



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, November 9, 2025 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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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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 and Sisters in Christ,

The building of our church – Our Lady of Lourdes – is a beautiful testimony to the faith of our parishioners, starting in 1914 and leading up to the opening of our church for worship in 1964. (Before 1964, Mass on Sundays and weekdays was held within our school building).

The date of “November 9, 1914” is our parish’s founding anniversary. The same day is also the Catholic worldwide feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome (November 9). It marks the dedication of this cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. Last year, as we celebrated our 110th Anniversary, this Basilica had its 1,700th Anniversary.

I would like to discuss the meaning of “basilica” in architecture and also connect this to our understanding of the church as both a physical and spiritual presence.

[1. The Basilica and History]

The years 300 to 700 are called “late antiquity” because they mark the end of the ancient world which included the height of Greek political power and the Roman Empire. During this time frame, church buildings were typically constructed either as a shrine over a Christian martyr’s tomb or with basilica’s architectural plan.

Originally, “basilica” did not equate to religious practice but rather to governmental function and a Roman Empire building for court proceedings and other civil matters. A basilica had a long colonnade and could accommodate many people. Today, “basilica” is a term of honor given to Catholic and Orthodox churches of worship that are significant for their structural or artistic magnificence or their historic nature. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Newark) was named a basilica by Pope John Paul II. It is now the “Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.”

By the way, not all basilicas are cathedrals. The church at Notre Dame University (Indiana) on campus is not a cathedral, but this church is a basilica.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome carries profound historical importance as it is situated on land granted to the Christian community in the fourth century by Emperor Constantine. This event marked a significant turning point when Christianity shifted from being an illicit faith to becoming the official religion of the Roman Empire. While St. John Lateran might not have been the very first place of Christian worship in Rome, it is recognized as the city’s inaugural major place of worship. (The name “Lateran” is not a surname for St. John but rather the family by whom the property of the church was originally owned. The

patron of the church is St. John the Evangelist).

It’s noteworthy that the Basilica of St. John Lateran (324) predates St. Peter’s Basilica, the construction of which spanned two centuries: 1506 to 1626. St. Peter’s Basilica actually fulfills both criteria of late antiquity churches in that it was built over a martyr’s tomb (St. Peter) and it follows the plan of a Roman basilica. St. John Lateran is different.

As the Catholic Encyclopedia reports: “[St. John Lateran] has no saint buried beneath it, since it was not, as were almost all the other great churches of Rome, erected over the tomb of a martyr. It stands alone among all the altars of the Catholic world in being of wood and not of stone, and enclosing no relics of any kind. The reason for this peculiarity is that it is itself a relic of a most interesting kind, being the actual wooden altar upon which St. Peter is believed to have celebrated Mass during his residence in Rome”

[2. The Church as Physical and Spiritual]

In a symbolic sense, St. John Lateran is “Catholic worship version 1.0,” with St. Peter’s Basilica representing “Catholic worship 2.0.” However, this concept extends further to “Church version 3.0,” designed to be all-encompassing and universal, embracing the entirety of the global Church. At Our Lady of Lourdes, we are Catholic worship version 3.0 not only in our prayers at One Eagle Rock Avenue but also at home, in our rooms, at table, at work, and at school.

In the context of Thanksgiving, it’s akin to evolving from the earliest Thanksgiving in Plymouth to celebrations to the modern-day tradition of gratitude, where the spirit of thankfulness transcends time and place.

In the Gospel, Jesus went with his disciples to this Second Temple, discussing its construction. This “Temple 2.0” succeeded the original Temple built by Solomon and underwent further enhancements during the Roman Empire. However, Temple 2.0 met its end around 70 AD during a Roman invasion, leading to the absence of a physical temple in Jerusalem with animal sacrifices. Instead, “Temple 3.0” represents a spiritual concept symbolized by the Church, where Jesus’ Body and Blood are the new Passover and sacrifice.

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SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

5:30 pm ALL SOULS NOVENA

SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA
11:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA

MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

8:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Mary Stone

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Julia Coates

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Roel Sarmiento

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Joseph & Clare McCrink

SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

5:30 pm Carmeleta Harris & Simone Banks

SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Carmen Napolitano (69th Ann.)
11:30 am Bessie Horkey

SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

7:30 AM MASS
8:00 AM—12 NOON KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST
9:30 AM 111TH FOUNDER'S DAY MASS
10:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL (LOFT)
10:30 AM—11:30 AM 1ST PENANCE (CHAPEL)
11:30 AM MASS

MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

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.

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER

6:00 - 8:00 pm WE ARE HIS WITNESS PROGRAM (HALL)

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER

6:00 - 8:00 pm WE ARE HIS WITNESS PROGRAM (HALL)

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Nov. 23rd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
9:30—11:30 am G6 (OLLC Hall)
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)
11:30 am Mass

Thank you

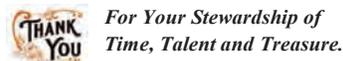
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PARISH GIVING

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	\$ 6,800
Collection*: Oct. 25-26, 2025*	\$ 4,293
Deficit:	\$2,507

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 15-16, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Melinda Prather (C)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Myrna Regino
11:30 am (Choir)	Wendy Sheyka	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (C)

Prayers Needed

Lucky Codada	Mary McGuiness
Maria Colon	Amante Organo
Jay Eckert	Reynaldo Rapada
Pierre Ferrus	Sister Jean Ruppel
Beverly McAllister	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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The cleansing of the temple, as discussed by Jesus, extends beyond mere physical cleaning or rearranging. While maintaining the Church's external appearance remains important, internal purification is equally vital. Each of us is regarded as a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it is our daily invitation to Jesus into our lives that helps us draw nearer to Him.

We are at Lourdes, having built also upon the sacrifices of our fathers and mothers and predecessors in faith. We give thanks for what they have left us. The practice of our faith today also calls us not simply to solve every problem we encounter but also to leave a legacy for the children and young people and our brothers and sisters to follow.

This also is a "construction project" which calls us not only to contribute to our parish as an institution. I am grateful for the time, money, and prayers you offer. Thank you! I am inspired by your perseverance which reminds me to remember that Lourdes is on God's property and in His hands. I pray that we can continue to work together in faith, hope, and love as we anticipate a new year in Advent.

The internal purification of the Temple is as fundamental to our faith as the external expressions of it.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!
In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

CORONA SELF HELP CENTER

Will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes

November 23, 2025

after all Masses

Corona Self Help Center administers addiction counseling in New York, Florida and Colorado. About 200 participants receive substance abuse counseling daily in a 12 step program. Participants also receive job training in the form of on-site workshops. Participants are provided with meals, health care, hygiene, educational and sports therapy. CSHC also holds gatherings with family members. As a result, participants obtain assistance in dealing with their addiction to be able to lead a productive life and benefit their community.

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EXAM**

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate in Union Catholic High School's Annual Scholarship Testing Program

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2030 will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 9:00 am and Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 12 noon. There is a \$70 fee to take the exam; there is no makeup date.

Over \$175,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam. To register for the Scholarship Exam, scan this QR Code



For more info or questions, contact the admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email jbowman@unioncatholic.org

Union Catholic High School 1600 Martine Avenue,
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

**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.

NOVEMBER
EVENTS

At Our Parish

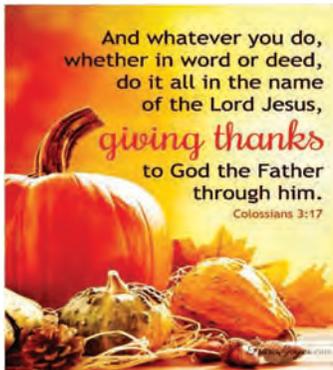


The Annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up in November

Please bring the gifts to Church by Sunday, December 7.

Thursday, November 27:

Thanksgiving Day—Mass at 8:30 am (Rectory Office Closed)



Thanksgiving Day Mass

At 8:30 am

Thursday Nov. 27th

Bring gifts of non-perishable food to Mass, to be shared with local food pantry. You may also bring on Sunday.



Sunday, November 30:

Last Day to buy Raffle Tickets.

First Sunday of Advent, : November 30.

Saturday Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am



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