



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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**“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.”
(Philippians 2:2)**

Annual Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

This report shows a surplus this year, primarily due to our school rental and prudent management of expenses. Your continued giving helps to complete necessary repairs and secure our church property. I ask you to prayerfully consider your contribution, if you are not a regular contributor. Every gift helps us to pray, educate our youth, and share the Good News. Your generous response to our raffles and the Annual Appeal testifies to your faith in our mission. Thank you for your support! You can BUY RAFFLE TICKETS UNTIL Saturday November 30.

Dear Friends,

This year, we celebrate the 1914 founding of our beloved parish, a 110th Anniversary milestone that invites us to reflect on our enduring faith. As we mark this occasion, we are reminded of the connection between our spiritual life and our call to spiritual sacrifice, both for the love of God and the love of our neighbor.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel remind us of the ultimate reality of life and death. In speaking about the end of the world, our Lord points not only to physical change but also to spiritual transformation. This connection between the physical and spiritual realms is key to understanding our journey of faith. Just as the Temple once symbolized the universe and the presence of God, we too are called to reflect that presence in our daily lives, through both our acts of worship and our sacrifices for one another.

Each of us is invited into an ongoing relationship with God – a relationship that is nourished by daily prayer, acts of love, and a deep commitment to the Word of God.

In our parish's 110 years of history, countless sacrifices have been made for the love of God and love of neighbor.

One of the ways we can continue this legacy is by cultivating an interior life – a life of prayer and study. Just as we prepare for exams by regularly reviewing the subject matter, we are called to prepare for our spiritual examination by making time for prayer and Scripture. As St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Regular prayer and Scripture reading form the foundation of our relationship with Christ and prepare us for the day we meet Him face to face.

As we celebrate 110 years of faith, let us renew our commitment to spiritual preparation. May we continue to live in love, sacrifice, and prayer, remembering always that our lives are ultimately about preparing for the eternal life that awaits us.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

Fiscal Year 2024 *Our Lady of Lourdes Church • West Orange*
Statement of Revenues and Expenses, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

REVENUES	\$	EXPENSES	\$
Sunday Collections	\$ 249,609	Salaries	\$ 214,062
Christmas Collection	20,195	Benefits	53,588
Easter Collection	16,287	Contracted Services	133,282
Rental Income	599,157	Repairs & Maintenance	111,308
Donations	3,410	Subsidy to School Fund	124,884
Weddings-Baptisms-Funerals	13,320	Insurance	93,165
Fund Raising	34,656	Utilities	56,409
Religious Education	5,832	Supplies	35,583
Candle Revenue	8,557	Religious Education	10,961
Peace & Good Corner	2,793	Fund Raising Expenses	7,561
Assessment Collection	15,182	Rectory Provisions	4,025
St Joseph Novena	100	Archdiocese Assessment	87,661
Interest Income	13,363	Peace & Good Corner	767
Flowers	4,140	Other Expenses	8,136
Other income	9,867		
Insurance Reimbursement	16,801		
Annual Appeal Rebate	4,413		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,017,682	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 941,392

OTHER INCOME:

Restricted Donations for Capital Expenses = \$42,993; Tenant Reimbursement for Capital Expenses = \$47,105

OTHER EXPENSES

Capital Expenses = \$ 74,110

Finance Council: Michael Lanfrank (Chair), Rosalinda Sanie (Secretary)
Rachelle Brown, Michael Deniz, Cristie Fernandez, William Hayward,
Joseph Petrillo, Mary Cassels (Trustee), Eileen Reilly (Trustee),
Rev. James Ferry