



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

Mrs. Eileen Reilly, 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

Email: ollfamilyclass@aol.com

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

Email: Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org

Religious Education

Administrative Assistant

Maggie Macias 973.325.0110 ext. 102

Email: Maggie.macias@lourdeswestorange.org

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,
The Gospel this Sunday is about the raising of Lazarus and the devotion of Jesus Christ to Lazarus for whom Jesus is also petitioned by Martha. Martha recognizes that Jesus has power over life and death.

Josef Pieper – a scholar writing about Thomas Aquinas shared this: “true love makes us realize that the [person we love] cannot simply drop out of reality, and even – this to be sure will be evident only to the believer – the [person we love] will be physically resurrected and live forever – through death and beyond it.” (Josef Pieper, Faith Hope Love (Section 2 of “On Love”), San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1997, p. 169)

Pope Benedict XVI Homily 2008, The Raising of Lazarus

In our Lenten journey we have reached the 5th Sunday, characterized by the Gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus (John 11: 1-45). It concerns the last “sign” fulfilled by Jesus, after which the chief priests convened the Sanhedrin and deliberated killing him, and decided to kill the same Lazarus who was living proof of the divinity of Christ, the Lord of life and death. Actually, this Gospel passage shows Jesus as true Man and true God. First of all, the Evangelist insists on his friendship with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. He emphasizes that “Jesus loved” them, and this is why he wanted to accomplish the great wonder. “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him out of sleep”, he tells his disciples, expressing God’s viewpoint on physical death with the metaphor of sleep. God sees it exactly as sleep, from which he can awaken us. Jesus has shown an absolute power regarding this death, seen when he gives life back to the widow of Nain’s

young son (cf. Lk 7: 11-17) and to the 12 year-old girl (cf. Mk 5: 35-43).

Precisely concerning her he said: “The child is not dead but sleeping” (Mk 5: 39), attracting the derision of those present. But in truth it is exactly like this: bodily death is a sleep from which God can awaken us at any moment.

This lordship over death does not impede Jesus from feeling sincere “compassion” for the sorrow of detachment. Seeing Martha and Mary and those who had come to console them weeping, Jesus “was deeply moved in spirit and troubled”, and lastly, “wept”. Christ’s heart is divine-human: in him God and man meet perfectly, without separation and without confusion. He is the image, or rather, the incarnation of God who is love, mercy, paternal and maternal tenderness, of God who is Life. Therefore, he solemnly declared to Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die”. And he adds, “Do you believe this?” (Jn 11: 25-26). It is a question that Jesus addresses to each one of us: a question that certainly rises above us, rises above our capacity to understand, and it asks us to entrust ourselves to him as he entrusted himself to the Father. Martha’s response is exemplary: “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world”. Yes, O Lord! We also believe, notwithstanding our doubts and darkness; we believe in you because you have the words of eternal life. We want to believe in you, who give us a trustworthy hope of life beyond life, of authentic and full life in your Kingdom of light and peace. We entrust this prayer to Mary Most Holy. May her intercession strengthen our faith and hope in Jesus, especially in moments of greater trial and difficulty.

(SOURCE: <https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/pope-francis-and-pope-benedict-xvi-on-the-resurrection-of-lazarus/>)

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MARCH 26, 2023



SATURDAY 25 MARCH
5:30 pm John Healy

SUNDAY 26 MARCH
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Vincenzo Russo
11:30 am Robert Agresti

MONDAY 27 MARCH
8:30 am Thomas Foley
7:00 pm People of the Parish

TUESDAY 28 MARCH
8:30 am Rosalinda Rupel
(Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH
8:30 am Josephine DeVicentis &
Pedersen Family

THURSDAY 30 MARCH
8:30 am Sr. Angelina Mazzarella, MPF

FRIDAY 31 MARCH
8:30 am John Sharkey

SATURDAY 1 APRIL
5:30 pm Helen & Walter Supczynski

SUNDAY 2 APRIL
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Ann Strollo
11:30 am Ed Fairchild

SUNDAY 26 MARCH 5h SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
9:30—11:30 am 1st Communion Class
(Chapel)
11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY 27 MARCH
6:45—8:00 pm Rel. Ed. MHS Class (Hall)

THURSDAY 30 MARCH
10:00 am Deadline for News &
Announcements for the
Apr. 9th Bulletin. Call the
Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 1 APRIL
3—5:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (OLLC)
4—5:15 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

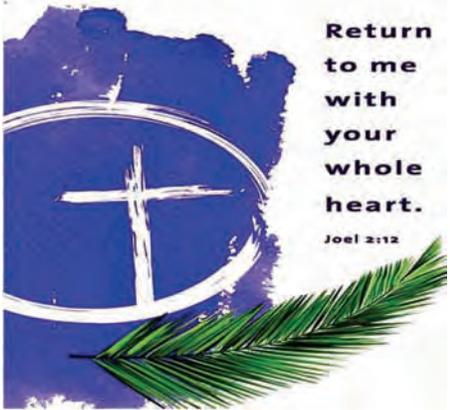
SUNDAY 2 APRIL PALM SUNDAY
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:00 am Recitation of Rosary
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church

 This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from the Ramirez Family is in memory of **CELMIRA SAADE**.

**Basket for Easter Flower Collection +
Black & Indian Catholic Relief Fund**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE APRIL 1 - 2, 2023

Mass	Readings and Voice	Narrators	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Joy Hayward	Judy Albore (Choir)
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon
9:30 am Adult Choir	Carol Ford	Andrew Novoa	Myrna Regino
11:30 am Children's Choir	Lynda Clement	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (Choir)



 **PRAYERS Needed For...**

Michael Ang	Amy Lejano
Msgr. Edward Bradley	Mikaela Moncupa
Marti Carlos	Allison Sardinha
Lorelei Gotinga	Pat Schoeler
Fiona Graham	Sgt. Michael Williams
Cecile Leelin	

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



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ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH MINISTRY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th, 7:00—8:30 pm
 SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd, 7:00—8:30 pm
 SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd, 7:00—8:30 pm
 SUNDAY, MAY 7th, 7:00—8:30 pm
 SUNDAY, MAY 21st, 7:00—8:30 pm

Young people from Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Raphael, and St. Joseph from grades 7 through 10 have been invited to participate. We are hoping to grow through grade 12 in the future.

We meet in St. Joseph Parish Center/Gym at 44 Benvenue Avenue, West Orange. If there are any questions please contact Augie Ricciardi, Youth Ministry Team Coordinator, at 201-401-1620 or a.ricciardi@saintjosephwo.org.

Adult volunteers are also welcome to join our Youth Ministry Team. Older siblings are also encouraged to inquire and assist the Youth Ministry Team. Please come and help us develop this important group for young people!



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44 Benvenue Avenue,
West Orange, NJ 07053



Gift for Palm Sunday

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
Luke 19:38)*

On Palm Sunday, we welcome the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by holding up our own palm branches at Mass. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Palm branches donated each year by Darren and Mellen Dangler in memory of the deceased members of the Phillips and Dangler Families.



**With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.**

Thank You

The Paschal Candle

"The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27)

At the Easter Vigil, we burn for the first time the Easter Candle, a sign of God's light in our world. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Easter Paschal Candle donated each year by Steve and Mary Ellen Chandler in memory and prayer for the Chandler and Zimmermann Families.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Mar 11-12*	\$ 3719
Deficit:	\$ 3081

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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TRICKY TRAY

We are still in need of gifts for our Tricky Tray.
Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by March 26th.

Gifts may be left in the Sacristy at Church or, at the rectory Monday-Friday 10am to 1pm or, by contacting Eileen Reilly at **973-980-4209.**

TRICKY TRAY

April 15, 2023



PIRATE TREASURE

**PAID RESERVATIONS
NOW BEING ACCEPTED.**

Tickets will be sold in Bundles.

Registration & ticket order forms are available in church, on our website (*see below) and from our reservation contacts:

Ann Pflug - 973-325-2212

Annette Chiaramonte - 973-325-3545

Please make reservations by Monday, April 10th.

*Tricky Tray Event Detail Flier + Registration & Ticket Order Form

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