



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052

RECTORY/Parish Office 973.325.0110

[LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG)



Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/lourdeswestorange](http://www.facebook.com/lourdeswestorange)

**Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent**



## **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

RECTORY/Parish Office: 973.325.0110

Fax: 973.325.9105

Email: [ollwonj@verizon.net](mailto:ollwonj@verizon.net)

Website: [lourdeswestorange.org](http://lourdeswestorange.org)

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](mailto:ollfamilyclass@aol.com)

### **Religious Education**

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

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110 ext. 123

Email: [Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org)

### **Religious Education**

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Astrid Ramirez 973.325.0110 ext. 102

Email: [astrid.ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto: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 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 & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes

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

In this Sunday’s Gospel of Advent, we are re-introduced to John the Baptist, the last of the prophets who proclaims the Messiah. John is preparing the way of the Lord. In this preparation is his partnership with our Lord. He is also drawing people to the Lord.

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.*

In this column, I would like to touch on the gravity-pull of the partnership of Ryan and Matt in the movie. Ryan (Sandra Bullock) and Matt (George Clooney) are not married to each other. They are astronauts working together, but I suggest there is something analogous about how we depend on each other, for survival.

The reason Ryan is floating in the space capsule alone and in trouble is

because there was a violent explosion of shiny and sharp metal of a satellite. Stone and Kowalski are the only survivors. Their ability to survive as duo – and reach their destiny – is also defined by their ability to carry out individual responsibility.

In this case, Matt gave up his connection, his tie, and lets go of Ryan’s hand, so that she might live. Matt drifts off into space. “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for a friend.” (John 15:13).

But, then – it seems it’s all going to be OK because a few scenes later on the way to an apparently very Hollywood ending, Matt is knocking at the window and explaining how to get this “car” started. It’s a conversation of hope and renewal. But it was all a dream. But, what is a dream?

I have spoken to so many of you who have felt the presence of a deceased loved one and their guidance is with you. These are examples of hope that our loved ones do live on...and that we can live on.

It requires us also to live in the immediate concerns of the day, of starting the car, of making lunch, of cleaning the house, mowing the lawn, doing laundry, then doing more laundry, of going to work, doing homework, or of escaping back to earth. Ryan Stone is called to this through a symbol of the gravity of prayer, of partnership, and of persistence, and the hope of a life beyond death.

It is Good News that there is a resurrection of the Body, not only of mine, but of yours, and all those we have lost. “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” (John 12:32)

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

In Christ’s Peace,  
 Father Jim Ferry

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - DECEMBER 4, 2022**



**SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER**  
5:30 pm Gene & Kathleen Mooney

**SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER**  
7:30 am The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Garrett Gurrieri and John D. Pflug III  
11:30 am Eileen Ryan

**MONDAY 5 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Thanksgiving Mass

**TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Faith Nzegwu (Special Intention)

**WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Deceased Member of the English & Leslie Families

**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**  
7:00 am For the People of the Parish  
8:30 am For the People of the Parish  
7:00 pm Eileen Sweeney

**FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Anthony Strollo

**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER**  
5:30 pm Joanne Insauto

**SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER**  
7:30 am The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families  
11:30 am Marcy Sugar

**SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:00 am Recitation of Rosary  
9:30 - 11:30 am Rel. Ed. MHS—Mass & (Hall)  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church



**MONDAY 5 DECEMBER**  
8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church  
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass  
5:00-7:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)

**TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER**  
11:00 am—2:00 pm RAS meeting and Christmas Luncheon

**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Dec 18th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.



7:00 am Mass in Church  
8:30 am Mass in Church  
7:00 pm Mass in Church

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER**  
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass in Church



6:30 pm Concert in Church

**SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 - 11:30 am 1st Penance Class (Chapel)  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy & Michael Lanfrank is in memory of **STELLA V. KELLER**.



<b>Brendan Byrne</b>	<b>John Mooney</b>
<b>Rita DiBiasi</b>	<b>Frank Refinski</b>
<b>Michael DiPirro</b>	<b>Jacob Rivera</b>
<b>Eva Donnelly</b>	<b>Jaxson Rivera</b>
<b>Doris Handschuh</b>	<b>Pat Schoeler</b>
<b>Amy Lejano</b>	<b>Laura Splendoria</b>
<b>Cecile Leelin</b>	<b>Harry Vendemia</b>
<b>Kevin McCaffrey</b>	<b>Maureen Bacal-Zerna</b>
<b>Mary McGuinness</b>	

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



**DEC 10 - DEC 11, 2022**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8 Lectors Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz	7:00 am Bless Bernardo	7:00 am Howard Casey
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	MaryEllen Chandler	8:30 am Joe Petrillo	8:30 am Carmelita Dizon
9:30 am Choir	JoAnn Melhorn	Annette Chiaramonte	7:00 pm Pat Sigalas	7:00 pm Myrna Regino
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis		



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 4, 2022



The Rosary Altar Society's December meeting and Christmas Luncheon will be held on:

**Tuesday, December 6, at 11:00 am  
in Connor Hall.**

**All Rosarians:** don't forget to bring a gift for an elderly man or women for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WEST ORANGE COUNCIL #5519**



**Sunday, 18th of DECEMBER 2022**

**8:30 am - 11:30 am**

**CONNOR HALL**

**\$10 DONATION - ADULTS AND CHILDREN 13 & OVER**

**\$5 CHILDREN 6-12**

**(No charge for any child 5 & under)**

**Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee  
will be served.**

**Please make plans for you and your family to attend.  
All proceeds will go towards supporting local charities  
in the West Orange area.**



**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 21, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to \$35,613.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of November 21 is \$7,403.50.

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 19-20\* \$ 4165**

**Deficit: \$ 2635**

**\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit**



*For Your Stewardship of  
Time, Talent and Treasure.*



## **Advent / Holy Day Mass**

**Immaculate Conception.** Thursday December 8. *Holy Day of Obligation*  
Morning Mass at 7 am, 8:30 am  
Evening Mass at 7 pm

---

♪ **Advent / Christmas Choir Festival of Song.** ♪ Saturday Dec. 10  
Concert is immediately after Saturday 5:30 pm Mass

---

## **Christmas & New Year's Mass**

**Christmas Eve.** 4 pm, 5:30 pm, 10 pm (Dec. 24)  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

---

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

---

**New Year's Eve.** 5:30 pm. (Dec. 31)  
*Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation*

---

**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*

---

♪ **Children's Epiphany Pageant.** ♪ Sunday January 8  
Pageant is immediately after Sunday 11:30 am Mass

---

Our Lady of Lourdes, 1 Eagle Rock West Orange, NJ 07052  
LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG Tel. 973.325.0110







**ASPCA**  
ASPCA.ORG  
WE ARE THEIR VOICE.<sup>®</sup>

[www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)



**Home**  
FOOT CARE SERVICES  
Podiatry Housecalls  
Medicare Accepted  
908-242-3900  
[www.homefootcareservices.com](http://www.homefootcareservices.com)

**Essex Green** 

The Complete Service Center  
For Foreign & Domestic Cars

 (973) 325-9808

402 PROSPECT AVE., W. ORANGE



**E & M O'HARA**  
INC.  
Electrical Contractors

Free Estimates  
973-325-3626  
[www.OharaElectric.com](http://www.OharaElectric.com)

 Best Electrician  
11-Time Winner  
(Lic# 16744)  
Offering quality  
service for over  
55 years.

Help your community,  
the environment,  
& yourself



Patronize your  
local businesses

**NEED A LAWYER?  
INJURED ON THE JOB?**

**MARC J. BRENNER ESQ.**



Personal Injury  
Workers' Compensation  
Social Security Disability

 CERTIFIED BY THE SUPREME COURT  
OF NEW JERSEY AS A  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ATTORNEY

★ CALL FOR A FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION ★

**(973) 326-8902**  
222 RIDGEDALE AVENUE • CEDAR KNOLLS  
315 BROAD STREET • BLOOMFIELD



**KNOW HOW!**



JOIN A  
RED CROSS  
FIRST AID  
CLASS

 American  
Red Cross

**Support Our  
ADVERTISERS**  
They Support  
Our Parish

**VISION WORLD**

West Orange Shopping Plaza  
235 Prospect Ave., W. Orange  
Next To K-mart

MON., TUES. & THURS. 10:00-7:30  
WED. & FRI. 10:00-5:30  
SAT. 10:00-4:00

Prescriptions  
Filled **973-736-0553**

**ADVERTISE**  
YOUR BUSINESS IN THIS SPACE

Join the thousands of professionals and businesses  
in our network and begin growing sales, driving  
new client visits and building client retention  
and name recognition.

**800-883-4343**





**Act now to  
help end hunger.**

In the United States, one in  
nine people face hunger.

[feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org) 

**WET BASEMENT?**

**Quality 1st Basement  
Systems**

Contact us for a FREE ESTIMATE!

**866-588-8317**  
[BasementRepairNJ.com](http://BasementRepairNJ.com)

**ALL THINGS BASEMENTY!**

- WATERPROOFING & FINISHING
- FOUNDATION PROBLEMS
- HUMIDITY & MOLD CONTROL
- NASTY CRAWL SPACES

NY Lic # 1274423 • NJHIC# 13VH01833300

**FAMILY OWNED** *Dangler Funeral Home of West Orange* **FAMILY OPERATED**

**973-325-1212**  
[www.danglerfuneralhome.com](http://www.danglerfuneralhome.com)  
~ Spacious Parking ~

**DARREN T. DANGLER**  
MANAGER - N.J. Lic. No. 4004

**KIP M. DANGLER**  
DIRECTOR - N.J. Lic. No. 3992

Serving All Faiths  
Professional, Personal Service

**340 MAIN STREET • WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052**

Pre-Arrangements,  
Traditional Services & Cremations