



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, January 14, 2024 - 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 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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes:

This Sunday's Gospel features John the Baptist. This is a reprint of my 2nd Sunday of Advent 2023 homily about John the Baptist.

[The Precursor] In Biblical history, John the Baptist is the "precursor" of Jesus Christ.

The word "pre" + "cursor" refers not to the blinking vertical line on our computers but rather to the one who goes ahead, the forerunner. (The cursor on your computer also goes ahead of your typed words!) John does not go ahead and wait around. He also prepares the way, paving the road for Jesus to arrive and walk on.

[Construction. Turnpike, Parkway] Have you noticed there's a lot of paving and road construction in late autumn and early winter? The paving and fixing of roads is urgent given that the construction crews have to finish paving before the weather gets even colder.

I recall learning this when we were re-paving our parking lot. The asphalt had to be poured before winter. The urgency of physically paving a road and the spiritual paving for our Savior lines up in parallel. While both are scheduled before Christmas, we are also responsible for welcoming the Savior all year long!

[Summer Job] Many years ago, I was working on paving of roads for a few weeks. One of these projects was near here on Park Street in Montclair.

In the projects, we were paving with new asphalt and also trying to reuse the existing road surface by heating it up, raking it over and steamrolling it, to transform it into a new road.

Our work was the precursor to a new road. But there was another precursor before we even got there. We were not repaving just to make it look nice, but were repaving due to digging and underground work by the water company or PSE&G or another utility.

Now that their digging and work was completed, we could do the next stage: pave the road.

We were the final precursor to the new road

[History of the Prophets] John the Baptist is the final precursor to Jesus as our new road, also expressed as Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. John the Baptist is the voice crying out in the desert. John is the last in a line of prophets by whom Jesus' way had been announced.

One prophet with a very long journey was Moses – the prophet of the Exodus, the "Prince of Egypt." Moses was not called to become powerful in Egypt but to stand up to the powerful authorities in Egypt. Through Moses' mission and preaching, the Jewish people were freed from slavery in Egypt.

[Moses] Moses guided the NAVIGATION that led them geographically. Moses did not limit the people by telling them where to go but was freeing them.

Moses was also the prophet to receive the 10 Commandments on Mount Sinai, the discipline and rules which were not meant to punish the people but also to liberate them by giving them LEGISLATION and laws to live by. Moses' mission is both NAVIGATION and LEGISLATION.

John the Baptist follows in a similar way with a message to repent and to remind that there is still – from God – a plan for both NAVIGATION and LEGISLATION of the people.

[Navigation. Legislation. Transformation] As for me, I am not always open to or attracted to God's NAVIGATION or LEGISLATION – I also need conversion to Christ so that I can do what is right, and say what is right. This Advent season is a time for penance and penitence. It's not a long time of penance, like the 40 days of Lent that begin on Ash Wednesday. This is only a 21 day adventure. It's the shortest possible Advent. This is not to rush you to Christmas. I'm not trying to rush you like everybody else. But it's a short Advent because Christmas falls on a Monday this year. So it's only 21 days. But it is a time for us to examine our lives. This examination continues after Advent.

Preparing the way of the Lord is a transformation. Going to confession is part of this. We have confession here every Saturday. Just a reminder that confession for Catholics is required at least once a year. I try to go at least once a month, and try to be available to hear confessions for people, not just Saturday afternoon, but whenever it is convenient for you. You can call me up, and you really should be able to call up any Catholic Church and ask for a priest to hear your confession at a time convenient for you, at a mutually convenient time. Preparing the way of the Lord is not just a superficial exercise.

And paving the road is not just a superficial exercise. It involves digging beneath the surface first. But also in our case, we don't have to be scared of digging beneath the surface because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. Jesus is there, and comes to renew us and keep what is good within us. It is urgent that we prepare the road before it gets too cold.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JANUARY 14, 2024



SATURDAY, 13 JANUARY

5:30 pm Mary Madden

SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Michael C. Corcoran

11:30 am Thomas, Evelyn & Robert Clayton

MONDAY, 15 JANUARY

8:30 am Luigi & Vincenza Russo

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY

8:30 am Rita DiBiasi

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY

8:30 am Bernardita Ang

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY

8:30 am William Francis Hogan, Jr.

FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY

8:30 am JoAnne Chiamonte

SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY

5:30 pm Nancy Lynch

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY

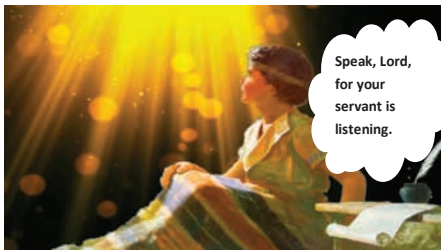
7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families

11:30 am Vir-Jean Ann Ward



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy Lanfrank is in memory of RHETA BRINKERHOFF.



SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

9:30—11:45 am Gr. 7-12 (OLLC, HALL)

10:30 am Children's Choir

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 15 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 on Monday.



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY

6:30 pm 1ST Penance Rehearsal (OLLC)

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY

6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Jan 28th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

6—8:00 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)

SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY

1:00 pm 1st Penance (OLLC)

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

10:30 am Children's Choir

11:30 am Mass



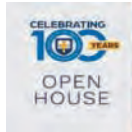
JAN 20 - JAN 21, 2023

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm Choir	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (Choir)			
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe			
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Joe Petrillo			
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis			



Please Note: Our Prayer List is now being renewed

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



Sunday, January 28th from 1:00—3:00 pm

Our Lady of the Lake School will host an **OPEN HOUSE** at the school for prospective families.

This is a fabulous opportunity to tour the school, classrooms and meet the outstanding teachers, Principal and students that have made Our Lady of the Lake School a two-time National Blue Ribbon School.

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.

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The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting cans of soup through the month of January to be delivered to our local food pantry to nourish and warm the less fortunate.



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