



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, January 12, 2025 - Baptism of the Lord



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
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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, I pray you are blessed in this new year of 2025. This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a reminder that we are all made new in God's forgiveness and mercy.

This is an abridged version of my January 1, 2025, homily also about renewal and God's mercy.

For the full original text, go to parish website LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG, click "Father Jim Ferry's blog" and search for the January 1, 2025, entry where there is also a link to listen to the audio or watch the video.

[_01_] Time's Acceleration and the New Year's Tradition The passage of time often feels as though it speeds up, accelerating as though driven by an unseen force. It's a common sentiment that time flies faster the older we get. This sensation contrasts starkly with the New York City Times Square ball drop—a tradition meant to mark the beginning of a new year. Unlike our perception of time, the ball's descent is mechanically controlled, moving at a constant pace rather than following the natural laws of gravity.

This discrepancy highlights our yearning to control time, to slow it down or even reverse it. As the years go by, we often long to be time travelers, turning back the clock to revisit cherished moments.

[_02_] Time Travel Through Storytelling During the holidays, families gather to share stories from the past, reliving moments that bind them together. Repeating these stories, especially to someone who hasn't heard them before, feels like reclaiming time.

Recently, my family rediscovered a VHS tape of my surprise 50th birthday for my father over 30 years ago. Watching it was like freezing time, allowing us to revisit his joy and humor. Even my father was amused to see himself back then, marveling at how he made everyone endure the opening of his gifts. Storytelling and revisiting old memories help us to momentarily step out of the relentless march of time.

[_03_] The Jubilee Year: A Time of Mercy In the Catholic tradition, every 50 years is celebrated as a Jubilee of Mercy, a practice rooted in ancient Jewish customs.

The Jubilee, described in Leviticus 25, was a time for forgiveness, renewal, and returning to right relationships with God and others.

In the Catholic Church, these Jubilees emphasize mercy, solidarity, and reconciliation. The upcoming year, 2025, is a designated Jubilee year. It calls us to reflect on God's providence and mercy, reminding us to seek forgiveness and extend it to others as we journey through life.

[_04_] Mary: A Model of Reflection Luke 2:19 tells us that Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Prayer, like Mary's reflection, allows us to pause time and focus on God's Word.

The Holy Family experienced time challenges too. For instance, when Jesus stayed behind in the temple, Mary and Joseph searched for him with great anxiety. This moment foreshadowed the separation and suffering Mary would endure as Jesus fulfilled his mission. Despite knowing her son's destiny, Mary trusted in God's plan, making her a model of hope and reflection. Through prayer and trust in God, we too can hold back time and gain clarity in our lives.

[_05_] Reflecting on God's Mercy in the New Year January 1 offers a unique opportunity to pause and reflect on God's mercy. While it is always appropriate to seek forgiveness, the Jubilee year magnifies this call.

As Pope Francis proclaimed, 2025 is a year of mercy and hope. It invites us to deepen our faith and embrace God's forgiveness. By doing so, we align our hearts with the spirit of renewal and mercy that defines this sacred time.

[_06_] A Call to Repentance and Forgiveness

The Gospel emphasizes repentance alongside belief: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Similarly, the Our Father teaches us to seek forgiveness and extend it to others: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

As we begin a new year, it's a fitting time to examine our lives, repent, and reconcile. True faith requires action—changing our lives and committing to God's will. Believing and belonging to the Church are excellent resolutions that can guide us toward deeper faith and love.

John Henry Newman wrote about the transformative power of repentance, using the example of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Zacchaeus didn't merely believe; he acted.

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SATURDAY, 11 JANUARY

5:30 pm Bud & Nancy Moore

SUNDAY, 12 JANUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
 11:30 am Luigi & Vincenzo Russo

MONDAY, 13 JANUARY

8:30 am Arthur Rupel

TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY

8:30 am Jose Catarroja

WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY

8:30 am Martin & Ann Healy

THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY

8:30 am Mal & Jennie Healy

FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY

8:30 am Antoinette Cecere

SATURDAY, 18 JANUARY

5:30 pm Tom Aquino

SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Teresa Keogh (6th Ann.)
 11:30 am Thomas, Evelyn & Robert Clayton

SUNDAY, 12 JANUARY

7:30 am Mass in Church
 9:30—11:30am G. 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)
 9:30 am Mass in Church
 11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY, 13 JANUARY

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.

THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Jan 26th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

SATURDAY, 18 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY

7:30 am Mass
 9:30 am Mass
 9:30—11:30am G.6 (OLLC) (HALL)
 11:30 am Mass



This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Immacula is in memory of the **MASSENA FAMILY**.



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy Lanfrank is in memory of **RHETA BRINKERHOFF**.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Baptism brings the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is a washing that brings forth rebirth and spiritual renewal. We who are worth nothing become what God makes us: Heirs Having The Hope of Eternal Life.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 18 - 19, 2024

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (choir)			
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	MaryEllen Chandler			
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Joe Petrillo			
11:30 am (Choir)	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (choir)			



PRAYERS Needed For...

Artemis Soleil Benitez **Beverly McAllister**
Judy Bernarducci **Robert Santangelo**
Mai Fernandez **Pio Tortola**

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

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By promising to repay what he had taken dishonestly, he demonstrated true repentance. Newman described this as Zacchaeus trying to “undo the past” and reconcile with God.

[_07_] **Turning to Jesus: The Ultimate Timekeeper**
While we cannot truly undo the past, Jesus offers a way to redeem it. In small matters, like pressing “undo” on a computer, we feel a sense of control. However, in the serious matters of life and salvation, only Jesus can save us.

Through confession and regular reflection, we can “slow down time” by aligning ourselves with God’s eternal plan. By repenting, believing, and resolving to listen to God’s Word, we can step into the new year with hope and purpose. Like Mary, let us reflect on God’s promises and hold them in our hearts, trusting in His mercy to guide us forward.

Blessed New Year of Mercy to you,
In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry, Pastor



January 4, 2025
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ANTHONY C. SPINA

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How to Report Abuse



The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024	
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Saturday, January 25th
from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm**

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