



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, January 28, 2024 - Fourth 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

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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

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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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes

I share with you this article/Cycle of Catechesis, Vices and Virtues.

POPE FRANCIS, **GENERAL AUDIENCE**  
*Wednesday, 27 December 2023*

## Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues.

### 1. Introduction: safeguarding the heart

Today I would like to introduce a series of catecheses on the theme of vices and virtues. And we can start right from the beginning of the Bible, where the Book of Genesis, through the account of the progenitors presents the dynamic of evil and temptation. Let us consider the earthly Paradise. In the idyllic picture represented by the garden of Eden, a character appears that will be the symbol of temptation: the serpent, this character that seduces. The snake is an insidious animal: it moves slowly, slithering along the ground, and sometimes you do not even notice its presence — it is silent — because it manages to camouflage itself well in its environment, and above all, this is dangerous.

When it begins to conversing with Adam and Eve, it shows it is also a refined dialectician. It begins as one does with wicked gossip, with a malicious question. He says, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'" (*Gen 3:1*). The phrase is false: in reality, God offered man and woman all the fruits of the garden, apart from those of a specific tree: the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This prohibition is not intended to forbid mankind from the use of reason, as is sometimes misinterpreted, but is a measure of wisdom. As if to say: Recognize your limit, do not feel you are the master of everything, because pride is the beginning of all evil. And so, the story tells us that God establishes the progenitors as lords and guardians of creation, but wants to preserve them from the presumption of omnipotence, of making themselves masters of good and evil, which is a temptation — a bad temptation, even now. This is the most dangerous pitfall for the human heart.

As we know, Adam and Eve do not manage to resist the temptation of the serpent. The idea

of a God who is not so good, who wanted to keep them in submission, insinuated itself into their minds, hence the collapse of everything.

With these accounts, the Bible explains to us that evil does not begin in man [and woman] in a clamorous way, when an act is already manifest, but that evil begins much earlier, when one begins to engage with it, to nurse it in the imagination, in thoughts, and ends up being ensnared by its enticements. The murder of Abel did not begin with a thrown stone, but with the grudge that Cain wickedly held, turning it into a monster within himself. In this case too, God's warnings are worthless.

Dear brothers and sisters, one must never dialogue with the devil. Never! You should never enter into conversation [with him]. Jesus never dialogued with the devil. He cast him out. And during his temptation in the wilderness, he did not respond with dialogue. He replied with the words of Holy Scripture, with the Word of God. Be careful: the devil is a seducer. Never dialogue with him because he is smarter than all of us, and he will make us pay for it. When temptation arises, never dialogue. Close the door, close the window, close your heart. And in this way, we defend ourselves against this seduction, because the devil is astute. He is intelligent. He tried to tempt Jesus with quotes from the Bible, presenting himself as a great theologian. Be careful! One must not converse with the devil, and we must not entertain ourselves with temptation. There is no dialogue. Temptation comes: we close the door. We keep watch over our heart.

We have to be the custodians of our hearts. And that is why we do not converse with the devil. This is the recommendation — guard the heart — that we find in various fathers, in and saints. And we must ask for this grace of learning to keep watch over the heart. Knowing how to guard our heart is a form of wisdom. May the Lord help us in this work. Those who keep watch over their heart, guard a treasure. Brothers and sisters, let us learn to protect the heart.

(Source: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2023/documents/20231227-udienza-generale.html>).

In Christ's Peace,  
 Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JANUARY 28, 2024



<b>SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY</b> 5:30 pm Bud & Nancy Moore
<b>SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Marion Alexander
<b>MONDAY, 29 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Joanne Chiaramonte
<b>TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Mary Theresa Christoforo
<b>WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Mary Theresa Christoforo
<b>THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Raymond Cassidy
<b>FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Sean McGinley
<b>SATURDAY, 3 FEBRUARY</b> 5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney
<b>SUNDAY, 4 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Janice Lombardi 11:30 am Vincenzo Russo

<b>SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY</b> 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
<b>MONDAY, 29 JANUARY</b> 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. <i>Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.</i> 6:45—8:00 pm Gr. 7-12 Class in Church
<b>THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb 5th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6—8:00 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)
<b>SATURDAY, 3 FEBRUARY</b> 3—5:30 pm Fam. Cat. Gr. 1-5 (Hall) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY, 4 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am Mass 8:30—11:30 am KOC Pancake Breakfast (Hall) 9:00 am Rosary in Church 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:45 am 1st Penance (OLLC, Chapel) 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Joseph & Kathy Petrillo is in memory of ANNA & THOMAS CHIARELLA.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		FEB 3 - FEB 4, 2024			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)			
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Mary Cassels			
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain			
11:30 am Choir	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka Paul Hirsch (Choir)			



 **PRAYERS Needed For...**

**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.

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**Sunday, 4th of FEBRUARY 2024**

8:30 am - 11:30 am

CONNOR HALL

\$10 DONATION - ADULTS AND CHILDREN 13 & OVER

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(No charge for any child 5 & under)

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee will be served.



**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.

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This event will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Capozzelli Hall at 94 Pine St. Montclair, New Jersey  
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For More info please call: Joseph Santoro Regional Delegate to the USA  
For the International Crusade for Holy Relics  
570-599-0221



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\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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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.**



**Please bring your donations of soup to the collection bins located at the entrances of the church.**

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