



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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**Sunday, October 5, 2025 - Twenty-seventh 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

Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

### Religious Education

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

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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### Religious Education

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

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### Religious Education

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Rosa Cruz 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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 Friends,

Those in front knew what to do. Years ago, some friends shared with me a driving episode from a cold and windy day. Their car and other cars were in the “front row” at the crosswalk at a red light on Freeway Road (the service road parallel to I-280) in Orange. This road is a high-speed passageway to the interstate.

Just before the light changed from red to green, the wind blew a hat along the ground into the crosswalk and in front of my friends’ car. Then, the light changed to green. Seeing the hat, the “front row” drivers maintained their position. They knew what to do and expected a person chasing the hat might emerge. Then, someone emerged, retrieved the hat and returned to the sidewalk. Meanwhile, the drivers behind the “front row” were honking their horns continuously. They had seen neither the hat nor the person and did not know what was going on. Fortunately, the “front row” had set an example.

It can be challenging to be a witness to the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, to maintain composure, consistency. We turn to God to know what to do. Ours is not simply a legal battle for the right to life of the unborn or the terminally ill. We also want to be witnesses to the developing life of a child starting at conception.

This month of October, we also hold our annual baby shower in which we accept your gifts of **NEW** items for babies. Please see flier and information in the bulletin. If you have questions, call 973.325.0110.

### Respect Life Message

**[1. Beginnings of Life]** When did your life begin? Your usual reply to this question would be your date of birth. Another way to answer this question is to think of moments when your life has been renewed, re-started, re-booted in some way. Perhaps, your life BEGAN, when you met your future spouse. Your life began when you discovered what you were good at in school. Your life began when someone offered you forgiveness for a fault. Your life began when you were able – with God’s help – to forgive someone else who trespassed against you.

**[2. Beginnings and Cooperation with God]** When did your life begin? Sometimes, our life begins when we decide to start over, or to make a significant change. People ask me this question, hey, Padre, hey Father, when did you know you wanted to be a priest? In other words, when did your life begin? When did it start?

In my case, I came to realize – after I had completed my college education and after I was working as a grown-up adult for several years that I felt called to study for the priesthood. And I’m grateful for the many lessons while working in business environments, because I draw on this knowledge in my role as a priest and administrator/pastor.

However, I also recognized that moving out of the the business environment and toward the priesthood would be a new life, a new path. This was both freeing and frightening.

Of course, in the official sacramental and church-sense, my life as a priest began when I was ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

There is a verse in the 110th Psalm that applies to God’s call to me: -- “Thou art a priest forever – *Tu es sacerdos en aeternum.*” “Forever” does not mean that it was destined to happen even if I objected. In other words, I could have avoided this commitment, if I had not cooperated. In fact, our life begins when we truly cooperate with God’s grace.

When did my life begin ?

My life as a priest began before the seminary, before college, before there were academics or daily Mass. It began in the “seminary and church” of my home and hometown with my parents and grandparents and siblings through whom I also learned about love, charity, hope, faith and taking out the garbage and all that stuff. I am still learning about these things from them. I am also learning about these things from you, my parish family. When did my life begin?

**[3. Sanctity of Life]** When does life begin? This is not only legal question.

This may not be a question you can answer scientifically or satisfactorily for those who may argue for the legality of permissive laws on abortion. However, I’m inviting you as a Catholic to remember that God is holding you in existence at every moment. You came into this world because you were loved. Are there children who come into this world in horrific violent conditions? Yes. They may even be born to parents who do not wish to raise them, or cannot raise them or cannot love them as they should. Nevertheless, it is by an act of God’s love that they exist. It is by an act of God’s love that you exist and I exist. And we are called to advocate to care about these lives, to pray for them and to remember that every unborn child, every mother, is important.

They are both important.

When did your life begin? Your life began in a profound way when you recognized that Jesus is your savior, your shepherd, your good shepherd who is leading you home, calling out for and help you to restart again.

In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



**SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER**

5:30 pm Julia Coates

**SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Rosary Altar Society

11:30 am Rosario Palingcod

**MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte

**TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Luis Macancela

**WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Sylvia Hicks

**THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Patrick Lynch

**FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER**

8:30 am Patrick Joseph Lynch

**SATURDAY, 11 OCTOBER**

5:30 pm Teresa Buena

**SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Catherine Parisi

11:30 am Rose Konvalinka

This week, October 5th, Bread & Wine a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo, is in memory of **JOSEPH F. PETRILLO**.

*PARISH GIVING*

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025	Goal
	\$ 6,800
Collection*: Sept. 20-21, 2025*	\$ 5,206
Deficit:	\$1,594

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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**SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER**

7:30 am Mass

:00 am Recitation of Rosary (OLLC)

9:30 am Mass

9:30—12:30 pm RAS 87th Annual Mass & Communion Breakfast (OLLC) (HALL)

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

11:30 am Mass

6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

**MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER**

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.

8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.

5—7:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)

6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

**TUESDAY 7, OCTOBER**

6:00 pm Rosary (Grotto)

**WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER**

6:30—10:00 pm KOC meeting (HALL)

6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

**THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER**

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct. 19th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

**FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER**

6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

**SATURDAY, 11 OCTOBER**

12:00 Noon Public Square Rosary Rally Church Plaza

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Rosary (Church)

**SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER**

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

11:30 am Mass

12:30—3:00 pm KOC Installation of Officers (HALL)

6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

**WEEKEND October 11-12, 2025**  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Melinda Prather (C)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Lou Volpe
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Myrna Regino
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Michelle Gizzi Wendy Sheyka (C)

**Prayers Needed**

Maria Colon	Reynaldo Rapada
Pierre Ferrus	Sister Jean Ruppel
Beverly McAllister	Adan Solsol
Mary McGuinness	Sonny Tiongson
Amante Organo	

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



## Archdiocesan \$25,000 Grant to Lourdes

We are excited to announce that Our Lady of Lourdes Parish received a \$25,000 grant through the Archdiocese of Newark's Stewardship Endowment Grant Application process. This grant will enable us to invest in the \$100,000 replacement of the roof of the wing of the school which has suffered leaks in recent years. We are thankful and blessed to have received this grant as it provides us the opportunity to bring in the resources to live our mission.

This work is taking place during September 2025 and should finish by September 30, 2025. Please keep Our Lady of Lourdes in your prayers and please know you are all in ours as well. Also, please contact our office with any questions.

**This grant is made possible through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Gifts to the Annual Appeal are separate from regular parish giving. Your direct support of the Appeal helps fund important ministries across the Archdiocese and also strengthens Lourdes' eligibility for grants like this one. Thank you to our current Appeal donors! I invite you to consider a 2026 gift to the Appeal —if you have never given or given in the past— as your support of the Appeal has a local impact at Lourdes in terms of these grants.**

In Christ's Peace  
Father Jim Ferry

## EMPOWERING

### GOD'S CHILDREN PROGRAM

Empowering God's Children teaches children about safe boundaries and helps our parish stay in compliance with the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment policies.

**Dates & Grades:**

**Grades 1-5—Tuesday, October 21, - 6:00-7:00 PM**

**Grades 6-8—Wednesday, October 22, - 6:00 –7:00 PM**

**Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Connor Hall (Lower Level of Church)**

**Parental Attendance: Optional—Parents are welcome, but not required to attend.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This program is **MANDATORY** for all students in our Family Catechesis & Religious Education Programs. Parents who prefer to teach the material at home may request video materials by emailing [fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org).

**?QUESTIONS Contact: Father Jim Ferry [973-325-0110](tel:973-325-0110)**

### 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.

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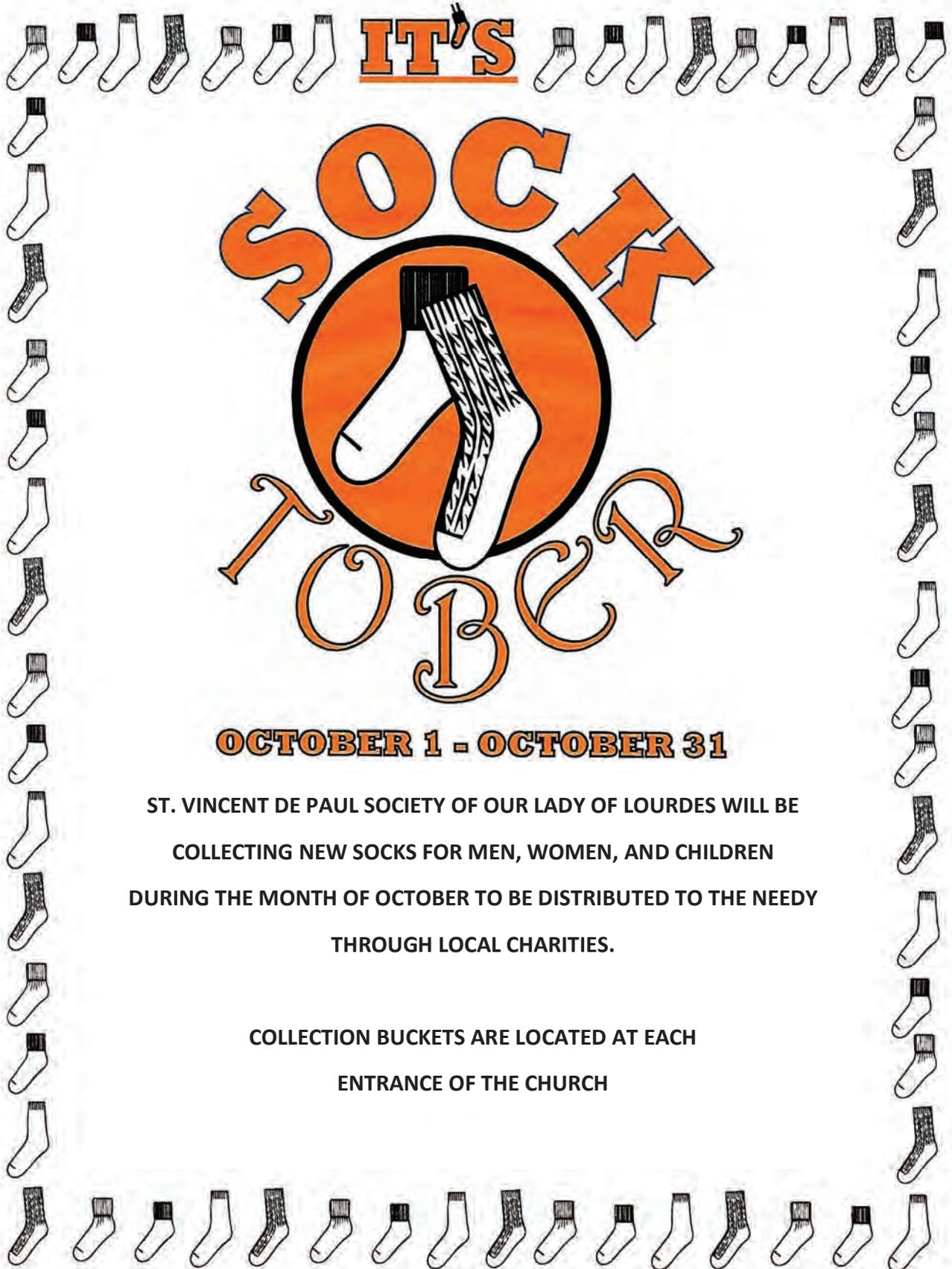
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