



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, January 26, 2025 - Third 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

Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Religious Education**

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

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#### **Religious Education**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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#### **Religious Education**

#### **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.

### **First Friday**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Church's liturgical year, which started during Advent, we are reading continuously on most Sundays from the Gospel of Luke, because we are in Year C of the 3-year cycle. (Year A is Matthew; Year B is Mark; the Gospel of John is read on selected Sundays and Holy Days in all 3 years)

This Sunday is from Luke chapter 1 & chapter 4.

### **The Gospel of Luke: Addressed to the Beloved of God**

Luke, one of the four Gospel writers, presents his Gospel in the form of a letter addressed to "Theophilus," meaning "beloved of God." This Gospel is not only for Theophilus but for all of us, emphasizing both *\*who we are\** – beloved of God – and *\*what we are\**. Luke aims to provide certainty about Jesus' teachings in an orderly sequence, inviting us to reflect on our roles in God's plan.

### **Understanding "Who We Are" vs. "What We Are"**

A college roommate of mine once didn't know my last name, despite sharing a living space. While humorous in retrospect, at the time it felt like a dismissal of my identity. This small experience highlights the distinction between *\*who we are\** (individuals with names and dignity) and *\*what we are\** (roles or functions).

Similarly, St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, stresses the importance of every part of the body of Christ. Regardless of how insignificant we may feel, we all contribute to the health and functioning of the whole body. Just as we exercise not for individual parts but for the whole body, our participation in the church community reflects our unity as the Body of Christ.

### **Roles in the Church Community**

Our parish is blessed by the service of religious education catechists and aides, lectors, ushers, and altar servers and many volunteers who actively contribute to our mission. Yet, every one of you, whether present at Mass or participating from home, plays a vital role. You might not stand at the lectern or usher at the door, but you carry responsibility as an ambassador for Christ wherever you are.

Your prayers, charitable contributions, and presence in the community – no matter how hidden – are invaluable. This collective effort reflects the unity of the Body of Christ, where every member is essential.

### **Recognizing the Sanctity of Life**

The Gospel challenges us to uphold the sanctity of life, recognizing *what* a person is – a unique and sacred creation. Jesuit Father Robert Spitzer writes that while *who* a person is may be intangible, *what* they are is clear. Science and faith affirm the dignity of life from conception, revealing the unity between mother and child in the womb.

This understanding of human dignity extends beyond identity or ideology. It is not dependent on external labels but rooted in our shared nature as humans created in God's image.

### **Mercy and Compassion**

While divisions and challenges exist, God's mercy is ever-present. For those touched by the tragedy of abortion or other struggles, repentance opens the door to God's boundless absolution. Mercy and compassion are not just attributes of God – they define who and what God is.

### **United as One Body**

We are many parts but one body. Our dignity and worth stem from both *\*who we are\** and *\*what we are\**. Let us remember our shared identity as the beloved of God and our responsibility to reflect this love in our lives, actions, and relationships.



**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

**MONDAY, 27 JANUARY**

8:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr.

**TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY**

8:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY**

8:30 am Bishop Emeritus Honesto Chaves  
Pacana, DD

**THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY**

8:30 am Thomas Glennon

**FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY**

8:30 am Emily Cupelli

**SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY**

5:30 pm Ray Cassidy

**SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Gerald Keogh (12th Ann.)  
11:30 am Janice Lombardi

**SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY**

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

**MONDAY, 27 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, 30 JANUARY**

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb 9th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

**SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY**

5—5:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)  
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass in Church

**SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY**

7:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC)  
9:30 am Mass  
9:30—11:30am G. 6 (OLLC) (HALL)  
11:30 am Mass



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of ANNA & THOMAS CHIARELLA.



**"Today this Scripture Passage is fulfilled in Your hearing."**



**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 1 - 2, 2025**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (coir)			
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Sister James Soon			
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Bill Talbot			
11:30 am (Choir)	Rachelle Brown	Wendy Sheyka Paul Hirsch (choir)			

**PRAYERS**  
Requested 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.



**CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS**

Christmas 2024*	\$20,458.31
Christmas Flowers 2024*	\$ 3,229.77
New Year's 2025*	\$ 2,075.17

\*Includes Online Giving Donations

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**PARISH GIVING**

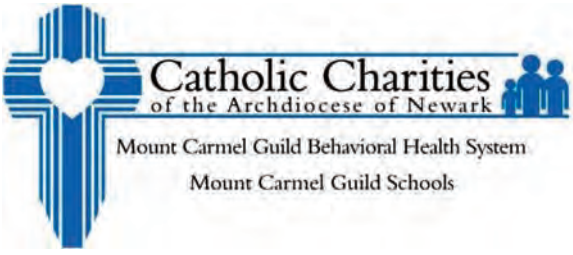
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: 1/11-12*	\$ 4,229
Deficit:	\$ 2,571

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November 2024

Fr. James Ferry  
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes  
1 Eagle Rock Avenue  
West Orange, NJ 07052

Dear Fr. Ferry,

This month of Thanksgiving we continue to thank God for you and your family because you are a Heaven sent blessing to our mothers and their babies.

Several Sources is a place where amazing changes are taking place in the lives of our mothers and babies. For the first time, many of our mothers are finding hope where once there was only despair. Imagine what it is like to be pregnant, alone and have no one to trust or call or go to...and then, learn about our Several Sources Shelters.


*“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever.” – Psalm 106:1*

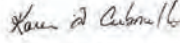
We thank you for helping our Moms and their Babies.


May God bless and protect you and your dear family this Thanksgiving and always!

<b>Gift Date</b>	<b>Gift Amount</b>
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Peace and Blessings to you,

  
Kathy DiFiore  
Founder & President Emerita

  
Karen Carbonello  
CEO



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## TRICKY TRAY

The Rosary Altar Society will hold their  
“Over the Rainbow” Tricky Tray on:

**Saturday, April 26, 2025** in Connor Hall at  
Our Lady of Lourdes.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of **NEW ITEMS** are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Sunday, April 6th**. Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the rectory on weekdays between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. For pick up contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or email at [trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org)

**(PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.)**

Your gift may also be a monetary donor:

Gold Donor	\$100.00
Silver Donor	\$ 50.00
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**Eileen Reilly, Chairperson.**



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