



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 8, 2023 - The Epiphany of the Lord**



## **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)**

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### **Religious Education**

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

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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

***"And they came with haste and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."  
(Luke 2:16)***

Blessings to you for the Christmas Season, the Solemn Feast of Mary Mother of God and the New Year of 2023.

Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both written about the importance of Christ, as a child, as the center of our life. In this Christmas season, we grow closer to God as we meditate on his presence as an infant in Bethlehem and in the mystery of life made present through the children among us.

These are lessons which we can all learn about authenticity through the Christ child and through the lives of children.

### **CHILDREN AND AUTHENTICITY**

*"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."  
(Hebrews 4:12)*

Pope Francis reminds us that children also teach us about the authenticity of emotion and to the truth we can discover when we listen to our hearts.

It is true that children grow into both the clothes we buy them and the expectations we set for them. That is, we give them time – in school and at home – time to learn expressions – the how - of emotional behavior. Nevertheless, we do not really need to define what is happiness, what is anger, what is sadness. They learn these quite naturally. What they need, often, are simply the boundaries.

Pope Francis gives the example of why children have also wept in his presence, though he is not alarmed: "Some, when I pick them up to embrace them, smile; others see me dressed in white and think I am a doctor and that I am going to vaccinate them, and they cry... spontaneously!"

Children are like this: they smile and cry, two things which are often "stifled" in grownups ... do I smile spontaneously, frankly, with love or is my smile artificial? Do I still cry or have I lost the capacity to cry? These are two very human questions that children teach us." (Francis, 18 March 2015, General Audience)

Pope Francis observed also that "children remind us that we all, in the first years of life, were completely dependent upon the care and benevolence of others. The Son of God was not spared this stage.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - JANUARY 8, 2023



<b>SATURDAY 7 JANUARY</b> 5:30 pm Bud & Nancy Moore
<b>SUNDAY 8 JANUARY</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am People of the Parish 11:30 am People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 9 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Thomas Javier & Lorine Javier (Special Intention)
<b>TUESDAY 10 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Dorothy Wetzel
<b>WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Fr. Jim Ferry (Special Intention)
<b>THURSDAY 12 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Dominick Paradiso
<b>FRIDAY 13 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Arthur Rupel
<b>SATURDAY 14 JANUARY</b> 5:30 pm Jose Catarroja
<b>SUNDAY 15 JANUARY</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Ernie Abad (43rd Ann.) 11:30 am Thomas, Evelyn, & Robert Clayton

<b>SUNDAY 8 JANUARY</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am - 2:30 pm <b>CHILDREN'S EPIPHANY PAGEANT</b>
<b>MONDAY 9 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am <b>Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church</b> Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 11, JANUARY</b> 6:30—7:30 pm <b>Fam. Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)</b>
<b>THURSDAY 12 JANUARY</b> 10:00 am <b>Deadline for News &amp; Announcements for Jan 22nd bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.</b>
<b>SATURDAY 14 JANUARY</b> 4—5:15 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY 15 JANUARY</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church

NEW YEAR PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered us in time. We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one. We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions.*



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

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 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 McGuinness | 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.



**JAN 14 - JAN 15, 2023**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Judy Albore
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Sr. James Soon
9:30 am Choir	JoAnn Melhorn	Myrna Regino
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis



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It is the mystery that we contemplate every year at Christmas." (Pope Francis, 18 March 2015).

I hope and pray our prayer with and prayer to the Christ child may help us to uncover the authentic movements and calling of God in our lives.

Blessed Epiphany and Feast of the Three Kings to you.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

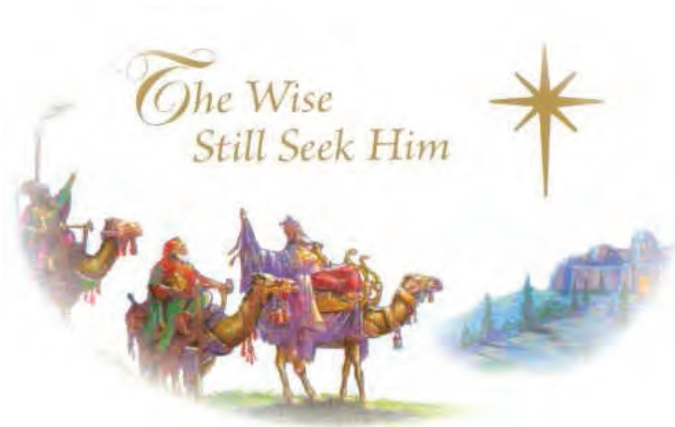
### DOMINICAN ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

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](http://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.**



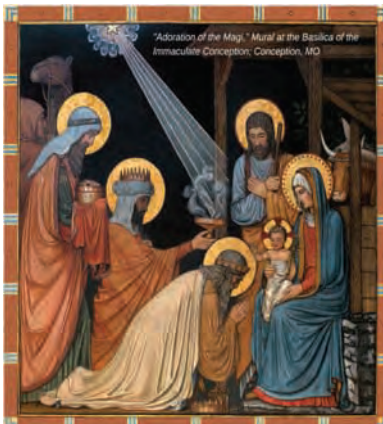
### Annual Appeal Update

(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 26, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to **\$37,578.50**. Through your generosity, our surplus as of December 26 is **\$9,368.50**.

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.



### *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

The wise men follow the star, find the new king, and, upon seeing him, place their gifts at his feet. What happens to them afterwards? We have all kinds of apocryphal stories about their journey back home, but these, while interesting, are not helpful. We do not know what happened to them afterwards and that is exactly the point. Their slipping away into anonymity is a crucial part of their gift. The idea is that they now disappear because they can now disappear. They have placed their gifts at the feet of the young king and can now leave everything safely in his hands. His star has eclipsed theirs. Far from fighting for their former place, they now happily cede it to him. Like old Simeon, they can happily exit the stage singing: Now, Lord, you can dismiss your servants! We can die! We're in safe hands! (Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI)

# “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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