

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 RECTORY/Parish Office 973.325.0110 LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/lourdeswestorange Sunday, November 17, 2024 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



<u>Mass Schedule @ Main Church</u> 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 Mrs. Eileen Reilly, Trustee

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Religious Education

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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.

<u>First Friday</u>

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. There is 1^{st} 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,

I share with you this article / reflection based on the "Integrated Catholic Life":

Source: https://integratedcatholiclife.org/2015/11/ dambrosio-hasten-the-end/

"HASTEN THE END" Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.

Whenever I lead a trip to the Holy Land, the question inevitably comes, "Will we visit Armageddon?" This refers, of course, to the battlefield surrounding the ancient city of Megiddo where some think the final confrontation will take place before the end of the world (Rev 16:16). Catholics and Protestants alike have a fascination with the Scriptural accounts of the cataclysmic events associated with the end.

The Church, following the Scriptures, indeed teaches that Jesus will return in glory and this world as we know it will indeed come to a screeching halt, but not before a fierce, cosmic battle in which the Enemy makes his final bid for world domination (CCC 675-677).

But the last battle will not be the only battle.

The truth is that though nature's four seasons continue to cycle serenely throughout the ages, and men and women, as in the days of Noah, continue to marry and be given in marriage, there is at the heart of history a continual battle going on. In fact, the battle began before human history, when Michael and his forces swept the legions of Lucifer out of heaven. There is a reason that we never get tired of love stories – love is of the essence of human life. There is also a reason that we never get tired of war stories – war has been our constant companion and will be so till the last trumpet.

Many are puzzled when trying to interpret passages like this Sunday's gospel, not to mention the entire book of Revelation. Are Jesus and the inspired writers referring to the end of the world, or rather to the events happening in their own day, such as the destruction of Jerusalem and the persecution of the Church by the pagan Romans?

The answer is not an either/or but rather both/and. The Antichrist is a future figure who will come at the end. But he has also worn various masks over the course of

time such as the Emperor Nero, Adolph Hitler, and Josef Stalin. Under the surface of history, the battle is raging. At certain moments, the fight takes center-stage in the evening news and battle lines become very clear – as in World War II or today's abortion holocaust.

There are two big mistakes we could make here. One would be to smugly deny this view of things as just so much apocalyptic hysteria. The other would be to preoccupy ourselves with speculation over the future battle while neglecting to engage in the battle at hand. Innocent pre-born babies are being slaughtered on a daily basis; thousands of Christians are imprisoned and tortured worldwide because of their faith, millions are exploited economically, and a secularist propaganda machine mounts a relentless attack on marriage and chastity. Are we combatants in this struggle or do we sit by the sidelines reading the headlines?

Apocalyptic speculation is a waste of valuable time and energy. Jesus clearly says "as to the exact day or hour, no one knows it" (Mark 13:32). It is futile to try to figure it out. But denying the reality of the current conflict or leaving the combat to others is also a waste of precious time.

We pray for the glorious return of the Lord, for him to come and right all wrongs and bring deliverance and eternal reward. But our second reading says that "now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet." (Heb 10:13). Often a sneaky enemy will not show his true colors and unleash his full might until his back is up against the wall. The final victory will be something that only the Lord himself will accomplish. But it would seem that he will only come for the coup de grâce when we, the members of his body, by the power of his grace, have helped to paint the enemy into a corner through our evangelization, intercession, works of mercy, and social action.

The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) are: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

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In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry

	ASS		CHURCH CALENDAF		
SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER		SUND	AY, 17 NOVEMBER		
	Carmaleta Harris & Simone Banks	50112	7:30 am	Mass in Church Mass in Church	
SUNDAY, 17 NOVEMBER		-		G. 7-12 (OLLC, HALL)	
-	People of the Parish			1st Penance Class, Chape	
			10:30—11:30 am	ist Penance Class, Chape	
	Joseph Catalano	MOND	AY, 18 NOVEMBER		
11:30 am	Jim Flanagan	WICHUD	8:30 am Daily Mass will be held		
MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 8:30 am	Margo Outz & Maureen Kernodle	Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.			
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TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 8:30 am	Leopoldo Acevedo			Deadline for News & Announcements for the Dec 1st Bulletin. Call the	nts for the
WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER		Rectory at 973-325-0110.			
8:30 am	Zal Velez				
	SATURDAY, 23 NOVEMBER				
THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER		4:15-5:00 pm Confessions in Church			
8:30 am	Patricia Landers			Mass in Church	
		-	6:30—9:30 pm	KOC Spaghetti Dinner	
FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 8:30 am John Fernandes		(Hall)			
		SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER			
SATURDAY, 23 NOVEMBER		7:30 am Mass in Church			
5:30 pm Erwin S. Young		9:30 am Mass in Church			
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SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER				Mass in Church	
7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Elizabeth Pflug (48th Ann.) 11:30 am Eugenie Ferrus This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Cheryl Giordano is in memory of ALBERT SOBRAL.					
This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Annette & Richard Chiaramonte is in memory of JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.					24
This week's Sanctuary Candl	le, a gift from Cheryl Giordano is	Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
in memory of L	LOUIS GIORDANO.	5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Eileen Reilly	
		Choir	i at sigalas	Melinda Prather (choir)	
J. G. C. S. C. M. VYSE		7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Bless Bernardo	
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	NUDELL Sallangeno	🐞 Thanksgiving Day 👹			
If you wish to have one prayed for, plea at 973-32	se call the Rectory	8:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	(HC) Sister James Soon (Choir) (PB) Annette Chiaramonte & Eileen Reilly	



We collected 407 pairs of socks for the SOCK-TOBER collection. Socks are one of the basic needs for the less fortunate and will be greatly

appreciated by all that will receive them.

Many thanks for your generous donations.



To all who so graciously donated to our "Baby Shower". Several Sources Shelter in Ramsey, NJ is extremely grateful for your Monetary & Gift Card donations totaling \$1,090.00 and the beautiful assortment of baby gifts. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated.

God Bless.



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024 WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800 Collection*: Nov 2-3* \$ 4505 \$ 2295 Deficit: *Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

The West Orange Knights of Columbus Council #5519



will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the basement of

Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall Saturday, November 23rd from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm

Pasta-Meatballs-Salad-Soda-Coffee-Dessert will be served

The cost is \$10 for anyone 13 & over, \$5 for children 5-12 years old, and free for any child 4 years old and younger.

Proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.



Current 8th grade students are invited to participate in Union Catholic High School's Annual Scholarship Testing Program

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2029 will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 9:00 am and Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 12 noon. There is a \$35 fee to take the exam; there is no makeup date.

Over \$175,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam. To register for the Scholarship Exam, click on the QR Code:



For more info or questions, contact the admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email jbowman@unioncatholic.org

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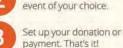


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At Our Parish

The Annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up in November

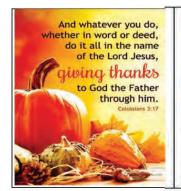


Please bring the gifts to Church by Sunday, December 8.

Thursday, November 28:

Thanksgiving Day—Mass at 8:30 am (Rectory Office Closed)





at 8:30 am Thursday Nov. 28th Bring gifts of non-perishable food to Mass, to be shared with local food pantry. You may also bring on Sunday

Thanksgiving Day Mass



Thanksgiving Day Food Drive



Saturday, November 30: Last Day to buy Raffle Tickets.

First Sunday of Advent, December 1:

Saturday Mass—5:30 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am



