



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, October 6, 2024 - Twenty-seventh 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

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

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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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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, Those in front knew what to do. Years ago, some friends shared with me a driving episode from a cold and windy day. Their car and other cars were in the “front row” at the crosswalk at a red light on Freeway Road (the service road parallel to I-280) in Orange. This road is a high-speed passageway to the interstate.

Just before the light changed from red to green, the wind blew a hat along the ground into the crosswalk and in front of my friends’ car. Then, the light changed to green. Seeing the hat, the “front row” drivers maintained their position. They knew what to do and expected a person chasing the hat might emerge. Then, someone emerged, retrieved the hat and returned to the sidewalk. Meanwhile, the drivers behind the “front row” were honking their horns continuously. They had seen neither the hat nor the person and did not know what was going on. Fortunately, the “front row” had set an example.

It can be challenging to be a witness to the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, to maintain composure, consistency. We turn to God to know what to do. Ours is not simply a legal battle for the right to life of the unborn or the terminally ill. We also want to be witnesses to the developing life of a child starting at conception.

This month of October, we also hold our annual baby shower in which we accept your gifts of NEW items for babies. Please see flier and information in the bulletin. If you have questions, call 973.325.0110.

Respect Life Message

[1. Beginnings of Life] When did your life begin? Your usual reply to this question would be your date of birth. Another way to answer this question is to think of moments when your life has been renewed, re-started, re-booted in some way. Perhaps, your life BEGAN, when you met your future spouse. Your life began when you discovered what you were good at in school. Your life began when someone offered you forgiveness for a fault. Your life began when you were able – with God’s help – to forgive someone else who trespassed against you.

[2. Beginnings and Cooperation with God]

When did your life begin? Sometimes, our life begins when we decide to start over, or to make a significant change. People ask me this question, hey, Padre, hey Father, when did you know you wanted to be a priest? In other words, when did your life begin? When did it start?

In my case, I came to realize – after I had completed my college education and after I was working as a grown-up adult for several years that I felt called to study for the priesthood.

And I’m grateful for the many lessons while working in business environments, because I draw on this knowledge in my role as a priest and administrator/pastor.

However, I also recognized that moving out of the business environment and toward the priesthood would be a new life, a new path. This was both freeing and frightening.

Of course, in the official sacramental and church-sense, my life as a priest began when I was ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

There is a verse in the 110th Psalm that applies to God’s call to me: -- “Thou art a priest forever – *Tu es sacerdos in aeternum.*” “Forever” does not mean that it was destined to happen even if I objected. In other words, I could have avoided this commitment, if I had not cooperated. In fact, our life begins when we truly cooperate with God’s grace.

When did my life begin ?

My life as a priest began before the seminary, before college, before there were academics or daily Mass. It began in the “seminary and church” of my home and hometown with my parents and grandparents and siblings through whom I also learned about love, charity, hope, faith and taking out the garbage and all that stuff. I am still learning about these things from them. I am also learning about these things from you, my parish family. When did my life begin?

[3. Sanctity of Life] When does life begin? This is not only a legal question.




This may not be a question you can answer scientifically or satisfactorily for those who may argue for the legality of permissive laws on abortion. However,

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SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER	
5:30 pm	John Buoye
SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
11:30 am	James Flaherty
MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER	
8:30 am	Luis Macancela
TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER	
8:30 am	Douglas Thomas
WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER	
8:30 am	John O'Connor
THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER	
8:30 am	John O'Connor
FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER	
8:30 am	Ramon Catarroja
SATURDAY, 12 OCTOBER	
5:30 pm	Helene Brock
SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am	Rose Konvalinka

SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER	
7:30 am	Mass in Church
9:00 am	Recitation of Rosary
9:30 am	Mass in Church
9:30—12:00 noon	RAS Annual Mass & 10:30 am Communion Breakfast (Hall)
11:30 am	Mass in Church
MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER	
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.	
5:00—7:30 pm	Family Catechesis (Hall)
THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER	
10:00 am	Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 20th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 12 OCTOBER	
12:00 Noon	PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY CHURCH PLAZA
4:15—5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass in Church
SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER	
7:30 am	Mass in Church
9:30 - 11:45 am	G. 7-12 OLLC, Hall
9:30 am	Mass in Church
Adoration after Mass	
10:30 am—11:30 am	1st Penance Class, (Chapel)
11:30 am	Mass in Church

-  This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Helene Donnelly and family is in memory of **DELLA GRECO**.
-  This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Helene Donnelly and family is in memory of **DELLA GRECO**.
-  This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Helene Donnelly and family is in memory of **DELLA GRECO**.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Sept 21-22*	\$ 4549
Deficit:	\$ 2251

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		OCT 12 - OCT 13, 2024	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Melinda Prather Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Ellen Chandler	Mary Cassels	
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Bill Talbot	
11:30 am (Choir)	Rachelle Brown	Eileen Reilly Wendy Sheyka (Choir)	

 PRAYERS

Jerry Baresich	Judy Bernarducci
Juana Barzola	July Planas
Artemis Soleil Benitez	Robert Santangelo
Jesus Beoutis	

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


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I'm inviting you as a Catholic to remember that God is holding you in existence at every moment. You came into this world because you were loved. Are there children who come into this world in horrific violent conditions? Yes. They may even be born to parents who do not wish to raise them or cannot raise them or cannot love them as they should. Nevertheless, it is by an act of God's love that they exist. It is by an act of God's love that you exist and I exist. And we are called to advocate to care about these lives, to pray for them and to remember that every unborn child, every mother, is important.

They are both important.

When did your life begin? Your life began in a profound way when you recognized that Jesus is your savior, your shepherd, your good shepherd who is leading you home, calling out for and help you to restart again.



In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2024

◆ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31 at 6:30 pm**

The Rosary is prayed in English and Spanish outdoors every evening (rain or shine) at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary



◆ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31 St. Vincent DePaul Society**

of OLL will be collecting New Socks for Men, Women, and Children during the month of October to be distributed to the needy through local charities.



◆ **OCTOBER 6—OCTOBER 27 Respect Life Ministry**

will be holding their Baby Shower at all weekend Masses during the month of October to be distributed to Several Sources Shelters. (SEE FLYER)



◆ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 at 12:00 Noon**

The Annual Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on the Front Steps of the church. (SEE FLYER)




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All Weekend Masses in October

At all weekend Masses in October we will be collecting the following items:

- ◆ Newborn clothes (0-3 months - neutral colors for boy or girl)
- ◆ Dreft laundry soap
- ◆ Baby Wipes
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Small sponges
- ◆ Lysol wipes
- ◆ UBER or LYFT Gift Cards (for the girls to get to school or work)
- ◆ Walmart Gift Cards, and
- ◆ Monetary donations. *(Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes)*



*These items will be distributed to **SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS** which offers a place where a young mother can come to have her baby and stay for up to a year or more with individual care, nurturing and educational support.*



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