



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, November 19, 2023 - Thirty-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

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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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#### **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 & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

The building of our church - Our Lady of Lourdes - is a beautiful testimony to the faith of our parishioners, starting in 1914 and leading up to the opening of our church for worship in 1964. (Before 1964, Mass on Sundays and weekdays was held within our school building).

The date of "November 9, 1914" is our parish's founding anniversary. The same day is also the Catholic world-wide feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome (November 9). It marks the dedication of this cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. I would like to discuss the meaning of "basilica" in architecture and also connect this to our understanding of the church as both a physical and spiritual presence.

### [1. The Basilica and History]

The years 300 to 700 are called "late antiquity" because they mark the end of the ancient world which included the height of Greek political power and the Roman Empire. During this time frame, church buildings were typically constructed either as a shrine over a Christian martyr's tomb or with basilica's architectural plan.

Originally, "basilica" did not equate to religious practice but rather to governmental function and a Roman Empire building for court proceedings and other civil matters. A basilica had a long colonnade and could accommodate many people. Today, "basilica" is a term of honor given to Catholic and Orthodox churches of worship that are significant for their structural or artistic magnificence or their historic nature. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Newark) was named a basilica by Pope John Paul II. It is now the "Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart."

By the way, not all basilicas are cathedrals. The church at Notre Dame University (Indiana) on campus is not a cathedral, but this church is a basilica.

The Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome carries profound historical importance as it is situated on land granted to the Christian community in the fourth century by Emperor Constantine. This event marked a significant turning point when Christianity shifted from being an illicit faith to becoming the official religion of the Roman Empire. While St. John Lateran might not have been the very first place of Christian worship in Rome, it is recognized as the city's inaugural major place of worship. (The name "Lateran" is not a surname for St. John but rather the family by whom the property of the church was originally owned. The patron of the church is St. John the Evangelist).

It's noteworthy that the Basilica of St. John Lateran (324) predates St. Peter's Basilica, the construction of which spanned two centuries: 1506 to 1626. St. Peter's Basilica actually fulfills both criteria of late antiquity churches in that it was built over a martyr's tomb (St. Peter) and it follows the plan of a Roman basilica. St. John Lateran is different.

As the Catholic Encyclopedia reports: "[St. John Lateran] has no saint buried beneath it, since it was not, as were almost all the other great churches of Rome, erected over the tomb of a martyr. It stands alone among all the altars of the Catholic world in being of wood and not of stone, and enclosing no relics of any kind. The reason for this peculiarity is that it is itself a relic of a most interesting kind, being the actual wooden altar upon which St. Peter is believed to have celebrated Mass during his residence in Rome"

### [2. The Church as Physical and Spiritual]

In a symbolic sense, St. John Lateran is "Catholic worship version 1.0," with St. Peter's Basilica representing "Catholic worship 2.0." However, this concept extends further to "Church version 3.0," designed to be all-encompassing and universal, embracing the entirety of the global Church. At Our Lady of Lourdes, we are Catholic worship version 3.0 not only in our prayers at One Eagle Rock Avenue but also at home, in our rooms, at table, at work, and at school.

In the context of Thanksgiving, it's akin to evolving from the earliest Thanksgiving in Plymouth to celebrations to the modern-day tradition of gratitude, where the spirit of thankfulness transcends time and place.

In the Gospel, Jesus went with his disciples to this Second Temple, discussing its construction. This "Temple 2.0" succeeded the original Temple built by Solomon and underwent further enhancements during the Roman Empire. However, Temple 2.0 met its end around 70 AD during a Roman invasion, leading to the absence of a physical temple in Jerusalem with animal sacrifices. Instead, "Temple 3.0" represents a spiritual concept symbolized by the Church, where Jesus' Body and Blood are the new Passover and sacrifice.

The cleansing of the temple, as discussed by Jesus, extends beyond mere physical cleaning or rearranging. While maintaining the Church's external appearance remains important, internal purification is equally vital. Each of us is regarded as a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it is our daily invitation to Jesus into our lives that helps us draw nearer to Him.

We are at Lourdes, having built also upon the sacrifices of our fathers and mothers and predecessors in faith. We give thanks for what they have left us. The practice of our faith today also calls us not simply to solve every problem we encounter but also to leave a legacy for the children and young people and our brothers and sisters to follow.

This also is a "construction project" which calls us not only to contribute to our parish as an institution. I am grateful for the time, money, and prayers you offer. Thank you! I am inspired by your perseverance which reminds me to remember that Lourdes is on God's property and in His hands. I pray that we can continue to work together in faith hope, and love as we anticipate a new year in Advent.

The internal purification of the Temple is as fundamental to our faith as the external expressions of it.

Blessed Thanksgiving to you!

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



CHURCH  
CALENDAR



SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

5:30 pm Carmaleta Harris & Simone Banks

SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am William Knight  
11:30 am Deceased Members of the Abad &

MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Abdon Domingo

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Catherine Gascoyne

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Eleanor English

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER **THANKSGIVING DAY**

8:30 am People of the Parish

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Lawson Nzegwu (Special Intention)

SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

5:30 pm Gabrilla Miller

SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER **CHRIST THE KING**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Catherine Gascoyne  
11:30 am Julie Okeke (Special Intention)

SUNDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
9:30 - 11:30 am Mass, Mtg—Grades 7-12 (OLLC, Hall)  
9:30—11:30 am Mass, Mtg—1ST Penance (OLLC, Chapel)  
10:30 am Children’s Choir (OLLC)  
11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 20 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 on Monday.  
6:45—7:15 pm “2024” Confirmation Parent Meeting (OLLC)  
7:30—8:00 pm “2025” Confirmation Parent Meeting (OLLC)

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER



10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Dec 3rd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-011.

8:30 am **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY

SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER **CHRIST THE KING**



7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Children’s Choir (OLLC)  
11:30 am Mass



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

**WEEKEND** NOV 25 - NOV 26, 2023  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	THANKSGIVING DAY
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore (Choir)	8:30 am Mass (L) Pat Sigalas
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	8:30 am Mass (Eucharistic M) Myrna Regino Eileen Reilly (Choir)
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Espie Cain	
11:30 am Choir	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka Paul Hirsch (Choir)	



Janice Augustine      Jacob Rivera  
Joan Clarke            Jaxon Rivera  
Keith Hari                Pat Schoeler  
Mary McGuiness      Laura Splendoria  
Joan Monik

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



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**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Nov 4—Nov 5*	\$ 5147
Deficit:	\$ 1653

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You are cordially invited to the production of **An Advent Carol**, a musical drama for the Christmas Season. This play brings a message of hope and healing to our audience and takes them on a journey from the Annunciation to the Flight into Egypt.

This musical will be performed at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, DECEMBER 10TH AT 4:00 PM.**

**THE EVENT IS FREE:** Families are welcome. No reserved seating. You need to call to let them know you are coming at: 973-484-4600.



## Thanksgiving - Advent - Christmas Calendar 2023



**Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 am, (11/23)**  
*Your gift of food for the poor gratefully accepted at Mass.*  
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### Immaculate Conception Mass, Holy Day of Obligation

**Friday December 8:** Morning Mass, 7 am AND 8:30 am  
Evening Mass, 7 pm



**Advent & Christmas Choir Concert**  
**Saturday Dec. 9 with Children and Adult Choirs!**  
6:30 pm (immediately after 5:30 pm Mass)

### Simbang Gabi Mass & Blessing of Outdoor Nativity Scene

**Saturday December 16:** Morning Mass @ 8:30 am

### Confessions, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation ("Advent Hours")

**Saturdays** (usual time) 4:15 – 5 pm

**Saturday December 2** Confessions after Mass, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

**Monday December 4** 6:45– 7:45 pm

► Or call 973.325.0110 for Appointment ◀

**Christmas Eve (12/24)** 4 pm MASS (Children's Choir) 5:30 pm MASS (Adult Choir)  
7 pm Misa en Español (Misa de Nochebuena)  
10 pm MASS

**Christmas Morning (12/25)** 7:30 am MASS, 9:30 am MASS, 11:30 am MASS

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan. 1, New Year's Day)

+ Mass at 5:30 pm (Dec. 31) + Mass at 9:30 am (Jan. 1)

### Children's Epiphany Pageant (Sun. January 7, immediately after 11:30 am Mass)

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