



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, September 8, 2024 - Twenty-third 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

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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**

#### **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 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 & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes

### **Healing of Soul and Body**

Pope Benedict XVI compared going to church to visiting the doctor: in both places, we seek life that is fuller and healthier. We turn to physical and spiritual "medicine" because we are concerned about life, death, and well-being (Benedict XVI, p. 243). Just as we share our symptoms with doctors to receive the best care, we must reveal our sins to Christ, our spiritual healer, to be fully restored. Confession, like a doctor's visit, requires honesty, but with Jesus, there's no copay or appointment needed.

### **Spiritual Healing**

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is the ultimate physician of both body and soul. He came so that we "might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). For spiritual healing, we must disclose our faults, much like when we consult a doctor. In confession, Jesus, through the priest, heals us. There's no need for an appointment—your healing is always available.

### **Death**

Pope Benedict XVI also noted that anyone who cares for human life, like first responders and healthcare workers, inevitably faces death (Benedict XVI, *Dogma and Preaching*, p. 243). Firefighters, EMS, and police know that protecting life often means risking their own. Their heroism, like that of the 9/11 first responders, exemplifies the ultimate sacrifice in service to others.

### **Sign of the Cross**

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes in the shape of the cross, a sign that echoes the blessing we received at baptism. This sign, given to us at birth and spoken over us at death, serves as a reminder that life is a journey between these two moments—a mid-life commitment to carry the cross of Christ throughout our lives.

### **Baptism**

Pope Benedict XVI emphasized that "being a Christian" is a daily process of "becoming a Christian" (Benedict XVI, p. 287). We are not simply upgrading to a new version of ourselves but living out our vocations anew each day. Like a firefighter who continuously recommits to their mission, we renew our call to be disciples, spouses, parents, and

neighbors in community, never in isolation. Our baptism, though personal, connects us to the whole Church and the world.

### **Saving Your Life**

Recently, I heard some "life saving advice". This was from an example given at a Catholic seminar and the speaker is the leader of a group called the Catholic Roundtable for Church Leadership. Her name is Kerry Robinson. She was speaking to clergy, religious, and Catholic church faithful parishioners with a reminder that good discipleship and decision making is rooted in the Gospel good news about both life and death.

The prayer – the fasting – the almsgiving – of Lent are meant to remind us to love God and neighbor as much as we love ourselves. And, we do these things because Christ himself once did them for 40 days, in preparation for his own living and dying.

Kerry Robinson shared a Q&A discussion she had with other Catholic leaders at which everyone was asked: "how would you like to die?"

The responses were diverse, from each person – each of whom was a fully grown adult:

"I would like to die in my sleep."

"I would like to die without pain, without having to suffer or be a burden to my family"

"I would like to die after having the opportunity to say good bye to my loved ones".

Then, Kerry Robinson's town teenage daughter – who happened to be in the room – was asked her opinion. She responded:

"I would like to die in the process of saving someone else's life "


We receive the Gospel and the sign of the cross ourselves in the hope of following Christ by whom our lives were saved. He called us to follow him not just with an inscription on our head but also with his words in hearts, that "he who lays down his life for my sake will save it." Repent and believe in the Gospel.

**9/11 ROSARY AT THE GROTTA** - Please join us at 6:30 pm in the evening, Wednesday September 11, outdoor at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.


**In Christ's Peace**  
**Father Jim Ferry**



<b>SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER</b>	
5:30 pm	Baby Gabriella "Andie" Ang (10th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER</b>	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Catherine Parisi
11:30 am	Peter Caste
<b>MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER</b>	
8:30 am	Nestor Matias (15th Ann.)
<b>TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER</b>	
8:30 am	Michael & Josephine Volpe
<b>WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER</b>	
8:30 am	Sean Sullivan
<b>THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER</b>	
8:30 am	John O'Connor
<b>FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER</b>	
8:30 am	Joseph Pelose
<b>SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER</b>	
5:30 pm	Alma Laing
<b>SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER</b>	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am	Alma Rosa Reyes Lejano

<b>SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER</b>	
7:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Rosary Recitation
9:30 am	Mass
11:30 am	Mass
<b>MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER</b>	
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	
8:30 am	Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.
5—7:30 pm	Family Catechesis (Hall)
<b>TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER</b>	
10:00 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal (OLC)
<b>THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER</b>	
10:00 am	Deadline for News, & Announcements for the Sept.22nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
<b>SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER</b>	
3—5:30 pm	Family Catechesis (Hall)
4:15—5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER</b>	
 7:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass
11:30 am	Confirmation Mass

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy & Michael Lanfrank is in memory of **PETER MONTEVERDE, (18TH ANN.)**

 This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Nancy Lanfrank is in memory of **BESSIE CORCORAN**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 15	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Eileen Reilly Melinda Prather (choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Jo-Ann Melhorn	Annette Chiamonte	
11:30 am Choir	Rachelle Brown  HC—Holy Communion PB—Precious Blood	HC Emily Kunz HC Joe Petrillo (choir) PB Patricia Saway PB Myrna Regino	

**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: 8/24-25*	\$ 4458
Deficit:	\$ 2342

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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 **PRAYERS Needed For...**

Jerry Baresich  
Artemis Soleil Benitez  
Judy Bernarducci  
Robert Santangelo

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



**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.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rosary Remembrance**

(23rd Anniversary of 9/11)  
 Please join us as we recite the Holy Rosary

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto  
 (Near Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel)

Parking: Upper parking lot near school

The Rosary will be recited in English and Spanish (reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries)

Rosaries will be available.




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**2024 Retreat Date**  
**September 20-22, 2024**

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*Mark Your Calendars*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER**

- ◆ **SEPTEMBER 11th ROSARY REMEMBRANCE**  
(23rd Anniversary of 9/11)

Wednesday 9/11 - Time: 6:30 pm -

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto



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

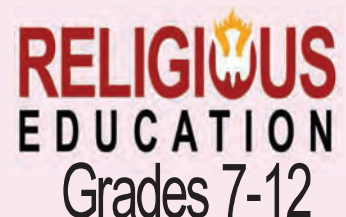
**FAMILY CATECHESIS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- ◆ 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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