

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS - NOVEMBER 2nd - 5:30 pm

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Remembrance



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Prayer for all Souls Day

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen





Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

This reflection is based on a post I learned of through our Catholic radio station (AM 1430, RelevantRadio.com). I am NOT the author of the below.

I pray you may be edified by this reminder of our call to care for, respect and spend time with our elders and loved ones:

Fear of Your Parents' Old Age

"There is a break in the family history, where the ages accumulate and overlap, and the natural order makes no sense: it's when the child becomes the parent of their parent."

It's when the father grows older and begins to move as if he were walking through fog. Slowly, slowly, imprecisely.

It's when one of the parents who once held your hand firmly when you were little no longer wants to be alone.

It's when the father, once strong and unbeatable, weakens and takes two breaths before rising from his seat.

It's when the father, who once commanded and ordered, now only sighs, only groans, and searches for where the door and window are – every hallway now feels distant.

It's when one of the parents, once willing and hardworking, struggles to dress themselves and forgets to take their medication.

And we, as their children, will do nothing but accept that we are responsible for that life.

The life that gave birth to us depends on our life to die in peace.

Every child is the parent of their parent's death. Perhaps the old age of a father or mother is, curiously, the final pregnancy.

Our last lesson. An opportunity to return the care and love they gave us for decades.

And just as we adapted our homes to care for our babies, blocking power outlets and setting up playpens, we will now rearrange the furniture for our parents.

Happy is the child who becomes the parent of their parent before their death, and unfortunate is the child who only appears at the funeral and doesn't say goodbye a little each day.

My friend *Joseph Klein accompanied his father until his final moments.

In the hospital, the nurse was maneuvering to move him from the bed to the stretcher, trying to change the sheets when Joe shouted from his seat: Let me help you. He gathered his strength and, for the first time, took his father into his arms. He placed his father's face against his chest.

He cradled his father, consumed by cancer: small, wrinkled, fragile, trembling. He held him for a long time, the time equivalent to his childhood, the time equivalent to his adolescence, a long time, an endless time. By Your Side Nothing Hurts

Rocking his father back and forth. Caressing his father. Calming his father.

And he said softly: "I'm here, I'm here, Dad! "What a father wants to hear at the end of his life is that his child is there."

I love you, Dad, wherever you are, I always think of you, I will never forget you...

[Author Unknown, view photo associated with this post on Facebook and elsewhere, by Google-searching with: "fear of your parents old age – a picture is worth 1,000 words"]

St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying, Pray for Us!

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER



5:30 pm Mass of Remembrance

All Souls Novena

SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am All Souls Novena
11:30 am All Souls Novena

MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

8:30 am All Souls Novena

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

8:30 am All Souls Novena

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

8:30 am All Souls Novena

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

8:30 am All Souls Novena

FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

8:30 am All Souls Novena

SATURDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

5:30 pm All Souls Novena

SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am All Souls Novena
11:30 am All Souls Novena

SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
9:00 am Recitation of Rosary (OLLC)
9:30—11:45 am Gr. 6 (Church, Hall)
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

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—7:30 pm Family Catechesis (Hall)

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Nov 17th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin celebrating the 110th Anniversary Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes. (OLLC)



This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Carlos & Rosa Cruz is in memory of ALBA LILA PIREZ.



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy & Michael Lanfrank is in memory of ARLENE MONTEVERDE (10th Ann.)

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Deficit: \$ 2217
*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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NOV 9 - NOV 10, 2024

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm (Choir)	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Myrna Regino	
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	(HC) M. Cassels (HC) J. Albore (choir) (PB) A. Chiaramonte (PB) J. Petrillo	

PRAYERS
Sought For...

Artemis Soleil Benitez July Planas
Judy Bernarducci Robert Santangelo

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

OCTOBER Around the Parish



**Evening Rosary
in the Grotto**

**Month of the Rosary
Information Table**



**Nearing 400
at press time.**



**Induction of 3
New Members
Rosary Altar Society**

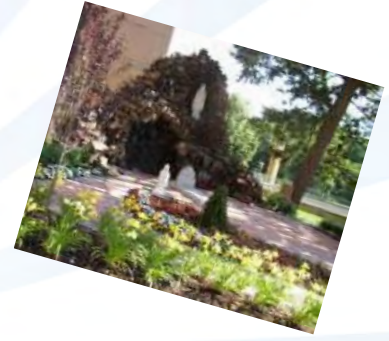


Respect Life Baby Shower



**Public Square
Rosary Rally**

Our Lady of Lourdes



1914 — 2024

Happy

110th
ANNIVERSARY

November 10, 2024

11:30 am Mass

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

Archbishop of Newark

Mass Celebrant

Light refreshments follow "downstairs" in Connor Hall.

There is no cost, no charge to attend.

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