



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, November 23, 2025 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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

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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 of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I share with you this article / reflection based from Cross-roads Initiative:

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/feast-of-christ-the-king/>

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - LASTING DOMINION UNIVERSAL KINGDOM

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

The feast of Jesus Christ the Universal King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and is observed on the last Sunday of the Roman Catholic Liturgical Year. It causes us to ponder what sort of authority, kingdom and dominion are truly lasting, and what judgment will be truly final. From the dawn of civilization, kings have arisen who have dreamed of possessing a world-wide dominion, a universal kingdom that would last forever.

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CONQUERORS & KINGDOMS

Some have come close to conquering much of the known world—Alexander, Genghis Khan, Augustus Caesar, and Adolf Hitler, to name a few. And some kingdoms have lasted a very long time, such as Rome which lingered on in the East for 2000 years.

But despite all their machinations and self-glorifying monuments, the great rulers of the earth all proved mortal like anybody else. They had their day in the sun . . . only to disappear. Their kingdoms, too, ultimately passed away, leaving abundant ruins for generations of tourists and archeologists to explore.

There is another thing that these great ones of the earth had in common—they jealously guarded their glory, sharing it with no one. Their ascent to the pinnacle of power was made over the backs of others, and they did not hesitate to eliminate any and all rivals.

A DIFFERENT SORT OF KING

The feast of Christ the King celebrates the fact that there is one who is remarkably different. He came to serve all, even His enemies. He truly was a Son of Man, with a vulnerable human nature. But He was also truly Son of God. Not in some mythological sense, like the Pharaohs. Or the wishful thinking sense, like the Caesars. But really and truly, the Immortal, the Eternal, taking the form of a mortal man in a specific time in history.

Rather than executing His opponents, He forgave them. Rather than dominating His subjects, He exalted them.

He even called them not servants, but friends, and bestowing on them a share in His priesthood and kingship. Though He died,

like other kings, it was for a different purpose than

Augustus in his bed or Hitler in his bunker. He died willingly to save His people, and His death was not a result of a battle lost or a plan gone awry, but of a glorious victory planned before the world began.

LASTING DOMINION & KINGDOM

He rose in glory, which can't be said for the rest of them. And at His heavenly coronation, when He ascended to His Father, He was given what all the rest lusted for in vain—a worldwide dominion, a universal kingdom, that will never pass away.

But the world goes on oblivious, with corporate executives and politicians still jockeying for position, exalting themselves at the expense of others. Still others crowd the cover of People magazine competing for other glories like the King of Rock'n roll.

UNIVERSAL KINGDOM

The true King, however, is biding His time. He will return and suddenly things will be seen as they truly are. His coming will sweep away ambition, vanity, and pretensions. And much of what now appears important will look very empty. No longer will oppression be allowed to stand; the innocent will finally be liberated from their tormentors.

This dominion will truly be universal. There will be nowhere left where He is not recognized as Who He is, though in some quarters, that acknowledgment will be made with consternation and gloom.

DEFINITIVE JUDGMENT

For His coming means doom—judgment for those who have for so long resisted Him. They will be allowed, of course, to cling to the evil that they have chosen, and hold it close to themselves for all eternity. But they may no longer afflict others with it.

This judgment, this kingdom, will have the last word. No election will overturn it in four years or four million years. There is no one stronger who can rest the dominion from his Almighty hand.

The Catholic Church instituted this feast of Christ the King during bleak days, when fascist and communist clouds were darkening the earth. The feast serves as a reminder to us that we know the end of the story and should not be fooled by the braggarts who strut and the bullies who gloat. They'll be gone soon. And He'll be here soon. How soon no one knows.

The readings for the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Christ the King Year B) are: Daniel 7:13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33b-37.

Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/feast-of-christ-the-king/>

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - NOVEMBER 23, 2025



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

MONDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Eugenie Ferrus

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Lawson Nzegwu (Special Intention)

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Julie Okeke (Special Intention)

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

8:30 am People of the Parish

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Thomas & Claire Bradley

SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

5:30 pm Marita Matias (29th Ann.)

SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Elizabeth Pflug (49th Ann.)

11:30 am Julia Coates

CHURCH CALENDAR



SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

10:30—11:30 am 1st Penance, (Chapel)

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 24 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

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

5:30—6:30 pm 1st Penance (G-7-12) OLLC

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Dec. 7th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110



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This week, November 23rd, Altar Candles, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka, are in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**.



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 29-30, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (c)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am (A. Choir)	Kathy Petrillo	Myrna Regino Joseph Petrillo (c)	
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Paul Hirsch	

Prayers Needed

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

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

December 5, 2025

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

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PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

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Collection*: Nov. 8-9, 2025*

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Many thanks for your generous donations.



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Dear God,

*We thank You for this special meal,
For all the Love and joy we feel,
Bless our family, bless our friends,
With your love that never ends,
All our blessings, big and small,
We give thanks for one and all.*

Amen



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If you suspect financial misconduct, use [EthicsPoint](#), an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

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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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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