



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, August 6, 2023 - The Transfiguration 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:**

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Robert K. Suszko, Weekend Assistant

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

### **Religious Education**

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### **Religious Education**

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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,  
**I share with you this article / reflection based from this Catholic site: [LinkToLiturgy.Com](https://linktoliturgy.com) which offers lessons based on our biblical readings of the Gospel of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9).**

(Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/a-glimpse-of-heaven>)

**“It is good that we are here”**

The Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday is “My heart says to thee, ‘Thy face, Lord, do I seek. Hide not thy face from me.” [Entrance Antiphon, Ps. 26:8-9] Jesus in the Transfiguration shows the brilliant face of the Son of God to the three Apostles. The three of them saw a glimpse of Heaven.

Why does Jesus show it to them for only a second? Jesus wanted to show them a view of great glory and hope even for just a moment. It was to give them hope of heaven.

How did they see him after the Transfiguration? They see the “ordinary Jesus”. “They see Jesus they know, who is sometimes hungry, sometimes tired, who tries to make himself understood. They see Jesus without any special manifestations of glory.” [Fernandez, *In Conversation with God* 2, 12.3]

Soon they see the same Jesus bloody, beaten, and bruised. For us though, we must seek Jesus in the “ordinary” things of our lives. We must seek Him, “in the midst of our work, in the streets, in the people around us, in our prayer. We have to find Him, when he forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance and, above all, in the Holy Eucharist, where He is truly, really and substantially present. Normally, he does not show himself to us with any special manifestations. Rather, we have to learn to find Our Lord in what is ordinary, every day, and we must flee from the temptation of ever wanting anything extraordinary. [Fernandez, *In Conversation with God* 2, 12.3]

Why did God reveal the Transfiguration in the first place? To show there is a light at the end of a dark tunnel. The darkness of what Jesus had to go through with His

Passion and death was only a means to His glorious resurrection. “The principal aim of the Transfiguration was to banish from the disciples’ souls the scandal of the Cross.” [St. Leo the Great, *Sermon* 51,3] “Only the three closest disciples – Peter, James and John – are privileged to witness it, the same ones who would be present later at the agony in Gethsemani, as if to indicate that glory and suffering are two inseparable aspects of the unique mystery of Christ.” [Divine Intimacy vol. II pg. 30] Lastly, as St. Bede comments, “in a loving concession allowed Peter, James and John to enjoy for a very short time the contemplation of the happiness that lasts forever, so as to enable them to bear adversity with greater fortitude.” [St. Bede, *Commentary on St. Mark*, 8, 30:1,3]

How does the Transfiguration relate to us? This story helps us to understand what we must go through in order to see Jesus in dazzling white. “Man’s existence is a journey towards Heaven, our dwelling place. [cf. 2 Cor. 5:2] It is a journey, which is, at times, harsh and laborious because we often have to go against the current of opinion and we will have to struggle against many enemies both inside and outside of ourselves. But God wants to strengthen us with the hope of Heaven, in a special way at the more difficult moments or when the weakness of our condition makes itself more felt.” [Fernandez, *In Conversation with God* 2, 12.2] What are some of the enemies we struggle with inside and outside of ourselves? How has God strengthen us in times of great temptation?

St. Catherine of Siena was an amazing saint who was caught up in ecstasy. Ecstasy is a vision or encounter with God. The first Apostles experienced a form of ecstasy and awe in front of Jesus transfigured.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES - AUGUST 6, 2023



<b>SATURDAY 5 AUGUST</b> 5:30 pm Catherine Gascoyne
<b>SUNDAY 6 AUGUST</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am J.P. Sharkey 11:30 am Sean Michael Cassels
<b>MONDAY 7 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Danny Smith
<b>TUESDAY 8 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Michael & Matilda O'Boyle & Raymond Cassidy
<b>WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Virgin Mary (In Thanksgiving)
<b>THURSDAY 10 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am In Memory of Eugenie Ferrus
<b>FRIDAY 11 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Sonni Balle
<b>SATURDAY 12 AUGUST</b> 5:30 pm John Brennan (27th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY 13 AUGUST</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Richard & Jeanne Blind

<b>SUNDAY 6 AUGUST</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:00 am <b>Rosary in Church</b> 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church
<b>MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST</b> 8:30 am <b>Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.</b> <b>Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.</b>
<b>THURSDAY 10 AUGUST</b> 10:00 am <b>Deadline for News &amp; Announcements for the AUG. 20th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.</b>
<b>SATURDAY 12 AUGUST</b> 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY 13 AUGUST</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church



**Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostle's faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary.**

**Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: the 'hope of glory.'**

**-Catholic Catechism [CCC568]**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		AUGUST 12 - 13, 2023	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Eileen Reilly (Choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	MaryEllen Chandler	
9:30 am	Andrew Novoa	Joe Petrillo	
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon	

**PRAYERS Needed For...**

**Joan Clarke**  
**Mary McGuiness**  
**Joan Monik**  
**Pat Schoeler**

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

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Regardless of length of time, to have a glimpse of Heaven is to give more hope in Christ than anything else. Why? Because, "There, all is repose, joy and delight; all serenity and calm, all peace, splendor and light. It is not a light such as we enjoy now, and which, compared with that light, is no more than a lamp placed beside the sun...For there, there is no night, or twilight, heat or cold, or any change in one's way of being, but a state such as can be understood only by those who are worthy to possess it. There, there is no old age, or sickness, or anything allied to corruption, because it is the place and the home of immortal glory. And above all this the everlasting presence and possession of Christ, of the angels... everyone perpetually of like mind, without any fear of Satan or the snares of the devil or the threats of hell or of death." [St. John Chrysostom, Epistle 1 to Theodore, 11] (Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/a-glimpse-of-heaven>)

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry



**THE FEAST OF THE  
TRANSGURATION  
PRAYER**

O Christ, upon the mountaintop you let the light of your face shine over Moses and Elijah. We ask your blessing upon your people who call on your name, who want to belong to the kingdom of light and life. Amen.

Painting by Lorenzo Lotto (c.1511)

**"The right to life of the unborn is the most fundamental right.**

**This is not first a religious issue; it is a human rights issue."**

*~Pope Francis*

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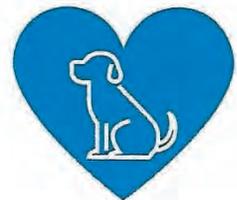
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