



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, October 26, 2025 - Thirtieth 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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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Religious Education

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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 the synagogue and the prayer of the Pharisee and the tax collector (publican)

(Source: <https://augustinianspirituality.org/2021/03/17/the-pharisee-and-the-tax-collector/>)

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector by Sam Joutras, O.S.A.

Imagine going to a doctor appointment and telling the doctor other people's diseases. Then, as you're giving the doctor a survey of others' diseases, you mention that you don't have those same conditions. Throughout the appointment, you never talk about your own health concerns. Isn't this what we do when we gossip or puff ourselves up?

Lent is a special time to come before the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ, and share with him our health concerns – our sinfulness – things that we would like changed. When we come before him, the Doctor, he gently heals our faults and gives us the medicine of mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In Luke 18:9-14, we see this healing of God unfolded in the prayer of the tax collector, who humbly came before God, recognized himself as a sinner, and hoped in God as the Divine Healer. He went home justified – forgiven – restored again to God's friendship.

In Sermon 351, St. Augustine preached that "it is not surprising that the tax collector went away cured, since he had not been ashamed of showing where he felt pain." It is often much easier to give God a report of other people's sins – it is much harder to take responsibility for our own sins. While recognizing our own sin, there might be a temptation to be ashamed or to think that there is no remedy. Who could love us like this?

Maybe the Pharisee was afraid to look at his wounds because he did not believe in God's love for him. Maybe I too should not just pay attention to my own sins without taking an honest look at myself and God's love for me!

The challenge for Christians is to recognize that God is the healer of all healers, the one who sent His Son so that we might not perish, but might have eternal life. The challenge is to see ourselves – wounds, resentments, and sins included – and to still recognize that God is merciful and longs to bring us back to his friendship. The prayer of the tax collector is courageous: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. It is a prayer that takes responsibility for the wounds and sin of our lives. It does not deflect those wounds. It does not give a report of others' wounds in order to avoid looking at our own. Rather, it presents our whole selves to God, with no secrets hidden. This merciful God is calling out to each of us, to present ourselves to Him, humbly recognizing ourselves as sinners – but, even more importantly, REDEEMED sinners.

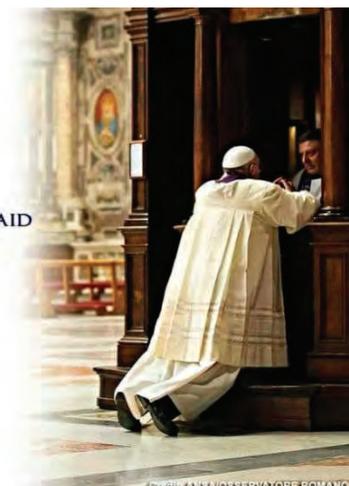
God, be merciful to me, a sinner. When are you going to the doctor?

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In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

**"DO NOT BE AFRAID
OF CONFESSION!"**
-POPE FRANCIS



OUR LADY OF LOURDES - OCTOBER 26, 2025



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
MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte
TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 8:30 am Matthew Rizzo
WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 8:30 am Thomas A. Bulger, Sr. (40th Ann.)
THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 8:30 am Andrew James Bruno
FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 8:30 am Renato Abad (10th Ann.)
SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 5:30 pm Fran Glennon
SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA 11:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA

SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am G6 (Six) Mass, Connor Hall 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft) 11:30 am Mass 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto) <small>Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.</small>
TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
THURSDAY, 30 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, 31 OCTOBER 6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)
SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 8:30 am ALL SAINTS DAY 3—5:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass ALL SOULS/READING OF NAMES Several Sources Speaker at 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary (OLLC) 9:30—11:45 am G 7-12 Mass, Connor Hall 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft) 11:30 am Mass Several Sources Speaker at ALL MASSES



This week, October 26th, Bread & Wine a gift from Nancy Lanfrank, is in memory of **ARTHUR J. KELLER**.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025	Goal
	\$ 6,800
Collection*: Oct. 11-12, 2025*	\$ 3,895
Deficit:	\$2,905

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average


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WEEKEND November 1-2, 2025
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
ALL SAINTS DAY		
8:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Eileen Reilly
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz, Eileen Reilly (C)
ALL SOULS DAY		
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Lou Volpe
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Joe Petrillo
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Wendy Sheyka

Prayers Needed

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

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



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

Join Us!
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**Mother Seton Regional High School
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Please join us for an afternoon of conversation and tours at Mother Seton Regional High School:

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**THE GIVING TREE
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DETAILS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WEST ORANGE COUNCIL #5519**



The West Orange Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser in the basement of Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall on

Sunday, 9th of November 2025

Breakfast will be served from **8:30 until 11:30 am**

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, & coffee will be served.

The cost is \$10 for anyone 13 and over and \$5 for children 6-12 years old. (There is no charge for any child 5 and under)

Proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.

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All Weekend Masses in October

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- ◆ 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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