



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent



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

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Even though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil." (Psalm 23:4)

The intervals of valley and mountain, of downhill and uphill, can help us in cardiovascular exercise. However, once we start a journey, I think we would prefer smooth and flat surfaces to the uncertain inclines and declines.

And, in the Advent biblical readings and Gospel, we read that our Savior also wishes to provide for us with the smooth and the flat. *"Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."* (Isaiah 40:4)

What is your mountain? What is my incline or decline? What is our valley?

Pope Francis (General Audience, 27 November 2013) reminds us that the steep slope of mortality is made a plain – a smooth surface – through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Savior. As we read in the 1st letter of Peter: *"For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God."* (1 Peter 3:18)

When we are grieving or in sorrow, we may find it very difficult to reach out to someone in need. However, these acts of charity also help us to find the level plain and playing field. We walk a path toward God also by loving our neighbor and by

helping the person who may be fragile or marginalized or in need. We come closer to salvation through our charity to these individuals because Jesus identified himself with them:

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me... 'as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me'" (Matthew 25:35-36, 40).

Pope Francis challenges you and me with the works of mercy, not only to sustain those we serve but also to save our own souls and rise to a new altitude of love and mercy. The Pope writes:

"The one who practices mercy does not fear death. And why does he not fear it? Because he looks death in the face in the wounds of his brothers and sisters, and he overcomes it with the love of Jesus Christ.

If we will open the door of our lives and hearts to our littlest brothers and sisters, then even our own death will become a door that introduces us to heaven, to the blessed homeland, toward which we are directed, longing to dwell forever with God our Father, with Jesus, with Our Lady and with the Saints." (Francis, General Audience, 27 November 2013, n. 3)

In Christ's Peace

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER

8:30 am Michael Angelo Mesce

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER

8:30 am Michael Angelo Mesce

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER

8:30 am Frank Cineri

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER

8:30 am Eileen Ryan

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER

8:30 am Della Greco

SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER

5:30 pm Gene & Kathleen Mooney

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Faith Nzegwu (Special Intention)

11:30 am Janet Carden



This week, November 30th, Bread & Wine a gift from Nancy & Michael Lanfrank, is in memory of **STELLA V.**



CHURCH CALENDAR



SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

7:30 AM Mass

9:30 am Mass

10:30—am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER

6:00—10:00 pm KOC Meeting (HALL)

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Dec. 14th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

6—8 pm

Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER

5:50-7:30 pm 1st Friday Adoration (OLLC)

SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER

3:00—5:30 pm Family Catechesis (Hall)

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT (OLLC)**



SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER

7:30 am Mass

9:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC)

9:30 am Mass

9:30—11:45 am G 7-12 (OLLC) (Hall) Parent/Child Meeting

10:30—11:30 am 1st Penance (Chapel)

11:30 am Mass



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 6-7, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Judy Albore Melinda Prather (c)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am (A. Choir)	Carol Ford	Espie Cain	
11:30 am	Jeryl Nalupta	Carmelita Dizon	

Prayers Needed

Lucky Codada
Maria Colon
Jay Eckert
Pierre Ferrus
Beverly McAllister
Mary McGuinness

Diane Coldock
Julie Opat
Amante Organo
Reynaldo Rapada
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.



St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 12/20/2025** 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 **12/20/2025** 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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

December 5, 2025

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!



We collected over 404 pairs of socks for the 2025 SOCK-TOBER collection. Socks are one of the basic needs for the less fortunate and will be greatly appreciated by the many men, women and children in need of this basic necessity.

Many thanks for your generous donations.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

Goal	\$ 6,800
Collection*: Nov. 15-16, 2025*	\$ 4,502
Deficit:	\$ 2,298

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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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)**



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, & 11:30 am



**The 54th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will
be held at the Cathedral Basilica on:**

**Wednesday, December 17th and
Thursday, December 18th, at 8 pm
(two performances).**

**Doors open at 7 pm both nights. Christmas music in several languages
will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly, and will be accom-
panied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will
donation. For more info call 973-484-2400, or visit:
www.cathedralbasilica.org.**

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