



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, December 3, 2023 - First 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

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,



Please join us for our Advent and Christmas Choir Concert with both our Children and

Adult Choirs which will take place immediately after 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 pm.

The Alignment of Time and the Advent of Synchronicity.

In November 2017, a routine commuter train in metropolitan Tokyo deviated from its usual schedule. Departing 20 seconds earlier than planned, the Tsukuba Express line, connecting Tokyo and Tsukuba, prompted management to issue a sincere apology for any inconvenience caused. The scheduled departure time was 9:44:40 local time, but the train left at 9:44:20.

The early departure was attributed to the crew's insufficient verification of the departure time. According to Casey Baseel's report for Sora News 24, some individuals in Japan synchronize their phones or watches with train station clocks to ensure timely arrivals.

The Season of Advent: A Synchronization of Purpose.

As we embrace Advent, a new season unfolds, marked by synchronicity. The question arises: to what or whom do we align our clocks, calendars, and actions? Advent calls us to anticipate the arrival of Jesus Christ in our lives, urging us to synchronize our time and schedule with His, transcending our own agendas.

On this inaugural Sunday of Advent, we delve into the narrative of the house servants. Entrusted with the house's care during the owner's prolonged absence, symbolically representing the Church, this narrative extends beyond Our Lady of Lourdes to encompass the entire Christian family and the world.

Viewing this parable, we focus on the owner's future return, symbolizing Jesus's Second Coming. It prompts contemplation: are we solely awaiting this arrival at the end of time or our lives? The danger lies in potential indifference or ineffectiveness, as the exact timing remains unknown. Synchronicity is at risk.

Advent prompts reflection that Jesus's presence transcends the end of time and Bethlehem's historical arrival. He continually comes to us, residing in our consciences.

Acts of love and charity often call us to synchronize not only with others but with Jesus Christ himself. Gospel narratives reveal moments where disciples are slightly out of step, emphasizing the importance of timing in our sacrifices. As we seek forgiveness or embark on acts of conversion, the question arises not just about what we will do, but when. The train is in motion. Similarly, acknowledging our faults requires setting our clocks and calendars to His imminent arrival.

He arrives not a moment earlier or later than expected but in the present.

Blessed Advent Season to you.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



OUR LADY OF LOURDES - DECEMBER 3, 2023



SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER 5:30 pm Thomas & Claire Bradley
SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Janet Carden 11:30 am Co-Uniiena Melencio and Louise Euginie
MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 8:30 am Eileen Ryan
TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 8:30 am Edith Ferrus
WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 8:30 am Thanksgiving Mass
THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 8:30 am Faith Nzegwu (Special Intention)
FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7:00 am People of the Parish 8:30 am People of the Parish 7:00 pm People of the Parish HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 5:30 pm Gene & Kathleen Mooney
SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Garrett Gurrieri & John D. Pflug, III 11:30 am Anthony Strollo

SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1st Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am Rel Ed: Grades 7-12 (OLLC, Hall) 9:30—11:30 am 1st Penance (OLLC, Chapel) 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass 
MONDAY, 4 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 on Monday. 5—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. GRADES 1-5 (Hall)
TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 1:30—3:00 pm RAS Christmas Luncheon (Rectory)
WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 6:30—7:30 pm Fam Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)
THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Dec 17th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-011. 6—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)
FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7 am, 8:30 am, and 7 pm Mass 6:30 pm Pray Rosary—Grades 7-12 OLLC & 7 pm Mass
SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church 7—9:00 pm OLL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT 



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

 DEC 9 - DEC 10, 2023			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	December 8 Immaculate Conception
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)	7am Bless Bernardo Sr. James Soon
7:30 am	Mary Ellen Chandler	Mary Cassels	8:30 am Emily Kunz Mary Cassels
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Bill Talbot	7pm JoAnn Melhorn Eileen Reilly
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Wendy Sheyka	

SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2nd Sunday of Advent 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am 1st Penance (OLLC, Chapel) 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Mass 
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Janice Augustine Clarke	Joan	Jacob Rivera
Keith Hari		Jaxon Rivera
Mary McGuiness		Pat Schoeler
Joan Monik		Laura Splendoria

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



"The Hospitality of Advent"

Daily Advent Reflection Series

Meditations are sent by email from

December 3 through December 24

Please register at: <https://www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-series.cfm>



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

Tuesday, December 5, at 1:30 pm in the Rectory.

All Rosarians: don't forget to bring a gift for an elderly man or women which will be placed under the Giving Tree. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



Benedictine Sisters
Elizabeth, NJ

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

with Sr. Philomena Fleck, OSB

Virtual Retreat / Freewill Offering Accepted

Wednesday Afternoons - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

(Zoom link & reading materials provided with registration)

Email Sr. Philomena to register at: PeacetwoU2@gmail.com



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Sunday, 10th of DECEMBER 2023

8:30 am - 11:30 am

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\$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.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection*: Nov 18—Nov 19* \$ 4912

Deficit: \$ 1888

***Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit**



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St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 12/16/2023** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis.

Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **12/16/2023** so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at travisb23@juno.com.



Advent - Christmas Calendar 2023

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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O Lord, and let perpetual
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May she rest in peace. Amen.

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