



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, January 22, 2023 - Third 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

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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

Maggie Macias 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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.*



Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes

In the 1998 movie, *The Truman Show*, we observe the title character portrayed by Jim Carrey as the star of a drama within a drama. Carrey plays Truman Burbank for whom life on reality television began without his consent. Truman's life has been broadcast for decades for the world to see. The cameras pointed at him have been, however, so well concealed that he thinks the set is really his hometown and his home. Meanwhile, both the neighbors and his wife are dramatic actors on the studio's payroll.

Without inquiry or curiosity, Truman seems to adore his surroundings. He is conditioned to fear all bodies of water, lest he try to cross the bridge or swim or sail beyond this fictional circumference. The director exerts a hold on Truman through the cast, the props and the simulation of a natural climate. At one point, greater illumination is required on the set to which the director brings a power source greater than any known by any Hollywood director, saying, "Cue the sun." Truman's life is controlled by the geometry and the astronomy of others.

Is Truman's life, however, the intellectual property of the director or the studio? On the one hand, we see the audience cheer for his escape from the set. But, would they be willing to assist him if he were off camera? They only know how to relate to him as a character and not as a person. The same is true for his co-stars on set. To many times, Truman is misunderstood or forgotten.

In a way, Truman is waiting not simply for a rescue or a better contract. He is waiting to be born. He needs help in doing so.

In the movement - which is Catholic, Christian and humanitarian - to protect life at all stages, we are aware that life is not equivalent to property, intellectual or otherwise.

In this regard, the pro-life movement is truly social in nature with millions of us also praying, cheering, and welcoming every child who might otherwise be misunderstood or forgotten.

In a 2014 sermon, Boston Archbishop Seán O'Malley wrote and spoke:

"When the value of life is compromised or diminished, all life is at risk. When we give the State the power to determine which human beings are worthy of living and which should be eliminated, what we are doing is opening a Pandora's Box that unleashes every kind of injustice and violation of human dignity. Life is precious. The transmission of life, sexuality, and marriage, which is the sanctuary of life, are all sacred. The Church's consistent life ethic contrasts with the incoherent proclamation of human rights that fails to protect life when it is most vulnerable." (Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, Opening Mass, 2014 National Prayer Vigil for Life)

With the existence of legal abortion in New Jersey and the United States, we have become accustomed to an environment of laws, rights and privileges surrounding abortion. While pro-choice proponents may try to "cue the sun" in this environment of laws and rights, we trust that we have an even greater light in our faith and belief in the sanctity and value of life at all stages, as Pope Francis wrote in *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*:

"Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. [...] Frequently, attempts are made to ridicule the Church's efforts to defend the unborn. Attempts are made to present the Church's teaching as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right."

While the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision was overturned, we continue to pray for lawmakers and government leaders to pass laws that protect the sanctity of life at all stages.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JANUARY 22, 2023



SATURDAY 21 JANUARY
5:30 pm Nancy Lynch

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Neal Healy
11:30 am Sister Mary Louise Oddi

MONDAY 23 JANUARY
8:30 am Luigi Russo

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY
8:30 am Wing Wan Lee

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY
8:30 am Bernardo Family
(Thanksgiving Mass)

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY
8:30 am William Aponte

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY
8:30 am Vilma Rendor (6th Ann.)

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY
5:30 pm Carol Ann Sanchez

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Lucie Walker
11:30 am Ralph Spero

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 - 11:30 am 1ST Penance Class
(Chapel)
11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY 23 JANUARY
8:30 am Daily Mass will be held
Monday thru Friday of
each week in church
Miraculous Medal Novena
following 8:30 am Mass

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY
6:30—7:30 am Fam Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY
(Chapel)

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY
10:00 am Deadline for News &
Announcements for Feb 5th
bulletin— call the Rectory at
973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY
4—5:15 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
9:30—11:30 am 1ST Penance Class
(Chapel)
11:30 am Mass in Church



****Our Prayer List is now
accepting names.**

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

++ WEEKEND ++ MINISTRY SCHEDULE		JAN 28 - JAN 29, 2023	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm Choir	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Annette Chiaromonte	
11:30 am	Julie Okeke	Paul Hirsch	

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This year and every year, we pray that the mothers and fathers in crisis situations will also know that regardless of what has happened in the past, God's mercy is available to them. We also pray that we can all support them and love them in their struggles and joys.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



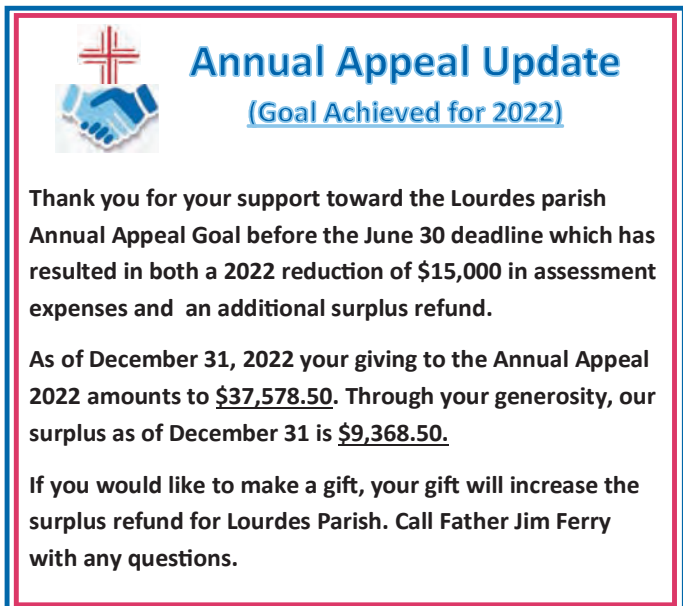
Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RAFFLE WINNERS

January 7, 2023

\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:
JOANNE FITZGERALD

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MELLEN DANGLER

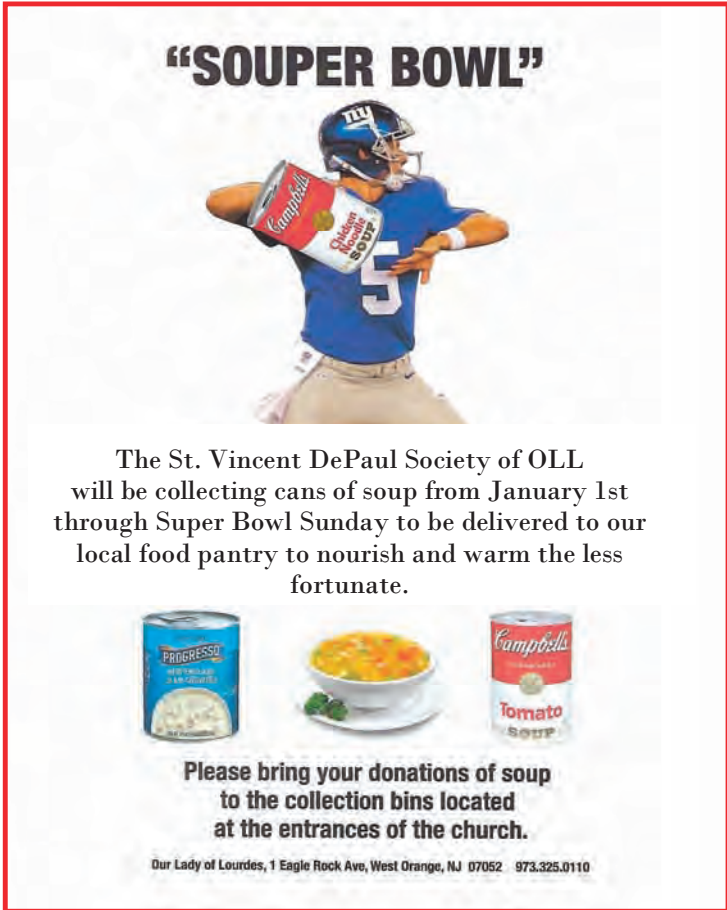


Annual Appeal Update
(Goal Achieved for 2022)


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 December 31, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to \$37,578.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of December 31 is \$9,368.50.


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.



“SOUPER BOWL”



The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting cans of soup from January 1st through Super Bowl Sunday to be delivered to our local food pantry to nourish and warm the less fortunate.



Please bring your donations of soup to the collection bins located at the entrances of the church.

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Christmas Collection:*	\$19,440.36
Christmas Flowers:*	\$ 2,338.24
New Year's Collection	\$ 1,703.00

**Includes Online Giving Deposits*

We appreciate your support and generosity.

Thank You



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Jan 7—8*	\$ 5215
Deficit:	\$ 1585

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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Tricky Tray

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:00 am - 4:00 pm: Guest Walk-Through & Basket Selection

5:00 pm: Drawings Begin

Prize Pick-up Sunday, April 16 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**TICKETS: Pre-Event Ticket Bundle Sales
-- Coming Soon --**

Call for Details: 973-980-4209

Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society



Tricky Tray

The Rosary Altar Society will again hold a socially distant Tricky Tray on: **Saturday, April 15, 2023**

In Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Sunday, March 26th**.

Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the rectory on weekdays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. For pick up contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or email at trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org.

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