



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 20, 2022 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



## **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

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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**

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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,

**The Force of Gravity (Part 1 of 3)**  
**“When I am lifted up from the earth,**  
**I will draw everyone to myself.” (John**  
**12:32)**

In this Sunday’s Gospel and Feast of Jesus Christ the King, the good thief on the cross was drawn and attracted to Christ, asking, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42)

In the 2013 fictional movie, *Gravity*, there is a crisis for two NASA astronauts, Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock) and Matt Kowalski (George Clooney), which leads to an important question about how we are to be saved and how we are to pray.

Due to an explosion of shiny and sharp metal, thousands of miles from earth, the two are the sole survivors. Later, Ryan is further isolated and speaking into the radio, but it’s not clear that she is audible to anyone. *Houston, we have a problem.* Ryan said to a person whom she happens to reach on a radio near Greenland:

“I’m going to die... I mean, we’re all going to die. Everyone knows that. But I’m going to die today... But the thing is... I’m still scared... No one will mourn me. No one will pray for my soul. Will you mourn me [she says to the man in Greenland/Arctic Circle]? Is it too late to say a prayer? I’d say one for myself, but I have never prayed in my life... no one ever taught me how...”

Is it too late to say a prayer?

“I do not know how to pray” ...we ask others to pray for us.

Our church – our parish was founded in 1914 – not only for those who do know how to pray and those who do not know how to pray ... but also for those who do not come here – or may not yet come here – so that we can pray for them ...and, if possible, also reach out and teach them how to pray.

St. Paul reminds us that we are Temples of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not dwell simply in a house of brick and mortar

and redwood beams and marble, but also in you and me as a Temple. The month of November is a time to pray for those who do not know how to pray or those who know how to pray.

We might say, however, that the statement “I do not know how to pray” is itself a prayer – these were words of the disciples to Jesus saying, “Lord teach us to pray.”

Our prayers have gravity and our prayers have gravity when they focus on the immediate needs of the day.

Sometimes we have a tendency – I have a tendency to do this – to pray about all the things that have not happened yet.

You know the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt about the coming war/World War II – the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. And, sometimes the only thing we pray about is not what we fear – concretely – but the emotion of fear itself.

C.S. Lewis, a British author known for both fictional (e.g., *The Chronicles of Narnia*) and spiritual writings (e.g., *Mere Christianity*) observed this about efficacy and prayer:

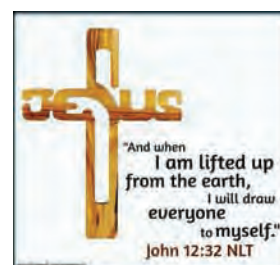
“I suppose the solution lies in pointing out that the efficacy of prayer is, at any rate no more of a problem than the efficacy of all human acts. i.e. if you say “It is useless to pray because Providence already knows what is best and will certainly do it”, then why is it not equally useless (and for the same reason) to try to alter the course of events in any way whatever — to ask for the salt or book your seat in a train?” (C.S. Lewis, *Collected Letters*, February 21, 1932, To his brother)

Our prayers have gravity and effectiveness when they “ground us” and allow us to focus on the gravity pull into today’s needs, our daily bread, today’s bread and how God’s will might be done today in our lives.

This is the gravity-pull of prayer. On this feast of Jesus Christ the King, we recall that our Lord draws us to himself for our salvation.

In both symbol and action, the character of Ryan Stone is reaching out beyond herself, beyond her current condition. I am touching on these as the gravity-pull of prayer (November 24), the gravity-pull of persistence (December 1), and the gravity-pull of a partnership (December 8).

In Christ’s Peace,  
 Father Jim Ferry





**SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

5:30 pm Gabriella Miller

**SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER**

7:30 am The People of the Parish

9:30 am Joseph Catalano

11:30 am Anna Frazzano (4th Ann.)

**MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

8:30 am Ruth Caste

**TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

8:30 am Eugenie Ferrus

**WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

8:30 am Susan Angela McCue

**THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

8:30 am Susan Angela McCue

**FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER**

8:30 am Lawson Nzegwu  
(Special Intention)

**SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

5:30 pm Julie Nzegwu  
(Special Intention)

**SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

7:30 am The People of the Parish

9:30 am Debra Casiero

11:30 am Carmella Cocuzza

**SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER**

7:30 am Mass in Church

9:30 am-11:30 am Rel. Ed. MHS—Mass & (Hall)

9:30 am Mass in Church

11:30 am Mass in Church



**MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

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 24 NOVEMBER**

10:00 am Deadline for News &  
Announcements for Dec 4th  
bulletin— call the Rectory at  
973-325-0110.



8:30 am **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass in Church

**SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 am Mass in Church

9:30 am Mass in Church

11:30 am Mass in Church



This week's Altar Candles, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**.



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLOV & ROSE KONVALINKA**



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka is in memory of **BESSY HORKY**.



**PRAYERS Needed For...**

Brendan Byrne	Frank Refinski
Rita DiBiasi	Jacob Rivera
Michael DiPirro	Jaxson Rivera
Eva Donnelly	Pat Schoeler
Doris Handschuh	Laura Splendoria
Amy Lejano	Harry Vendemia
Mary McGuinness	Maureen Bacal-Zerna
John Mooney	

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		NOV 26 - NOV 27, 2022		
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz		
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe		
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Jo Anne Chiamonte		
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Virginia Dimapilis		



### St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting Christine's Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, 12/03/2022** 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 **12/03/2022** 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.



To all who so graciously donated to our "Baby Shower". **Several Sources Shelter** in Ramsey, NJ is extremely grateful for your monetary donations totaling \$800.00, plus \$575.00 in Gift Cards and the beautiful assortment of baby gifts. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated.

God Bless.



Holiday gift wrap and cards are now available in the Peace & Good Corner. There is also a great selection of religious items for Christmas gift giving.

*Please be sure to stop in.*



We collected 660 pairs of socks for the SOCK-TOBER collection. Socks are a basic necessity and these will be greatly appreciated by the many needy people that will receive them.

*Many thanks for your generous donations.*



The West Orange Knights of Columbus, Council 5519, would like to thank the parishioners who supported our Pancake Breakfast. We raised \$510.00 which we donated to the "Several Sources Foundation." All our fund raisers go to local charities.

*Thank you again!*



### 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 November 7, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to \$34,998.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of November 7 is \$6,788.50.

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.

### PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: November 5-6*	\$ 4673
Deficit:	\$ 2127
* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit	



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## Thanksgiving Day / Advent / Holy Day Mass

**Thanksgiving Day.** Thursday November 24, 8:30 am Mass

*Your gifts of food for the poor are gratefully accepted at Mass.*

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**Immaculate Conception.** Thursday December 8. *Holy Day of Obligation*

Morning Mass at 7 am, 8:30 am

Evening Mass at 7 pm

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🎵 **Advent / Christmas Choir Festival of Song.** 🎵 Saturday Dec. 10

Concert is immediately after Saturday 5:30 pm Mass

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## Christmas & New Year's Mass

**Christmas Eve.** 4 pm, 5:30 pm, 10 pm (Dec. 24)

*Holy Day of Obligation*

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**Christmas Day.** 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am (Dec. 25)

*Holy Day of Obligation*

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**New Year's Eve.** 5:30 pm. (Dec. 31)

*Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation*

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**New Year's Day.** 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am (Jan. 1)

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation*

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🎵 **Children's Epiphany Pageant.** 🎵 Sunday January 8

Pageant is immediately after Sunday 11:30 am Mass

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