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Sunday, November 16, 2025 - Thirty-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

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

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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,

In November, we anticipate the Thanksgiving national holiday which we will observe with Morning Mass at 8:30 am. We invite you to bring non-perishable items of food to the 8:30 am Mass (November 27th) or to bring to church whenever you are able. This gathering of food will be the “collection” on Thanksgiving Day.

November is also the month of “All Souls” to pray especially for our loved ones who have died and to prepare for our own death and dying.

Following is an article by Pope Benedict XVI on this topic:

(Source: https://wau.org/resources/article/awakened_from_death/)

Awakened from Death: Pope Benedict Reflects on the Raising of Lazarus

The gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus [John 11:1-45] . . . concerns the last “sign” fulfilled by Jesus, after which the chief priests convened the Sanhedrin and deliberated killing him, and decided to kill the same Lazarus who was living proof of the divinity of Christ, the Lord of life and death.

Actually, this gospel passage shows Jesus as true Man and true God. First of all, the Evangelist insists on his friendship with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. He emphasizes that “Jesus loved” them (John 11:5), and this is why he wanted to accomplish the great wonder. “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him out of sleep” (11:11), he tells his disciples, expressing God’s viewpoint on physical death with the metaphor of sleep. God sees it exactly as sleep, from which he can awaken us. Jesus has shown an absolute power regarding this death, seen when he gives life back to the widow of Nain’s young son (see Luke 7:11-17) and to the twelve-year-old girl (see Mark 5:35-43). Precisely concerning her, he said, “The child is not dead but sleeping” (5:39),

attracting the derision of those present. But in truth it is exactly like this: bodily death is a sleep from which God can awaken us at any moment.

This lordship over death does not impede Jesus from feeling sincere “compassion” for the sorrow of detachment. Seeing Martha and Mary and those who had come to console them weeping, Jesus “was deeply moved in spirit and troubled,” and lastly, “wept” (John 11:33, 35). Christ’s heart is divine-human: in him God and man meet perfectly, without separation and without confusion. He is the image, or rather, the incarnation of God who is love, mercy, paternal and maternal tenderness, of God who is Life. Therefore, he solemnly declared to Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” And he adds, “Do you believe this?” (11:25-26). It is a question that Jesus addresses to each one of us: a question that certainly rises above us, rises above our capacity to understand, and it asks us to entrust ourselves to him as he entrusted himself to the Father. Martha’s response is exemplary: “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world” (11:27). Yes, O Lord! We also believe, notwithstanding our doubts and darkness; we believe in you because you have the words of eternal life. We want to believe in you, who give us a trustworthy hope of life beyond life, of authentic and full life in your kingdom of light and peace.

An excerpt from *The Joy of Knowing Christ* by Pope Benedict XVI (The Word Among Us Press, 2009).

Our Lady of Lourdes, , Pray for for all souls, Living and Deceased

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - NOVEMBER 16, 2025



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 Horky
MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Ruth Caste
TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Mary Stone
WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Hugh Macken
THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Miroslaw Maciejewski
FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 8:30 am Donald Lodge
SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 5:30 pm Gabriella Miller
SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Garrett Gurrieri & John D. Pflug, III 11:30 am Joseph Catalano

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
MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 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
THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Nov. 30th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)
SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am—11:30 am 1st Penance, (Chapel) 11:30 am Mass

 This week, November 16th, 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*: Nov. 1-2, 2025* \$ 4,663

Deficit: \$2,137

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

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Your continued support will help feed the many food insecure families in your neighborhood during the upcoming cold winter months.



 November 22-23, 2025				
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Thanksgiving Day	
			Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm (A. Choir)	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (c)	Pat Sigalas	Patricia Saway Eileen Reilly (c)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Lou Volpe		
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Bill Talbot		
11:30 am (C. Choir)	Carmelita Dizon	Michelle Gizzi Carmelita Dizon (c)		

 **Prayers Needed**

Lucky Codada	Mary McGuinness
Maria Colon	Julie Opat
Jay Eckert	Amante Organo
Pierre Ferrus	Reynaldo Rapada
Beverly McAllister	Sister Jean Ruppel
	Sonny Tiongson

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

Pope Leo XIV to virtually attend U.S. National Catholic Youth Conference



Pope Leo XIV will meet the youth of the United States through a real-time digital encounter at the National Catholic Youth Conference general session at:

10:15 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 21.

To be televised on EWTN

The Holy Father is expected to address the up to 15,000 registered young people ages 14-18 from Catholic youth movements across the United States and engage directly with them during a 45-minute live dialogue. This historic moment will mark a powerful opportunity for young people to witness the Universal Church's care and concern for their voices, experiences and hopes.

"We are humbled and thrilled to welcome the Holy Father to NCYC," said Christina Lamas, executive director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. "His presence is a profound reminder that young people are at the heart of the Church and that their voices matter." . The Holy Father's choice to encounter the American youth in this way is an expression of his closeness to Catholic youth, following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Pope Francis, who called the youth the 'now of God.'"



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.



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

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NOVEMBER
EVENTS

At Our Parish

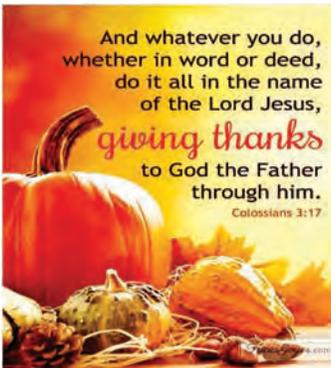


**The Annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up
in November**

**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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