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Sunday, January 19, 2025 - Second 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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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,
 In the 1998 movie, *The Truman Show*, we observe the title character portrayed by Jim Carrey as the star of a drama within a drama. Carrey plays Truman Burbank for whom life on reality television began without his consent. Truman's life has been broadcast for decades for the world to see. The cameras pointed at him have been, however, so well concealed that he thinks the set is really his hometown and his home. Meanwhile, both the neighbors and his wife are dramatic actors on the studio's payroll.

Without inquiry or curiosity, Truman seems to adore his surroundings. He is conditioned to fear all bodies of water, lest he try to cross the bridge or swim or sail beyond this fictional circumference and into the "real world". The director exerts a hold on Truman through the cast, the props and the simulation of a natural climate. At one point, greater illumination is required on the set to which the director brings a power source greater than any known by any Hollywood director, saying, "Cue the sun." Truman's life is controlled by the geometry and the astronomy of others.

Is Truman's life, however, the intellectual property of the director or the studio? On the one hand, we see the audience cheer for his escape from the set. But, would they be willing to assist him if he were off camera? They only know how to relate to him as a character and not as a person. The same is true for his co-stars on set. To many, Truman is misunderstood or forgotten.

In a way, Truman is waiting not simply for a rescue or a better contract. He is waiting

to be born to come into reality and into the non-fictional community. He needs help in doing so.

In the movement – which is Catholic, Christian and humanitarian – to protect life at all stages, we are aware that life is not equivalent to property, intellectual or otherwise. We do not control life or the circumstances surrounding human life.

In this regard, the pro-life movement is truly social in nature with millions of us also praying cheering, welcoming every child who might otherwise be misunderstood or forgotten.

January 22 is Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*"

In a 2014 sermon, Boston Archbishop Seán O'Malley wrote and spoke:

"When the value of life is compromised or diminished, all life is at risk. When we give the State the power to determine which human beings are worthy of living and which should be eliminated, what we are doing is opening a Pandora's Box that unleashes every kind of injustice and violation of human dignity. Life is precious. The transmission of life, sexuality, and marriage, which is the sanctuary of life, are all sacred. The Church's consistent life ethic contrasts with the incoherent proclamation of human rights that fails to protect life when it is most vulnerable." (Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, Opening Mass, 2014 National Prayer Vigil for Life)

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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

MONDAY, 20 JANUARY

8:30 am Judith Corvelli

TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY

8:30 am Pat & Dot Healy

WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY

8:30 am Luigi Russo

THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY

8:30 am Martin & Anna McLaughlin

FRIDAY, 24 JANUARY

8:30 am Malachy & Anne Healy

SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY

5:30 pm Nancy Lynch

SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am JoAnne Chiamonte
 11:30 am Kathy Grainger

SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY

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

MONDAY, 20 JANUARY **Martin Luther King Holiday**

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.



Rectory will be closed

THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY

10:00 am **Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb 2nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110**

SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY

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

6:30—9:30 pm **Spaghetti Dinner (Hall) The West Orange Knights of Columbus Council #5519**



SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY

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



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Annette & Richard Chiamonte is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.**



Woman why turn to me?

My time has not yet come.

John 2:4

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 25 - 26, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm (Choir)	Michael Lanfrank	Judy Albore Melinda Prather (choir)			
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Patricia Saway			
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Myrna Regino			
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon			



PRAYERS
Necked For...

Artemis Soleil Benitez	Beverly McAllister
Judy Bernarducci	Robert Santangelo
Mai Fernandez	Pio Tortola
Langan Family	Peggy Vassallo

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

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With the existence of legal abortion in New Jersey and the United States, we have become accustomed to an environment of laws, rights and privileges surrounding abortion. While pro-choice proponents may try to “cue the sun” in this environment of laws and rights, we trust that we have an even greater light in our faith and belief in the sanctity and value of life at all stages, as Pope Francis wrote in *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*:

“Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. [...] Frequently, attempts are made to ridicule the Church’s efforts to defend the unborn. Attempts are made to present the Church’s teaching as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right.”

This year and every year, we pray that the mothers and fathers in crisis situations will also know that regardless of what has happened in the past, God’s mercy is available to them. We also pray that we can all support them and love them in their struggles and joys.

In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

**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, January 25th
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.



January 4, 2025

**\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:
ANTHONY C. SPINA**

**\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:
MYRNA REGINO**

PARISH GIVING

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Our Lady of Lourdes Annual

Epiphany Pageant

Sunday, January 5 - 12:30 pm



“SOUPER BOWL”



The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting cans of soup through the month of January to be delivered to our local food pantry to nourish and warm the less fortunate.



Please bring your donations of soup to the collection bins located at the entrances of the church.

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