

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 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.

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) Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110 Email: Priscillacastro@lourdeswestorange.org

Religious Education Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110 Email: Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org

Religious Education

Administrative Assistant Maggie Macias 973.325.0110 ext. 102 Email: Maggie.macias@lourdeswestorange.org





Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

On September 11, 2001, many of those who worked in New York City – in and around the World Trade Centers –came to assist in the rescue of others who were stranded and without transportation downtown in New York or in midtown or anywhere in and around New York that day.

Starting on September 11, 2001 and for every September 11th thereafter, people also remember heroic firefighters going to the World Trade Center and going up into the towers, knowing perhaps that they would have to give up their lives.

9/11 remains a moment of tragedy but also a time of local, regional, national and international solidarity in the wake of a tragedy.

So many people wanted to help, wanted to be on board ...and so they did. There was a mission.

I understand many non-New-Yorkers rooted for the Yankees in the baseball MLB World Series 2 months after 9/11, in autumn 2001. Usually, people from outside N.Y. do not cheer for the Yankees. While the Yankees did not win the baseball World Series in 2001, N.Y.C. "won" + "gained" something much more important than a trophy or ring after 9/11.

After 9/11, there was a charge and a mission to get people together and to stick together. We have the same charge and mission now. Yet, I fear and perceive that the coronavirus could do the exact opposite, if we are not careful.

We need each other at this time. We need God and faith in God at this time. So, if you have a neighbor or friend who may be alone or scared, I encourage you also to bring this person to church on Sunday, for our St. Joseph Novena, for prayer, for Stations of the Cross, for Holy Week or for any week.

You have a charge, you have a mission. It is a mission of love.

So, if someone is alone, remind them that they can come to Our Lady of Lourdes church... for solitude (yes) ...but not for isolation. Solitude is something peaceful; isolation is something punishing.

I hope and pray Lourdes church can be a place of peace and solitude rather than isolation.

Josef Pieper – a scholar writing about Thomas Aquinas shared this: "true love makes us realize that the [person we love] cannot simply drop out of reality, and even – this to be sure will be evident only to the believer – the [person we love] will be physically resurrected and live forever – through death and beyond it." (Josef Pieper, *Faith Hope Love* (Section 2 of "On Love"), San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1997, p. 169)

These may concepts that take us a long time to learn, and we need reminders of, for we are all beginners and starting over with Jesus each day. We also should remember that while our routines may change due to COVID 19, we have not dropped out of reality !

I hope and pray that you and I can do the same for others, to bring others to the new living water of God's word and love.

It is our mission to bring and share this Good News.

In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023





For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

at travisb23@juno.com.

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

Mass +

Mass offered in

loving memory

and injured.

Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER



Monday 9/4/23 <u>LABOR DAY</u> 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





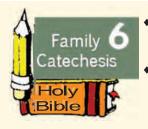
- CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: September 17 - 11:30 am Mass BISHOP MANNY CRUZ, PRESIDING
- Saturday 9/23 9—12 noon <u>CHRISTINE'S SOUP KITCHEN</u> HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



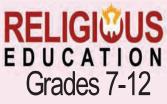
FAMILY CATECHESIS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 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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