



# CONFIRMED

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*Faith*

September 15, 2024

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**  
One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052

## CONFIRMATION 2024

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Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes

It is the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 11:30 am Mass (Sept. 15). Please pray for our young people and their continued growth in our Catholic faith.

Being a disciple means continuing our education in the faith. That applies to our young candidates for Confirmation and all of us. We read this question from Jesus: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:29)

I share with you my homily for August 28, the feast of St. Augustine, a role model for our young people being confirmed and all of us. We are reminded through the life of Augustine that we are all “works in progress”. We are also reminded of this through the life of St Monica (mother of Augustine) who prayed fervently for his conversion:

Today, the 28th of August, is the memorial feast day of Saint Augustine, one of the greatest intellectual and theological minds of the Church. Augustine has influenced countless souls through his works, such as *\*The City of God\**, his sermons, *\*The Confessions\**, and many others.

Augustine is remembered not only for his contemplation and spirituality but also for his dramatic conversion to God. Early in his life, Augustine resisted the Gospel, much to the distress of his mother, Saint Monica. Yet, through her persistent prayers and encouragement, he eventually opened his heart to God's grace. Augustine's life reminds us to pray for our own conversions, as well as for the conversions of our loved ones. His story teaches us that it is never too late to embrace the Gospel. Augustine and Monica are remembered on adjacent saints days - August 27 and August 28 - the only time in the church calendar that a parent and child are consecutive in this way.

After his conversion, Augustine desired a life of study, reflection, and teaching. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of Augustine as someone who exemplifies the reality that becoming a Christian is not just a one-time event, but an ongoing process of

conversion. Augustine's journey also speaks to the importance of conversion in every aspect of our lives. Just as Augustine pursued truth and unity through faith, we too are called to seek continual renewal—both spiritually and within our relationships.

His legacy encourages us to strive for holiness in the everyday aspects of life. Augustine believed that conversion was not only about intellectual assent but about transforming our hearts, relationships, and communities through God's grace.

Augustine was a man of God's word, dedicating his life to studying and teaching the Gospel. His faithfulness serves as a model for us, reminding us that Christian life is a constant call to conversion—a turning of our hearts towards God and one another.

Augustine also reminds us that conversion involves action. His dedication to living out his faith in practical ways, through his writings, teachings, and pastoral care, invites us to do the same. We are called to embody the Gospel in our daily lives, continually striving to love and serve others.

Like Augustine, we are invited to be people of our word—faithful to our commitments, trustworthy in our relationships, and dedicated to the work God has placed before us. Whether it's through the simple tasks of daily life or the greater projects that require our time and energy, we are called to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us.

In our own homes and communities, we can take inspiration from Augustine's pursuit of truth and love, knowing that our own efforts, however small, can contribute to the building up of God's kingdom here on earth.

All of us are called to holiness, not because of our own greatness, but because of the greatness of God who works through us. As we seek to follow Christ, we recognize that holiness is not about extraordinary talents or achievements, but about obedience to God's will, openness to His grace, and a willingness to serve others.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, “Christian holiness is simply the obedience that makes us available where God calls us to be, the obedience that does not rely on



**SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER**

5:30 pm Alma Laing

**SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families  
 11:30 am Alma Rosa Reyes Lejano

**MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Espie Cain (Special Intention—Happy Birthday)

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Cecile Hizon-Leelin

**WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am John Brennan

**THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Alma Rosa Reyes Lejano

**FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Matilda O'Boyle & Josephine DeVincentis

**SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER**

5:30 pm Jack Kiley

**SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Mauroso Chiovaro (Ann)  
 11:30 am Rose Konvalinka (34th Ann.)

**SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER**  
**Confirmation** 7:30 am Mass  
 9:30 am Mass  
 11:30 am Confirmation Mass

**MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER**  
 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.  
 7:00 pm Grades 6 & 7-12 Parents Meeting (OLLC)

**THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER**  
 10:00 am Deadline for News, & Announcements for the Sept.29th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

**SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER**  
 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
 5:30 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER**  
 7:30 am Mass  
 9:30 —11:45 am G. 7-12 (9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Class (Hall))  
 11:30 am Mass  
 Adoration after Mass

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<b>WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 22</b>			
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Judy Albore Melinda Prather (choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Myrna Regino	
11:30 am Choir	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (choir)	

PRAYERS Needed For...

Jerry Baresich  
 Artemis Soleil Benitez  
 Judy Bernarducci  
 July Planas  
 Robert Santangelo

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



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our own greatness but allows God to bestow His greatness on us." (Sermon for the Feast of St. Augustine, *Dogma and Preaching* book)

Augustine's life reminds us that conversion is a lifelong journey. It is not about perfection but about perseverance. We are continually called to grow in our love for God and others, allowing God's word to transform us day by day.

Let us give thanks for the example of Saint Augustine and ask for his intercession as we seek to follow Christ with renewed hearts. May his life inspire us to pursue truth, unity, and love in all that we do.

God loves us both body and soul, and desires to unite us with Him in heaven. This is made possible through Jesus, the Word made flesh, who dwells among us. His word transforms, heals, and renews us, and through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ in a profound and mysterious way.

As we continue to walk this path of conversion, let us trust in God's love and mercy, knowing that He is always calling us closer to Himself.

Please pray for our young people being confirmed today!

Thank you to Bishop Manuel Cruz for being our celebrant and always inspiring us and challenging us with his message.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



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**11:30 am Mass**  
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**110<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary**  
*1914 – 2024 – ALWAYS*



**"I had rather one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere."  
84<sup>th</sup> Psalm**

*Mark Your Calendars*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**



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

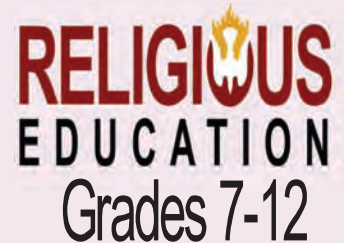
**FAMILY CATECHESIS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- ♦ 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  
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