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Sunday, November 1, 2026 – All Saints



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
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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.*

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/A, NOVEMBER 1, 2026



"Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour this Sunday, Nov. 1, as we end Daylight Savings Time."

All Souls Day: Why do we pray for those who have died?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the month of November, the Catholic holy days of All Saints and All Souls Days are observed. One reason for All Saints Day (November 1st) was to honor the many martyrs whose names could not be recorded and remembered. A similar reason exists for All Souls Day (November 2nd). While we can pray for many whom we know by name, we also have been touched by individuals whom we do not know by name. On All Souls Day, we pray both for the deceased we know and those whom we do not know.

Our 2026 All Souls Mass is at 6:30 pm, Monday November 2nd .

The reason for this prayer and piety is our Christian understanding of Purgatory as a place of temporary (i.e., specific period of time) purification after death. Contrary to how we may feel about times of misery and pain here on earth, purgatory is an expression of God's mercy which is based on biblical teaching including, for example, the Book of Job in which Job offers sacrifices in purification and hope of eternal life for his children. (Job 1:5) In this regard, Purgatory after death is not meant as interruption but as a necessary step on our journey toward the communion and community of heaven.

Pope Saint John Paul II defined Purgatory in this way: "*Every trace of attachment to evil must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. Purification must be complete, and indeed this is precisely what is meant by the Church's teaching on Purgatory.*" (General Audience, 4 August 1999)

We might remember, then, that the goal and purpose of our lives is communion and community with each other. Purgatory gets us there. And your prayers – our prayers – for the souls in Purgatory get us there as well. And do we not – within our families – today deny ourselves comfort and endure pain for the betterment of a friendship, of the family, or a community? We are invited to make prayers and sacrifices for the souls in purgatory also for the good of our Christian family.

Is it not our understanding that a family or community is united not simply by light and joy but also by during darkness and difficulty? Indeed, the sacrifices we make in difficult times are often what define us. Such sacrifices unite us to Christ whose life was given up for us not because we were judged worthy but because we were loved. In a similar way, we are invited to make prayers and sacrifices out of love for both the living and the dead.

Father Steve Grunow of Word on Fire Ministries (wordonfire.org) wrote this reflection about our hope of eternal life and our understanding of Purgatory:

"Precisely how our prayers for the dead help them to attain the beatific vision is deeply mysterious, but we know that it does have a positive effect. Today [All Souls Day] is the day when the Church highlights to us that the grace of the most important prayer of the Church belongs to heaven and earth, to the living and to the dead. This Mass draws the entirety of the Communion of Saints together (in heaven and on earth), preparing us all for our mission and enabling us to participate, even now, in the divine life of Jesus Christ." ("Why We Pray For All Souls Today", Father Steve Grunow, November 2, 2015, wordonfire.org)

I hope this month of November, this month of All Souls, will remind us of our common journey and responsibility to pray for each other.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER	
5:30 pm	Emily Cupelli & Delfina Greco
SUNDAY, 1 NOVEMBER	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Michael Grabler
11:30 am	Robert Papale
MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
SATURDAY, 7 NOVEMBER	
5:30 pm	ALL SOULS NOVENA
SUNDAY, 8 NOVEMBER	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
8:30am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
11:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA

Altar Candles for the week of Nov. 1st: Offering from J.A. Konvalinka in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**

Bread & Wine for the week of Nov. 1sth: Offering from Michael & Nancy Lanfrank in Memory of **ARLENE MONTEVERDE.**

Sanctuary Candle for the week of Nov. 1st: Offering from J.A. Konvalinka for **FRANCES MAROON.**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	Nov 7 - Nov. 8, 2026	
Mass	**Lector**	**Eucharistic**
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (c)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Lou Volpe
9:30 am Adult Choir	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiaramonte Joe Petrillo (c)
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon

Church Calendar

SUN., 1 NOVEMBER	
All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation	
7:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Recitation of Rosary (OLLC)
9:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
11:30 am	Mass
MON., 2 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	Daily Mass will be held Mon–Fri each Week in Church.
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	
6:30 pm	All Souls' Day Mass (OLLC)
THUR., 5 NOVEMBER	Deadline for Announcements for Nov. 15th Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110
6-8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
FRI., 6 NOVEMBER	
 5:30 – 7:30 pm	1st Friday Adoration (OLLC)
SAT., 7 NOVEMBER	
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Family Catechesis (HALL)
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass
SUN., 8 NOVEMBER	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 – 11:45 am	Gr. 7-12 class (OLLC) (HALL)
9:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
11:30 am	Mass

Prayers needed

James Christiano, Frances Diaby, Mary McGuiness, Pete Markovic, Antonio Matias, Marc Reyes, Andrea Santucci, Gregory Vistica.

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

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For nearly 170 years, Seton Hall Prep has been blessed to welcome young men from parish communities throughout northern New Jersey. Many of your parish families are part of our Prep family, and we are grateful for the important role our local parishes play in the lives of our students.

Under the direction of alumni Andy Martinez '11 and Michael Neglia '05, the performing arts at The Prep continue to flourish, providing students opportunities to discover their talents, build confidence, and develop lifelong skills.

This fall, November 12-14th, we invite parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes to join us for an evening of theatre as our talented students take the stage for our annual fall production – a comedy **"Arsenic and Old Lace".**

Scan above for tickets.

Marian Advent Reflections with Francesca LaRosa

Wednesday, November 18, 2026,
6:30 PM
St. Philomena Church
386 South Livingston Avenue Livingston, NJ

Greetings from St. Philomena Parish in Livingston!

We are delighted to welcome Catholic composer and recording artist **Francesca LaRosa** for a special evening of sacred music, prayer and reflection, and we would love to extend the invitation to our neighboring parish communities.

Free Will offering gratefully accepted at the door.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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ALL SOULS' DAY MASS - NOVEMBER 2nd- 6:30 pm



Neil Albore
Alexander Steven Bardzinski
Peter Byer
Howard Casey
James "Jim" Cunningham
Kathleen "Kathy" DiBiasi
Leonardo DiFrancescantonio
Donald William Distasio
Maureen Fahy
Phyllis Gaeta
Joan Marilyn Gethard Burke
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Mary Jane Hudson
Mary Kelly
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Nubia Schneider
Charles Glenn Shaw, Sr.
Peter Francis Smeraldo, Sr.
James Whelan
Carmen Zavaleta

Prayer for all Souls' Day

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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