



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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**Sunday, October 2, 2022 - Twenty-seventh 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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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

### **Religious Education**

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

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### **Religious Education**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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,**

Those in front knew what to do. Years ago, a friend shared a driving episode from a cold and windy day. Her car and other cars were in the “front row” at the crosswalk at a red light on Freeway Road (the service road parallel to I-280) in Orange. This road is a high-speed passageway to the interstate.

Just before the light changed from red to green, the wind blew a hat along the ground into the crosswalk. Then, the light changed to green. Seeing the hat, the “front row” drivers maintained their position. They knew what to do and expected a person chasing the hat might emerge. Then, someone emerged, retrieved the hat and returned to the sidewalk. Meanwhile, the drivers behind the “front row” were honking their horns continuously. They had not seen the hat and did not know what to do. Fortunately, the “front row” had set an example.

It can be challenging to be a witness to the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, to maintain composure, consistency. We turn to God to know what to do. Ours is not simply a legal battle for the right to life of the unborn or the terminally ill. We also want to be witnesses to the developing life of a child starting at conception.

This month of October, we also hold our annual baby shower in which we accept your gifts of **NEW** items for babies. Please see flier and information in the bulletin. If you have questions, call 973.325.0110.

### **Respect Life Message – 2022**

**[1. Beginnings of Life]** When did your life begin? Your usual reply to this question would be your date of birth. Another way to answer this question is to think of moments when your life has been renewed, re-started, re-booted in some way. Perhaps, your life, when you met your future

spouse. Your life began when you discovered what you were good at in school. Your life began when someone offered you forgiveness for a fault. Your life began when you were able – with God’s help – to forgive someone else who trespassed against you.

### **[2. Beginnings and Cooperation with God]**

When did your life begin? Sometimes, our life begins when we decide to start over, or to make a significant change. People ask me this question, hey, Padre, hey Father, when did you know you wanted to be a priest? In other words, when did your life begin? When did it start?

In my case, I came to realize – after I had completed my college education and after I was working as a grown-up adult for several years that I felt called to study for the priesthood.

And I'm grateful for the many lessons while working in business environments because I draw on this knowledge in my role as a priest and administrator/pastor.

However, I also recognized that moving out of the business environment and toward the priesthood would be a new life, a new path. This was both freeing and frightening.

Of course, in the official sacramental and church-sense, my life as a priest began when I was ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

There is a verse in the 110th Psalm that applies to God's call to me: -- “Thou art a priest forever – *Tu es sacerdos in aeternum.*” “Forever” does not mean that it was destined to happen even if I objected. In other words, I could have avoided this commitment, if I had not cooperated. In fact, our life begins when we truly cooperate with God’s grace.

When did my life begin ?

My life as a priest began before the seminary, before college, before there were academics or daily Mass. It began in the “seminary and church” of my home and

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**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - OCTOBER 2, 2022**



**SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER**  
5:30 pm Mildred Hooper

**SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER**  
7:30 am The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society  
11:30 am Debbie Casiero

**MONDAY 3 OCTOBER**  
8:30 am Ronald Muskin

**TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER**  
8:30 am Teresita Ortanel

**WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER**  
8:30 am Frank Miller

**THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER**  
8:30 am Greg Boyle

**FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER**  
8:30 am Eleanor English

**SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**  
5:30 pm John Kunz

**SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER**  
7:30 am The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Catherine Parisi  
11:30 am Rose Konvalinka



This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Joseph & Kathy Petrillo is in memory of **LOUIS PAPALE**



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Joseph & Kathy Petrillo is in memory of **CONCETTA D'ARIES**



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Joseph & Kathy Petrillo is in memory of **JOSEPH PETRILLO**

**SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER**



7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:00 am Recitation of Rosary  
9:30 am RAS Annual Communion Mass  
11:30 am Mass in Church  
6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

**MONDAY 3 OCTOBER** **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.**  
8:30 am

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass

5:00—7:30 pm Fam Cat. Grades 1-5 (C Hall)  
6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

**THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER**

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Oct. 16th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

**FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER** **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**



Soup Kitchen Set-Up (Connor Hall)  
5:30—7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

**SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**

11:00 am—1:30 pm Soup Kitchen—St. Vincent DePaul @ Holy Trinity

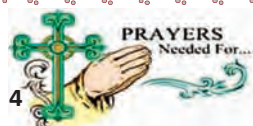
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass in Church  
6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

**SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER**

7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30—11:00 am 1st Penance Class (Chapel)  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church  
6:30 pm Rosary at Grotto nightly

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE OCT 8 - OCT 9, 2022**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm Choir	Pat Sigalas	Eileen Reilly		
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Howard Casey		
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Bill Talbot		
11:30 am Children's Choir	Lynda Clement	Wendy Sheyka		



**Brendan Byrne**  
**Michael DiPirro**  
**Eva Donnelly**  
**Catherine Gascoyn**  
**John Mooney**  
**Jacob Rivera**  
**Jaxson Rivera**  
**Pat Schoeler**  
**George Snell**  
**Laura Splendoria**  
**Harry Vendemia**  
**Maureen Bacal-Zerna**

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



## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 2, 2022

(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

hometown with my parents and grandparents and siblings through whom I also learned about love, charity, hope, faith and taking out the garbage and all that stuff. I am still learning about these things from them. I am also learning about these things from you, my parish family. When did my life begin?

**[3. Sanctity of Life]** When does life begin? This debate has been more public in recent weeks due to the leak – and now final decision of the U.S. Supreme Court -- about the legality of abortion.

And it does come down to a question about when does life begin.

This may not be a question you can answer scientifically or satisfactorily for those who may argue for the legality of permissive laws on abortion. However, I'm inviting you as a Catholic to remember that God is holding you in existence at every moment. You came into this world because you were loved. Are there children who come into this world in horrific violent conditions? Yes. They may even be born to parents who do not wish to raise them or cannot raise them or cannot love them as they should. Nevertheless, it is by an act of God's love that they exist. It is by an act of God's love that you exist, and I exist. And we are called to advocate to care about these lives, to pray for them and to remember that every unborn child, every mother, is important.

They are both important.

When did your life begin?

Your life began in a profound way when you recognized that Jesus is your savior, your shepherd, your good shepherd.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

### St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting Christine's Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, 10/08/2022** 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 **10/08/2022** 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.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 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. (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS)
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **OCTOBER** Our Baby Shower will be held at all weekend Masses. SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS



### 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 September 19, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to \$34,268.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of September 19 is \$6,058.50.

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

### PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection\*: Sep 17-Sep 18\* \$ 4597

Deficit: \$ 2203

\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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# All Weekend Masses in October

At all weekend Masses in October we will be collecting the following items:

- Newborn clothes (gender neutral)
- Diapers (Size 3, 4 or 5)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Body Wash
- Baby Body Lotion
- Gift Cards for Shop Rite or Walmart, and
- Monetary donations. (*Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes*)



*These items will be distributed to **SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS** which offers a place where a young mother can come to have her baby and stay for up to a year or more with individual care, nurturing and educational support.*







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