.

The pilgrimage starts (spiritually) with a 9-month novena starting **January 30, 2023**. We invite everyone to pray the **Novena prayer on the 30th of each month between January 30 and the event on September 30**.

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage website rosarypilgrimage.org, includes a promotion, video monthly updates, the novena prayer, and other content. Individual people or parishes will be able to sign up for updates, register to attend via the website, and can also request prayer cards there.

NOVENA PRAYER CARDS CAN BE FOUND NEXT TO THE BULLETINS ON THE INFORMATION TABLES.



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 19, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to **\$35,978.50**. Through your generosity, our surplus as of December 19 is **\$7,768.50**.

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 17-18* \$ 4548

Deficit: \$ 2252

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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“SOUPER BOWL”



The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting cans of soup from January 1st through Super Bowl Sunday to be delivered to our local food pantry to nourish and warm the less fortunate.



Please bring your donations of soup to the collection bins located at the entrances of the church.

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