



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, July 31, 2022 - Eighteenth 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

Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music

Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee

Mrs. Eileen Reilly, Trustee

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

Email: ollfamilyclass@aol.com

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110 ext. 123

Email: Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org

Religious Education

Administrative Assistant

Astrid Ramirez 973.325.0110 ext. 102

Email: astrid.ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org

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,

Our biblical readings this Sunday remind us that we are called to seek holiness and God's presence, but there are certainly obstacles that may block us on our path. While these challenges ask us to change our ways, they also remind us that we are seeking not an alternate – but an authentic – identity in Christ. St. Catherine of Siena wrote: "Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."

I share with you some of the lessons from the readings of this Sunday, in these key words from each reading: **LABORING, LISTENING, LAYERING, LEGACY.**

[LABORING]. 1st Reading. Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23. "What profit comes to a man from all his toil?" We extend ourselves mentally and manually, to labor and produce results. Labor is also the work of our mothers from the very beginning of our lives. The Canadian author Jean Little is known for the famous quote: "A man may work from sun to sun but a woman's work is never done." Labor is an extension of effort and time.

The lesson of Ecclesiastes is meant to console us and to remind us that some of things we chase after may not have a lasting value. For this reason, the author speaks of "vanity" which, in this case, does not refer to excessive concern with one's fitness or face, but rather a caution against seeking that which is "in vain" or empty. Working and earning a paycheck do not make you "vain", but sometimes our concern with material things or comforts is a form of vanity because it does not provide the fulfillment which only God and true love provide.

[LISTENING]. Psalm 95. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." All day long, we encounter sounds, pings, buzzes, vibrations, alarms and advertising. To whom are you and I listening?

The 95th psalm is prayed by all sisters and brothers and priests, in the in Liturgy of the Hours. While this Liturgy has an annual cycle of many psalms and readings, the 95th is only one that is prayed 365 days of the year. The prophet Elijah famously gave us the example of one who had been expecting God in the wind, earthquake, or fire but actually encounters him in a quiet voice. Elijah is called to focus and turn down the volume on other sounds in order to hear God's voice. Are we willing to turn down the volume in order to reflect and pray?

[LAYERING]. Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 "Seek what is above where Christ is." In order to be prepared for sudden changes in weather and temperature, it is helpful to bring along – or wear – different types of clothing that can be removed or put on as needed. This same technique of "layering" is one that we might practice in our pursuit of happiness. St. Paul cautions us that dishonesty or lying between persons can become a layer or obstacle to authentic relationships. St. Paul urges to us to take off the "layer" of our "old self".

[LEGACY]. Luke 12:13-21 "The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" In 1982, Charles Feeney (Elizabeth, NJ) created a charitable foundation by giving away all his stock in a company called "Duty Free Shipping Group" (DFS).

This amounted to a \$500 million gift and was just the start of his philanthropy. Not even his DFS business partners knew that he no longer personally owned any part of DFS. For the next 15 years, Charles Feeney donated money secretly leading to him being dubbed the "James Bond" of philanthropy, only emerging from anonymity in 1997 when he was forced to do so, to comply with civil law.

Currently, Charles Feeney lives in a 2-bedroom apartment in San Francisco and has given away nearly \$8 billion, with the goal of giving away a total of \$9 billion before his death.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - JULY 31, 2022



SATURDAY 30 JULY

5:30 pm Christina Irene Folger

SUNDAY 31 JULY

7:30 am The People of the Parish

9:30 am Marissa & Antonio
(Thanksgiving)

11:30 am Claire R. Burger

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

8:30 am Kathy Monte

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

8:30 am Carol Ford (Special Intention)

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

8:30 am Vivian Petrillo

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

8:30 am Doris Murtagh

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

8:30 am Pacifico Dumandan, Jr.

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

5:30 pm Margaret Christiano

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

7:30 am The People of the Parish

9:30 am Joseph Catalano (57th Ann.)

11:30 am Sean Cassels

SUNDAY 23 JULY

7:30 am Mass in Church

9:30 am Mass in Church

11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.**

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for July 31st bulletin—call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

7:30 am Mass in Church

9:00 am **Rosary in Church**

9:30 am Mass in Church

11:30 am Mass in Church



PRAYERS Needed For...

Michael DiPirro, Pat Schoeler,
Catherine Gascoyn Maureen Bacal-Zerna

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

AUG 6 - AUG 7, 2022				
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz		
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	MaryEllen Chandler		
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Joann Chiaramonte		
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Paul Hirsch		

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SEPTEMBER 2022

♦ **SEPTEMBER 11th ROSARY REMEMBRANCE**

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary to commemorate the 21st anniversary of 9/11.

Date: Saturday, 9/10

Time: 6:30 pm



OCTOBER 2022

October

Month of the Holy Rosary



♦ **OCT 1—OCT 31 at 6:30 pm** The Rosary is prayed in English and Spanish outdoors every evening (rain or shine) at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

♦ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 12:00 Noon** The Annual Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on the Front Steps of the church.



IT'S SOCK TOBER

♦ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31**
St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting New Socks for Men, Women, and Children during the month of October to be distributed to the needy through local charities.



Annual Appeal Update

(Goal Achieved for 2022)

Thank you for your support toward the Lourdes parish Annual Appeal Goal before the June 30 deadline which has resulted in both a 2022 reduction of \$15,000 in assessment expenses and an additional surplus refund.

As of July 18, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to **\$31,963.50**. Through your generosity, our surplus as of July 12 is **\$3,753.50**.

If you would like to make a gift, your gift will increase the surplus refund for Lourdes Parish. Call Father Jim Ferry with any questions.

Fr. Jim Ferry, Pastor



Thank you to all of our parishioners for your donations to our monthly food collection. The food is distributed through the town's local food pantry to the many people in our community in need and is greatly appreciated.

We accept all packaged and canned foods, however, we are unable to accept perishable items such as fresh or frozen meats and poultry, dairy, eggs, fruits or vegetables. Our collection bins are located at all entrances.

God Bless you for your continued support!

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection*: July 16—July 17* \$ 3461

Deficit: \$ 3339

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022-2023

Do you want your child to learn more about Jesus?

Is your child starting or – continuing - religious education? We would like to help you join our program for Sacrament of 1st Communion or Confirmation.

Registration forms are available via LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG website, in church, or at the rectory. If you need a form sent to you, please call or email:

Registration information: Astrid.Ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org
973.325.0110

Cost of registration is \$60 per child. Registration Deadline is August 19th.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA 2022-2023

¿Quiere que su hijo aprenda más acerca de Jesús?

¿Está su hijo comenzando o continuando la educación religiosa? Nos gustaría ayudarlo a unirse a nuestro programa para el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación.

Los formularios de registro están disponibles a través del sitio web LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG, en la iglesia, o en la rectoría. Si necesita que le enviemos un formulario, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a:

El costo de inscripción es de \$60 por niño. La fecha límite de inscripción es el 19 de Agosto.

Información de registro: Astrid.Ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org
973.325.0110

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6): *Barbara Camp* OLLFAMILYCLASS@AOL.COM

**Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12): *Paul Hirsh*
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