

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."
(Philippians 2:2)

Annual Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

This report shows a surplus this year, primarily due to our school rental. Your continued giving helps to complete necessary repairs and secure our church property. I ask you to prayerfully consider your contribution, if you are not a regular contributor. Every gift helps us to pray, educate our youth, and share the Good News. Your generous response to our raffles and the Annual Appeal testifies to your faith in our mission. Thank you for your support!

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Your support for Our Lady of Lourdes does not simply keep the electric lights on, but also helps our parish volunteers, our Religious Education program, and our worship at Mass to be the light of the world at the corner of Eagle Rock, Harrison and Main in our beautiful edifice. I am grateful for your:

- 1. <u>Compassion for the Needy</u>: Our profession of one faith is also the foundation of our charity in many endeavors. We are also adding to our volunteer team with new families and youth in this collective sacrifice.
- 2. <u>Strength in Affliction and Suffering</u>: Your perseverance in your own mourning and sorrow is a message of refuge and support for those facing trials in life. Please remember to pray for not only those you know by name but even for those you do not know by name and may only see in church or around your neighborhood. Lourdes parish has always been a place of hospitality and hope.
- 3. <u>Ongoing Conversion</u>. Jesus' message reminds us that it is never too late to turn back. I pray that our parish worship in the month of November during which we pray, especially for our deceased, and the season of Advent will help you to know the Lord even better.

Your giving to Our Lady of Lourdes makes a difference to our parish family of the past, present, and future. To our past parishioners and elderly and those who live further from us now, your gift proclaims reverence and respect for all that they have handed down to us.

I invite you to consider your weekly gift. Our budget calls for a weekly total offering of \$6,800. We receive an average offering of about \$4,000. The difference is "made up" through fundraisers and rental revenue. If you are unable to give in monetary terms or to increase your giving, but would like to volunteer in some way, we also have opportunities for both adults and youth. I am very grateful for the prayers of the Lourdes parish family, both near and far!

REMINDER: Your raffle ticket purchases go 100% to support Lourdes. Tickets are \$50 each and are available until November 30, 2023. Every ticket has 10 chances to win \$500!

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

Fiscal Year 2023 *Our Lady of Lourdes Church* • *West Orange* Statement of Revenues and Expenses, July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

REVENUES	\$	EXPENSES	\$
Sunday Collections	\$ 241,314	Salaries	\$ 207,159
Christmas Collection	21,235	Benefits	51,984
Easter Collection	14,186	Contracted Services	117,810
Rental Income	544,262	Repairs & Maintenance	97,655
Donations	3,675	Subsidy to School Fund	120,072
Weddings-Baptisms-Funerals	13,720	Insurance	74,355
Fund Raising	32,132	Utilities	57,506
Religious Education	7,023	Supplies	29,662
Candle Revenue	6,296	Religious Education	11,768
Peace & Good Corner	4,207	Fund Raising Expenses	8,148
Assessment Collection	14,464	Rectory Provisions	3,643
St Joseph Novena	1,123	Archdiocesan Assessment	120,696
Interest Income	8,396	Peace & Good Corner	1,273
Flowers	4,938	Other Expenses	10,800
Other income	2,224		
Insurance Reimbursement	61,699		
Annual Appeal Rebate	7,218		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 988,112	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 912,531

OTHER INCOME:

Restricted Donations for Capital Expenses = \$24,102

OTHER EXPENSES

Capital Expenses = \$36,696

<u>Finance Council</u>: Michael Lanfrank (Chair), Rosalinda Saniel (Secretary) Rachelle Brown, Darren Dangler, Michael Deniz, Cristie Fernandez, William Hayward, Augie Perez, Joseph Petrillo, Doris Spivey, Mary Cassels (Trustee), Eileen Reilly (Trustee), Rev. James Ferry