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Sunday, January 7, 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord



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:

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Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend 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 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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes: Please join us for our Epiphany Children's Pageant with both our Children and Adult Choirs which will take place immediately after 11:30 am Mass on Sunday January 7. I share with you this article / reflection based from the blog "My Catholic Life" about the Sunday of Epiphany and "Three Kings".

(Source: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-6-epiphany/>)

Epiphany of the Lord – Solemnity

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:10-11

All of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory.

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Prayer for Epiphany and Three Kings Sunday

Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You.

(Source: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-6-epiphany/>)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



CHURCH
CALENDAR



SATURDAY, 6 JANUARY
5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Parisi
11:30 am Michael C. Corcoran, Sr.

MONDAY, 8 JANUARY
8:30 am David Blake

TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY
8:30 am Abad & Matias Family
(In Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY
8:30 am Ernesto "Ernie" Abad, Jr. (43rd Ann.)

THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY
8:30 am Narciso Correa

FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY
8:30 am Arthur Rupel

SATURDAY, 13 JANUARY
5:30 pm Mary Madden

SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Michael C. Corcoran
11:30 am Thomas, Evelyn & Robert Clayton

SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY **Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass



12:30—1:30 pm **Epiphany Pageant**

MONDAY, 8 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 on Monday.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY

6:30—8:30 pm **KOC Meeting (Hall)**

THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Jan 21st Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
6—8:00 pm **Choir Practice (OLLC)**

SATURDAY, 13 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY

7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
9:30—11:45 am **Gr. 7-12 (OLLC, HALL)**
10:30 am **Children's Choir**
11:30 am Mass



We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		JAN 13 · JAN 14, 2023			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (choir)			
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	MaryEllen Chandler			
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Annette Chiamonte			
11:30 am Choir	Lynda Clement	Wendy Sheyka Eileen Reilly (choir)			



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

Please Note: Our Prayer List will be renewed every Jan. 15th and July 15th.
If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

ACCOUNTABILITY
WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received \$1,792 as a result of your generosity to our Donation Bin at your Church from June 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to show the compassion of Christ through 94,019 mental health services provided to 3,665 people (FY2022/2023). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.



Sunday, January 28th from 1:00—3:00 pm

Our Lady of the Lake School will host an **OPEN HOUSE** at the school for prospective families.

This is a fabulous opportunity to tour the school, classrooms and meet the outstanding teachers, Principal and students that have made Our Lady of the Lake School a two-time National Blue Ribbon School.

Student Visitation Days Starting Wednesday January 31, 2024: OLL School will also host multiple visitation days for pre-school and grade school children, the first visitation day for grade school students is **Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024**. Parents are welcome to contact the school for additional dates or for information for Pre-K.

Please **JOIN US!** Register to attend at myoll.org/openhouse.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

In Partnership with
St. Joseph & St. Raphael Parishes

Meetings will be held 7:00—8:30 pm on:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 & 28, 2024
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

At: Saint Joseph's Parish Center, 44 Benvenue Avenue,
West Orange, NJ

All 7th through 12th Grade Students are invited to join their peers to actively participate in their parish and community.



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- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!



Celebrate
The Children's Epiphany Pageant

Sunday, January

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Pageant Immediately following



Epiphany Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, January 6
4:00 to 5:15 pm in Church

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023
WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800
Collection*: Dec 23—Dec 24 \$ 4905
Deficit: \$ 1895

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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Time, Talent and Treasure.*

“SOUPER BOWL”



The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting cans of soup through the month of January 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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