



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, September 1, 2024 - Twenty-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

Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music

Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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Religious Education

Administrative Assistant

Rhea Catarroja 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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

St. Teresa of Calcutta and Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Feast Day: September 4)

The Feast Day of Mother Teresa and St. Teresa of Calcutta falls close to our own U.S. Labor Day holiday in the United States. Known for her strenuous effort, Mother Teresa was tireless in her work and prayer for the last of our brothers and sisters.

St. Luke writes to remind us that we are called to this same charity and compassion, asking always what we can do for another: "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

Regarding Mother Teresa, Pope Francis preached:

"Who can learn the counsel of God?" (Wis 9:13). This question from the Book of Wisdom that we have just heard in the first reading suggests that our life is a mystery and that we do not possess the key to understanding it ... Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help, and we visit the Son of God (cf. Mt 25:40). In a word, we touch the flesh of Christ.

We are thus called to translate into concrete acts that which we invoke in prayer and profess in faith ... Following Jesus is a serious task, and, at the same time, one filled with joy; it takes a certain daring and courage to recognize the divine Master in the poorest of the poor and those who are cast aside, and to give oneself in their service. In order to do so, volunteers, who out of love of Jesus serve the poor and the needy, do not expect any thanks or recompense; rather they renounce all this because they have discovered true love.

Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable". She bowed down before those who

were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the

crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the "salt" which gave flavor to her work, it was the "light" which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.

Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor. Today, I pass on this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life to the whole world of volunteers: may she be your model of holiness! I think, perhaps, we may have some difficulty in calling her "Saint Teresa": her holiness is so near to us, so tender and so fruitful that we continually spontaneously call her "Mother Teresa". May this tireless worker of mercy help us increasingly to understand that our only criterion for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion. Mother Teresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile". Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness. (Pope Francis, 4 September 2016, Mass of Canonization, St. Peter's Square).

(Source: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20160904_omelia-canonizzazione-madre-teresa.html)

We pray for the intercession also of Mother Teresa of Calcutta for all workers and families who struggle to build lives for themselves, for all refugees and those who need refuge due to health or isolation.


In Christ's Peace


Father Jim Ferry





SATURDAY, 31 AUGUST 5:30 pm Raymond William Hopkins
SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Catherine Catalano 11:30 am Jaroslav Konvalinka (25th Ann.)
MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Maxine Nzegwu (Special Intention)
TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Cocoy Matias (4th Ann.)
WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Ruth Caste
THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Larissa Lynn Eva
FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Larissa Lynn Eva
SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Baby Gabriella "Andie" Ang (10th Ann.)
SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Catherine Parisi 11:30 am Peter Caste

 This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Cheryl Giordano is for Restoration of Health for **GIOSETTA ANANIA**.

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Annette & Richard Chiaramonte is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.**



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 8	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon	
9:30 am Choir	JoAnn Melhorn	Espie Cain Joe Petrillo (choir)	
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Wendy Sheyka	


SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary Recitation 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 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.
TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 1:00 pm Rosary Altar Society Mtg. (Rectory)
THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News, & Announcements for the Sept.15th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 3—5:30 pm Family Catechesis (Hall) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass

PARISH GIVING


FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: 8/17-18*	\$ 3551
Deficit:	\$ 3249

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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Judy Bernarducci
Robert Santangelo**

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at

Monthly Food Collection



"Thank-you"

to all of our parishioners for supporting our monthly food collection.

We continue to accept non-perishable items which can be left in the bins located at our entry doors. They are then distributed through the local food pantry to help supplement the needs of our many neighbors as they struggle to feed their families.

The Rosary Altar Society's Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, September 3,
at 1:00 pm in the Rectory.**

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Carol Ford, President



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

September 6, 2024

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

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2024 Retreat Date

September 20-22, 2024

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Or, via email at cheryl.riley@rcan.org

School Bells Signal A New Start



The sound of the school bell is a welcome sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to develop their potential. Many students will not be able to achieve their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s). We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children's books. Thank you.



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UPCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER



- ◆ Monday, September 2 - LABOR DAY
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



- ◆ Tuesday, September 3 - 1:00—3:00 pm
Rosary Altar Society Meeting in Rectory



- ◆ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:
September 15 - 11:30 am Mass
BISHOP MANNY CRUZ, PRESIDING

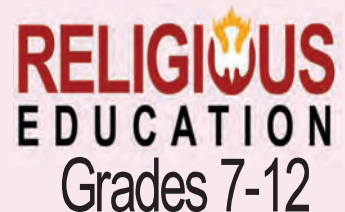
FAMILY CATECHESIS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◆ Saturday, September 7 - 3—5:30 pm
1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)
- ◆ Monday, September 9 - 5—7:30 pm
1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)



- ◆ Monday, September 16 - 7:00 pm
Parents Meeting (OLLC)
- ◆ Sunday, September 29 - 9:30—11:45 am
9:30 am Mass / 10:30 am Class (Hall)

- ◆ Monday, September 16 - 7:00 pm
Parents Meeting (OLLC)
- ◆ Sunday, September 22 - 9:30—11:45 am
9:30 am Mass / 10:30 am Class (Hall)



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