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Sunday, November 8, 2026 – Thirty-second 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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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/A, NOVEMBER 8, 2026



Today's Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16 -- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 -- Matthew 25:1-13

Ad Multos Annos to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange.

On this Sunday we mark the anniversary of our parish, Our Lady of Lourdes. Each year, we celebrate this milestone, our 112th anniversary since its foundation on November 9, 1914.

During our Centennial anniversary celebration a few years ago, some parishioners fondly recalled the very first pastor, Monsignor Nicholas Marnell. He devoted 28 years of service to Our Lady of Lourdes, from 1914 to 1942. The esteem with which they spoke of him left a lasting impression. This strong testimony, combined with the accounts of other parishioners, reinforced my belief in his exemplary leadership.

At one point one person was elaborating, what a great pastor, what a great pastor… for a split second, I was wondering why is she talking about me? Never mind!

My present-day confidence and belief in Monsignor Marnell and our original parishioners are not only based on the testimony of witnesses who remember them as they were but also based on my observation of who you are as parishioners today in 2026. The welcome and hospitality you show – you our parish staff, volunteers, attendees in church, and your visits and prayer for others beyond the church building. We pray for many more years to come for Lourdes parish.

In this month of November, we pray especially for our loved ones who have died, locally and through our various journeys. We recall that while our bodies and physical strength will decline and pass away, you and I have an immortal soul which is individual and will be judged by God and last forever.

Pope Benedict XVI observed that sometimes we have an idealistic conception of death in that we see death as simply a release from physical problems: disease, disability, pain. But death is not simply a rescue from pain. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that LOVE is the core concept of our lives. To love God and love your neighbor is the greatest commandment. For example, sometimes, it may be both spiritually and physically painful to admit I am wrong. Or, to seek forgiveness. But this is the Christian "dying to oneself".

The parable in the Gospel today is told not to turn our attention to "weddings", but rather to "living and dying". Do we want Jesus the groom to come into our lives? His arrival signifies both death and life after death. Just as a wedding brings the bride and groom to say, "I Do" and to stay together until death do they part, we are also at mass coming to receive the body of Christ. Jesus is united to us as our spouse, and he desires that we would love him until the end. Love is not simply associated with the declaration and vow of love at a wedding. Rather, love is also associated with sacrifice. Love, even unto death. Jesus- as our bridegroom giving himself on the Cross- loves us unto death.

Right now, there is much trouble in the world, trouble which is based partly on politics and borders, but not entirely. Trouble also appears – with a capital T – when there is hatred, a refusal to understand, a rejection of personal dignity. A lack or deprivation of love.

We need God, we need the Church, we need each other. "For we know neither the day nor the hour…" when the bridegroom will appear.

With God's grace, and the prayers of all who have gone before us from this community and in our families, let us ensure we have our oil on hand as we wait for Jesus-- until he appears at your door or at my door.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

This column is a modified homily, which can be found on Father Jim Ferry's blog at https://ferryjam.blogspot.com/2023/11.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 7 NOVEMBER	
5:30 pm	ALL SOULS NOVENA
SUNDAY, 8 NOVEMBER	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
11:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	ALL SOULS NOVENA
THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	Robert Toloso
FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER	
8:30 am	Robert Toloso
SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER	
5:30 pm	Carmaleta Ann Harris & Simone Banks
SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
8:30am	Rosemarie Palmieri
11:30 am	Phyllis Gaeta

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	Nov 14 - Nov. 15, 2026	
Mass	**Lector**	**Eucharistic**
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Melinda Prather (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Mary Cassels
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Paul Hirsch
11:30 am Adult Choir	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (c)



Church Calendar

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
MON., 9 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.	
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Family Catechesis (HALL)
WED., 11 NOVEMBER	
6:30 – 10:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. (HALL)
THUR., 12 NOVEMBER	Deadline for Announcements for Nov. 22nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110
6-8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
SAT., 14 NOVEMBER	
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Gr. 7-12 Confessions (OLLC)
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass
SUN., 15 NOVEMBER	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 – 11:00 am	1st Penance class (CHAPEL)
9:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
11:30 am	Mass



Knights of Columbus
Spaghetti Dinner

November 21, 2026,
Our Lady of Lourdes
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm (See Flyer)

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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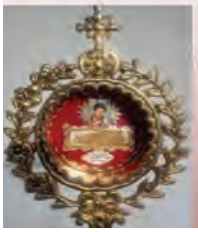
Greetings from St. Philomena Parish in Livingston!

We would love to extend the invitation to our neighboring parish communities to join us for a special evening of sacred music, prayer and reflection.

Free Will offering gratefully accepted at the door.

Heart to Heart with St. Carlo Acutis

"Heart to Heart with Saint Carlo Acutis" November 15-17, 2026 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Nutley. With great joy, we are invited to experience the visit of the Heart Relic (pericardium) of Saint Carlo Acutis from Assisi.



Register at olmc-nutley.org

St. Carlo Acutis, patron Saint of Internet, Technology and Youth, pray for us!

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2026

GOAL:	*$6,800*
COLLECTION*: 10/31/26 -11/01/26:	***$5,652***
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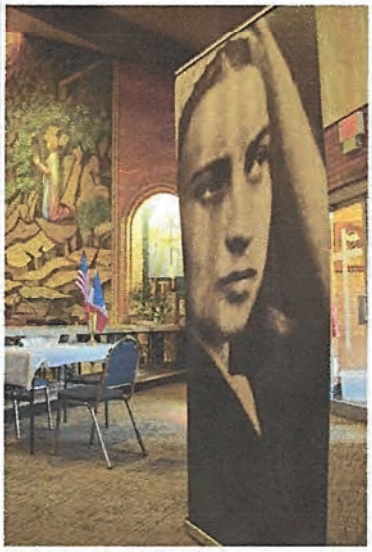
Membership Drive

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Men, are you looking to strengthen and grow your Catholic faith? To become a better Catholic man, husband and father? To work with other men to serve and support your parish and local community? Do you want to help those in need? The Knights of Columbus provides men with these opportunities to accomplish these desires through its various faith and social programs guided by the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Be a part of a brotherhood of Catholic Men who seek to make a difference. A membership drive will be held on the weekend of November 14th – 15th. Contact Edward Garrett at 973-420-2154 for more information.

RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE

OCTOBER 7, 2026








October 7, was a historic day of prayer, healing, strength and grace for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Our parish was founded in 1914, and our present church was opened in 1964. For the first time, the U.S. tour of the relics of Saint Bernadette stopped here at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Orange.

This remarkable day was possible because of the dedication of more than 80 volunteers from Our Lady of Lourdes and neighboring parishes. **THANK YOU:**

- West Orange Police Department
- Art and Environment Team and rectory staff
- Mass servers, ministers and ushers
- Don and Lisa Shauger and The Shauger Group
- Our Lady of Lourdes Choir and Music Ministry
- Representatives of the St. Bernadette USA tour

Thank you for demonstrating the faith and hospitality of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a beautiful and memorable way. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

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