



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, June 30, 2024 - Thirteenth 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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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 & Sisters of Christ of Our Lady of Lourdes

This past week – on June 24, we observed the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist. This is an excerpt from a 2012 message of Pope Benedict XVI regarding the testimony of John the Baptist.

Pope Benedict XVI, August 29, 2012
Message Regarding John the Baptist

John the Baptist did not limit himself to teaching repentance or conversion. Instead, in recognizing Jesus as the “Lamb of God” who came to take away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29), he had the profound humility to hold up Jesus as the One sent by God, drawing back so that he might take the lead, and be heard and followed. As his last act the Baptist witnessed with his blood to faithfulness to God’s commandments, without giving in or withdrawing, carrying out his mission to the very end. In the 9th century the Venerable Bede says in one of his Homilies: “St John gave his life for [Christ]. He was not ordered to deny Jesus Christ, but was ordered to keep silent about the truth” (cf. Homily 23: CCL 122, 354). And he did not keep silent the truth and thus died for Christ who is the Truth. Precisely for love of the truth he did not stoop to compromises and did not fear to address strong words to anyone who had strayed from God’s path.

We see this great figure, this force in the Passion, in resistance to the powerful. We wonder: what gave birth to this life, to this interiority so strong, so upright, so consistent, spent so totally for God in preparing the way for Jesus? The answer is simple: it was born from the relationship with God, from prayer, which was the thread that guided him throughout his existence. John was the divine gift for which his parents Zechariah and Elizabeth had been praying for so many years (cf. Lk 1:13); a great gift, humanly impossible to hope for, because they were both advanced in years and Elizabeth was

barren (cf. Lk 1:7); yet nothing is impossible to God (cf. Lk 1:36). The announcement of this birth happened precisely in the place of prayer, in the temple of Jerusalem, indeed it happened when Zechariah had the great privilege of entering the holiest place in the temple to offer incense to the Lord (cf. Lk 1:8-20). John the Baptist’s birth was also marked by prayer: the Benedictus, the hymn of joy, praise and thanksgiving which Zechariah raises to the Lord and which we recite every morning in Lauds, exalts God’s action in history and prophetically indicates the mission of their son John: to go before the Son of God made flesh to prepare his ways (cf. Lk 1:67-79).

The entire existence of the Forerunner of Jesus was nourished by his relationship with God, particularly the period he spent in desert regions (cf. Lk 1:80). The desert regions are places of temptation but also where man acquires a sense of his own poverty because once deprived of material support and security, he understands that the only steadfast reference point is God himself. John the Baptist, however, is not only a man of prayer, in permanent contact with God, but also a guide in this relationship. The Evangelist Luke, recalling the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Our Father, notes that the request was formulated by the disciples in these words: “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his own disciples” (cf. Lk 11:1).

Prayer is not time wasted, it does not take away time from our activities, even apostolic activities, but exactly the opposite is true: only if we are able to have a faithful, constant and trusting life of prayer will God himself give us the ability and strength to live happily and serenely, to surmount difficulties and to witness courageously to him. St John the Baptist, intercede for us, that we may be ever able to preserve the primacy of God in our life.


St. John the Baptist, Pray for Us.

In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



SATURDAY, 29 JUNE 5:30 pm Harry Vendemia
SUNDAY, 30 JUNE 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Kathy Buonapane
MONDAY, 1 JULY 8:30 am Edward J. Ford, Jr. (17th Ann.)
TUESDAY 2 JULY 8:30 am Connie Schuren
WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 8:30 am Angela Bruno Pela
THURSDAY, 4 JULY 8:30 am People of the Parish
FRIDAY, 5 JULY 8:30 am Antonio Matias (Thanksgiving)
SATURDAY, 6 JULY 5:30 pm Kathleen & Gene Mooney
SUNDAY, 7 JULY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am JoAnne Chiaramonte 11:30 am Tony Tomaio

SUNDAY, 30 JUNE 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 1 JULY 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, 4 JULY 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the July 14th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.  RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED
SATURDAY, 6 JULY 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 7 JULY 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		JULY 6 - JULY 7	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Joe Petrillo	
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilas	




Jerry Baresich

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



**MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE
APPEAL - 2024**

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR (Order of Augustinian Recollects) will be at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on July 6-7, 2024** to speak at all Masses about the many ministries of his religious community. **Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR** used to be at the Augustinian Monastery in West Orange (which is now closed) and is **currently the Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Suffern, NY.**

The Order of Augustinian Recollects has been missionary since its birth. The Order is currently responsible for evangelization in 8 mission territories, located in seven different countries: Brazil, Colombia, China, Cuba, Peru, Panama, Taiwan and Sierra Leone.

Since the origin of the Order of Augustinian Recollects at the end of the 16th century, the reform movement taking place in the Augustinian Province of Castile has pushed the new members of the OAR to spread the Gospel in missionary places. In 1605 they began their missionary work in the Philippines, the first mission of the Augustinian Recollects. A few years later, they moved to Japan. The first half of the 20th century was the period of greatest missionary expansion.

Cuba has been the last country where the Augustinian Recollects have started a new mission. (4) Augustinian Recollect missionaries arrived in Antilla in February 2018.

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