



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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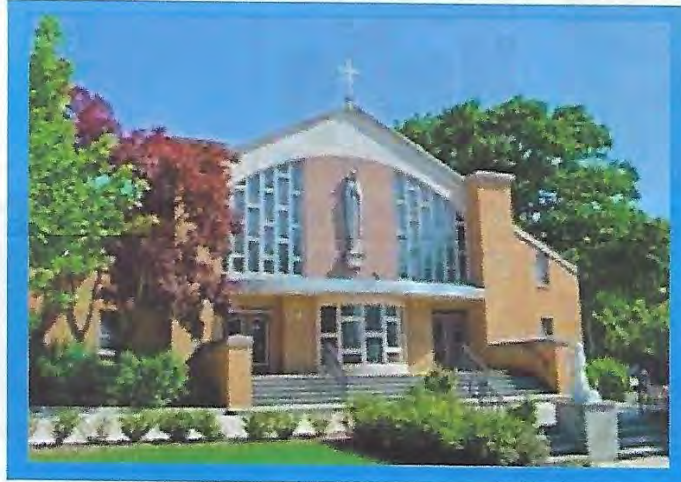
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Sunday, August 27, 2023 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee
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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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Administrative Assistant

Maggie Macias 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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, Christians, while making a distinction between body and soul, also profess a belief in their unity. We believe in the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body. We do not believe body and soul can ever be separated by human means. Their separation means death.

I bring this up because August 28 is the feast day of St. Augustine (354-430) of Hippo, located in what is now Algeria on the Mediterranean coast of Africa. In Augustine's time, Hippo was geographically in the Roman Empire which was in decline.

Augustine came to Christian faith as an adult, making a circuitous journey which included his education in both Manichean philosophy and Greek Platonism. While neither Manicheism nor Platonism is Judeo-Christian, each forms important foundations in Augustine's outlook. A key tenet of Manichee (founder) is that life on earth is unbearably painful and full of evil.

Plato's thought is based largely on Socrates. Both Plato and Socrates, living hundreds of years before Christ, taught that it is the soul (psyche) that gives life to the body. A key tenet for Plato is that one attains his or destiny by living "true to form" or "true to spirit". The body and flesh and physical anatomy are, for Plato, obstacles to such a destiny.

It is Catholic teaching that we are both body and soul: "The human person ... is a being at once corporeal and spiritual" (Catechism 362). I share with you this article about Augustine from SimplyCatholic.com, and encourage you to reflect and read more about Augustine and his influence on Catholic theology.

(Source: <https://www.simplycatholic.com/st-augustine-of-hippo>)

St. Augustine of Hippo MICHAEL R. HEINLEIN

***'God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.'* (Augustine)**

***"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."* (Augustine)**

St. Augustine (354-430) searched his entire life for love and truth, making his story universally appealing for all those who follow Christ. In his autobiography "Confessions," he details his battle against sin and his struggle toward a life of virtue in God's grace.

Born in northern Africa in 354, Augustine quickly advanced in a promising career as a teacher of rhetoric and philosophy. Even as he was attaining his goals, his life was not fulfilled. His pursuit of truth left him feeling empty inside.

Augustine's mother, St. Monica, was a Christian. He did not come to faith in the Gospel, however, until much later in life, in no small part because of his mother's determination and prayers. His conversion came after decades of searching for what he could only find in God. This included time spent with the heretical Manichean sect and fathering a child out of wedlock. He eventually came to understand that our true satisfaction would be in a life with God. As he wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Augustine models what conversion looks like: gradually turning toward the Lord and moving ever closer to him, never turning back. Adopting the Christian faith meant an end to his career and the comforts to which he had become accustomed. He was baptized in Milan by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387.

Augustine's story is an illustration of hope for all those who might have been, as the song goes, "looking for love in all the wrong places." It reminds us that we will be discontented with anything that keeps us from God's love, peace and truth. Augustine helps us recognize that our provident and all-loving God is active and alive in our lives and the world.

Before he turned 40, Augustine's mother and son had died. Returning to his hometown, Augustine sold all he had and gave his money to the poor. He kept the family home, however, and founded a religious community for men there. Eventually ordained a priest, Augustine put to good use his skills in teaching and rhetoric and became an effective and admired preacher. Many of his sermons survive as some of the most treasured of his writings. Augustine later was ordained a bishop at Hippo, near his home in northern Africa.

Augustine is best known for his voluminous writings, which have stood the test of time and remain among the most-cited by theologians and philosophers in the West.

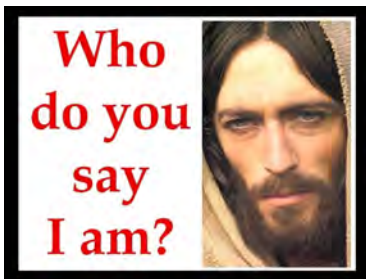
Toward the end of his life, the Roman Empire was disintegrating after the sacking of Rome by the Visigoths in 410. Many tried to blame Christians for its collapse. Augustine responded with writing "The City of God," a masterpiece in which he consoled his people with the knowledge that God's reign would triumph.

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SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 5:30 pm Kathleen Whelan
SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Mary Ellen Bruno 11:30 am Mary Mooney
MONDAY 28 AUGUST 8:30 am Kevin McCaffrey
TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 8:30 am Kevin McCaffrey
WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 8:30 am Stephen Carroll
THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 8:30 am Evelyn English
FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Paul Fitzgerald
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.)

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church
MONDAY 28 AUGUST 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.
THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the SEP 3rd. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 5:30—7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
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



WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 2 - 3, 2023
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Lou Volpe, Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Bless Bernardo	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain	
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis	



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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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He insisted that Christians should be more concerned with building up God’s kingdom rather than earthly politics. In this work, Augustine examined many of the issues facing society at the time through a theological lens, addressing the battle of good and evil, the problem of suffering, free will and original sin.

Augustine died in Hippo – located in modern-day Algeria – in 430. After his death, the city was destroyed by fire, except for his residence, which held his voluminous written works.

St. Augustine’s sanctity had been ratified by acclaim of the people in the time before formal canonizations. In 1298, he was recognized as a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII – one of the original four so distinguished – along with St. Ambrose, St. Jerome and St. Gregory the Great.

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(Source: <https://www.simplycatholic.com/st-augustine-of-hippo>)

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

September 1, 2023

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

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September 11th

Rosary Remembrance

Please join us as we recite the Holy Rosary

Date: **Sunday, 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.



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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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