



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, November 12, 2023 - Thirty-second 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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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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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 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 the Gospel this Sunday:

THE FOOLISH BRIDESMAIDS

by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/foolish-and-wise-bridesmaids/>)

[CAUGHT UNPREPARED] The parable of the foolish virgins who let the oil in their lamps run out recalls the recurring nightmare that so many experience, of being caught totally unprepared for a test or presentation.

Many people don't have much of a problem with God theoretically. They believe he exists and even admit that they maybe owe him something. But their reasoning goes something like this: The religion thing can wait. After all, I believe in God and am basically a good person. I really did intend to go to church this morning, but last night's party took a lot more out of me than I thought and I had one drink too many. I'll catch it next week."

[FOOLISH OR WISE?] Foolishness is a matter of priorities. The foolish person majors in the minors, investing money and time in things that really don't pay very well. Wisdom is a matter of putting first things first, not last. Prudence, which is the practical side of wisdom, is about making a plan to pursue and attain the things that matter most (Wisdom 6:12-16), the things that really last.

But the fool's reasoning continues: "God is love. If I come up short, he'll cover my tab. I'm too busy and too tired right now."

Not sweating it when it comes to being prepared for your final exam is not necessarily a genuine expression of confidence in God. If we neglect to make the required preparations, it is not a result of faith but rather of the sin of presumption. When we trust Him to forgive our bungled attempts to obey

Him, God is pleased. When we blow off preparation because we expect Him to dismiss our ticket, God is not amused.

[TIME WILL RUN OUT] If the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, the forgetting about the Lord is the epitome of stupidity.

So is forgetting that we are not immortal, that though God is timeless, we are not. Our nations, companies, and even our bodies, will not last forever. Everything will either come to a screeching halt and end suddenly, or die a slow death of gradual disintegration. It's hard to believe, but time will some day run out - for America, for me, even for Amazon.

[THE BRIDEGROOM'S RETURN] Jesus said many times that though this world and its affairs seem so real, so urgent, society will one day vanish and all its pressing business will be consigned to oblivion. Christ will return to claim his bride. We'll either be found with oil in our lamp-ready and eager-or caught unprepared. It will be like guests who rudely show up early for dinner when the house is still a mess and the food is uncooked. Only this Guest will be coming not to eat, but to inspect and to judge.

[THE NIGHTMARE & THE END] We've all had the bad dream of being back in school again and suddenly finding out that we must take an important exam for which we are totally unprepared. Well, maybe this dream, like the parable of the foolish bridesmaids, is meant to be a warning to us. For though we may not be the generation to witness the end of the world (1 Thes 5:13-18), each one of us will experience the end of our own world. He will come, perhaps suddenly, for each of us, at a time of His choosing, not ours.

Many have speculated about exactly when he will come. They've poured over the book of Revelation and other passages of Scripture such as Paul's description of being caught up in the air in I Thes 4. Will there be a secret rapture before he comes? Will this occur before the great tribulation, or after? Is what is happening currently in the Middle East foretold in the Bible and therefore a sign that the end is near?




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OUR LADY OF LOURDES - NOVEMBER 12, 2023



SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 5:30 pm John Gaeta
SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Elizabeth Pflug (47th Ann.) 11:30 am Bessie Horky
MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Carmen Napolitano (67th Ann.)
TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Joseph F. Petrillo
WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Ann Balzano
THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Renato Abad
FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Ruth Caste
SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 5:30 pm Carmaleta Harris & Simone Banks
SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am William Knight 11:30 am Deceased Members of the Abad & Matias Families

SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30 - 11:30 am Mass, Mtg—Grades 7-12 (OLLC, Hall) 10:30 am Children’s Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 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.
WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 6:30—7:30 PM Fam Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)
THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Nov 26th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-011. 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)
SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am Mass, Mtg - Grades 7-12 (OLLC, Hall) 9:30—11:30 am Mass, Mtg—1ST Penance (OLLC, Chapel) 10:30 am Children’s Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass

-  This week’s Altar Candles, a gift from Jeri Konvalinka is in memory of **CATHERINE GASCOYNE**.
-  This week’s Bread & Wine, a gift from Jeri Konvalinka is in memory of **CATHERINE GASCOYNE**.
-  This week’s Sanctuary Candle, a gift from the Jeri Konvalinka is in memory of **CATHERINE GASCOYNE**.

+ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		NOV 18 - NOV 19, 2023	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm Choir	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (Choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Annette Chiamonte	
11:30 am	Julie Okeke	Virginia Dimapilis	



PRAYERS Needed For...

Janice Augustine	Jacob Rivera
Joan Clarke	Jaxon Rivera
Keith Hari	Pat Schoeler
Mary McGuinness	Laura Splendoria
Joan Monik	

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

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[BE PREPARED] Preoccupation with such things is simply a pious form of snoozing on the job. The end is, in fact near. Our role is not to calculate the day, but to prepare for it. We must maintain a constant state of readiness, with our bags packed and our lamps burning brightly. If we take care never to be entirely absorbed by the tyranny of everyday business, we'll never be caught off guard. We can still enjoy this life while using it as a springboard into the next.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/foolish-and-wise-bridesmaids/>)

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Jim Ferry

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*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



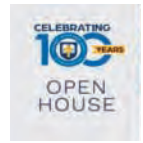
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Student Visitation Days Starting Wednesday January 31, 2024: OLL School will also host multiple visitation days for pre-school and grade school children, the first visitation day for grade school students is **Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024**. Parents are welcome to contact the school for additional dates or for information for Pre-K.

Please **JOIN US!** Register to attend at
myoll.org/openhouse.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

In Partnership with
St. Joseph & St. Raphael Parishes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
following the 9:30 Mass

SYBIL ELIAS, GUEST SPEAKER
from St. Joseph's Parish

Will give a short presentation on the opportunity for the young people from Our Lady of Lourdes, to join their peers from St. Raphael, and St. Joseph from grades 7 through 10 to participate in the Multi-Parish Youth Ministry to grow in their Catholic faith and aspire to live as disciples of Jesus.



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400 S. Orange Ave., South Orange, NJ 07079

Upcoming
EVENTS

At Our Parish

The Annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up
in November



Please bring the gifts to Church by
Sunday, December 10 before the 11:30 am
Mass

Sunday, November 5:

Founders Day Mass at 9:30 am

Daylight Saving Time Ends



Thursday, November 23:

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



Friday, November 24:

(Rectory Office Closed)



Thursday, November 30:

Last Day to buy Raffle Tickets.



First Sunday of Advent, December 3:

Saturday Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and
11:30 am



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