



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, October 19, 2025 - Twenty-ninth 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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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Religious Education

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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 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 Friends,

The setting of the Gospel this Sunday is a courtroom and the petition of a persistent woman before an unjust judge.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/ask-and-you-shall-receive/>)

Ask and You Shall Receive - the Widow & the Unjust Judge [Abridged]

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Jesus' says "ask and you shall receive." He encourages us to ask boldly and persistently through the story of the unjust judge and the persistent widow. But if we don't listen in prayer, we won't know what to ask for. Here are tips for using the inspired prayers called Psalms as guides to praying effectively.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Not only does Jesus often urge us to ask for what we need, ("Ask and you shall receive" Luke 9:11), but he praises the people, like Bartimaeus who ask in the loudest, most obnoxious of ways (Mark 10:46-52). And to top it off, he tells stories in which he showcases rude, relentless people who wake up their neighbors in the middle of the night (Luke 11:5-8).

THE UNJUST JUDGE & THE WIDOW

But God appears to want us to bug Him. And keep bugging Him.

Why? Maybe because He'd rather us look to Him for assistance than to the idols of this age. Perhaps because he knows that asking Him for help strengthens the virtue of humility in us. After all, it is an admission that we are not in total control of the universe and just might need His help. Perhaps because He is a loving Father and likes being with us, even when we come just to ask Him to open his wallet.

When I was a teen, I thought that prayer was about asking for things. I prayed that God would keep my parents from finding out about certain adventures of mine. I prayed that the best-looking girl in the class would like me. After all, Scripture says to ask, right?

PRAYER AS LISTENING

But Scripture also tells us what to ask for. And there is the rub. We are often wrong about what to ask for, because we misidentify what will really make us happy. God knows us better than we know ourselves, since He created us. And He loves us more than we love ourselves, because He is our Father.

So before talking to Him, which is certainly a dimension of prayer, we need to listen to Him, which is an even more important dimension of prayer. We were given two ears and only one mouth for a reason.

But how do we listen to him? One privileged way is through Scripture. These words are guaranteed to be His, for they are inspired, breathed by the Holy Spirit, divine words in human words (2 Tim 3:16).

PSALMS AS FOOD FOR PRAYER

Most of us don't eat once a week. We eat daily. Several times a day in fact. So we should gather up the manna of God's word at least daily, maybe even several times a day.

So you don't have much time for quiet prayer and extensive Bible reading?

Join the club. You may not have time for a daily Thanksgiving feast, but I bet you snack a few times a day. There are scriptural, bite-sized snacks called the Psalms that have been the backbone of prayer for nearly 3,000 years. The psalms are God's inspired word through which He speaks to us. But they just happen to be prayers that we can use to speak with Him.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES - OCTOBER 19, 2025



SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER	5:30 pm Karen Elizabeth Bruno
SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr. 11:30 am Accecius Jules
MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER	8:30 am John D. Pflug, III (38th Birthday)
TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER	8:30 am Victor Nzegwu (Special Intention)
WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER	8:30 am Patricia A. Volpe
THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER	8:30 am Patrick Joseph Lynch
FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER	8:30 am Marcel Derac
SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER	5:30 pm Agnes D. Bulger (19th Ann.)
SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am John D. Pflug III (17th Ann.) 11:30 am Lawrence & Catherine Del Plato

SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER	7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30 –11:45 am G-7-12 Mass, Connor Hall 10:30—11:30 am 1st Penance (Chapel) 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft) 11:30 am Mass 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
MONDAY, 20 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 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER	6:00 - 7:00 pm Empowering God's Children (G:1-5) HALL 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER	6:00 - 7:00 pm Empowering God's Children (G:6-8) HALL 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER	10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Nov. 2nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft) 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER	1:30 - 3:30 pm Soup Kitchen Set-up (HALL) 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER	9:00 am - 12:00 Noon Soup Kitchen (HALL) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm Rosary (Church)
SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER	7:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am G6 (six) Mass, Connor Hall 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft) 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)



This week, October 19th, Bread & Wine a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo, is in memory of **RICHARD CHIARAMONTE**.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025	Goal
	\$ 6,800
Collection*: Oct. 4-5, 2025*	\$ 4,896
Deficit:	\$1,904
*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average	



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

WEEKEND October 25-26, 2025
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Melinda Prather Judy Albore (choir)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	MaryEllen Chandler
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Bill Talbot
11:30 am Choir	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis Eileen Reilly (choir)

Prayers Needed

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

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

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That kills two birds with one stone. And they cover everything that we could possible want to say to God. "Thank-you," "praise you," "why are you doing this to me?," "please help me!," etc. There are even a few asking God to smash our enemies. These would have been perfect for Moses to have used during the battle with Amalek, except they hadn't been written yet.

If you have time for three meals or snacks a day, you have time for at least three Psalms a day.

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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.

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



**THE GIVING TREE
2025**

IS COMING SOON.

**SEE FLYER FOR
DETAILS**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
November 7, 2025
5:30–7:30 pm in Church



Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!

St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 10/25/2025** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **10/25/2025** so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at travisb23@juno.com.





All Weekend Masses in October

At all weekend Masses in October we will be collecting the following items:

- ◆ Gift Cards (Shop Rite, Walmart or UBER).
- ◆ Baby Wipes.
- ◆ Pacifiers with Clip Ons.
- ◆ Teethers (BPA Free, Soft Silicone).
- ◆ Baby Towels with Hoods.
- ◆ Receiving Blankets.
- ◆ Newborn Socks.
- ◆ English and/or Spanish Baby Board Books (Due to hygiene-new books only).
- ◆ Monetary donations. *(Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes)*
- ◆ ***No diapers or baby clothes at this time, due to limited storage.***



These items will be distributed to SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS which offers a place where a young mother can come to have her baby and stay for up to a year or more with individual care, nurturing and educational support.

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