



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Fourth 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

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

### **Religious Education**

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#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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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 and Sisters in Christ,

Our Parish "Lenten Retreat" and St. Joseph Novena starts Monday, March 11, at 7 pm with our Novena Prayer service and runs every evening at 7 pm. The EXCEPTION is "Saturday, March 16" when the Novena takes place during 5:30 pm Mass. The Novena concludes with Mass in the Evening on Tuesday March 19. The Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop for Essex County will be our Mass Celebrant for the Solemnity in the Evening.

Confessions will be heard on Monday, March 11 – Friday, March 15, from 6 to 6:45 pm.

**St. Joseph: Visible, Silent, Responsible**

There are profound lessons in the life of St. Joseph which is also echoed in the epistle St. James about the essence of faith and action, underscoring the inseparable link between our beliefs and our deeds. For faith devoid of works is lifeless, just as words devoid of actions hold no substance.

In contemplating the life of St. Joseph, we uncover three pivotal themes: visibility, silence, and responsibility. Firstly, let us consider visibility. Our Lord did not merely walk among us to observe from a distance; rather, He sought to be seen, known, and embraced. Even as a young boy during the Passover pilgrimage, Jesus deliberately positioned himself in the Temple to be recognized. Similarly, we are called to make ourselves visible before God, not confined to the walls of the church but in every aspect of our lives.

Secondly, silence plays a significant role in the life of St. Joseph. Despite his lack of spoken words recorded in Scripture, his silent obedience speaks volumes. Silence, as St. Therese of Lisieux beautifully elucidates, is not merely the absence of sound but a profound communion with the divine. It is in silence that we discern the whispers of God's will amidst the noise of the world.

Thirdly, St. Joseph exemplifies responsibility. As the earthly guardian of the Holy Family, he embraced his role with unwavering commitment. In a world fraught with uncertainties, Joseph's steadfast resolve to protect Mary and Jesus serve as a beacon of responsible leadership for us all. Whether as parents, teachers, or public servants, we are entrusted with varying degrees of authority, demanding accountability and discernment in our actions.

In cultivating these virtues – visibility, silence, and responsibility – we mirror the essence of St. Joseph's life. Just as Joseph guarded the sanctity of the Holy Family, so too are we called to nurture and protect the bonds within our own families. For it is within the crucible of familial love that we learn the art of visibility, silence, and responsibility, preparing us to extend these virtues to the broader community.

John Henry Newman – Cardinal Newman – writes about this development of love, first in the family and the way this prepares us to love ... as we meet others outside our original family or start our own families:

"the best preparation for loving the world at large, and loving it duly and wisely, is to cultivate an intimate friendship and affection towards those who are immediately about us. .. To honor our parents is the first step towards honoring God; to love our [blood ... brothers and sisters] according to the flesh, the first step towards considering all men and women as our [brothers and sisters]" (Newman, John Henry. Parochial and Plain Sermons. Book 2, Sermon 5, "Love of Relations and Friends", page 260)

Newman points out that this was our Savior's pattern – to love first Mary and Joseph – then to love all men and women, all of us, to give his life as a ransom for many.

It is good news for us to see him – to see Jesus - as he also sees us as his own.

In conclusion, let us rejoice in the Good News of Christ's visibility, His silent yet resounding presence in our lives, and the responsibility bestowed upon us as stewards of His love. May the example of St. Joseph inspire us to embody these virtues daily, enriching our relationships and illuminating the path of faith for generations to come.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry





SATURDAY, 9 MARCH  
5:30 pm Mary T. Christoforo

SUNDAY, 10 MARCH  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Catherine Catalano (21st Ann.)  
**St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
**No 11:30am Mass**

MONDAY, 11 MARCH  
8:30 am James Fitzpatrick

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH  
8:30 am Robert D'Acunto

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH  
8:30 am James Cham

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH  
8:30 am Mary Ellen Buoye

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH  
8:30 am John Healy

SATURDAY, 16 MARCH  
5:30 pm JoAnne Chiamonte

SUNDAY, 17 MARCH  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Kenneth F. Kunzman  
11:30 am Antoinette Cecere



SUNDAY, 10 MARCH **4th SUNDAY OF LENT**



7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass

**St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
**No 11:30am Mass**



MONDAY, 11 MARCH

**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.

**6—6:45 pm Confessions (OLLC)**  
**7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)**

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH

**6—6:45 pm Confessions (OLLC)**  
**7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)**

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH

**6—6:45 pm Confessions (OLLKC)**  
**6:30—7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Hall)**  
**7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)**

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH

**10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Mar. 24th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.**

**6—6:45 pm Confessions (OLLC)**  
**6:00—8:00 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)**  
**7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)**

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH

**1—3:30 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Hall)**  
**6—6:45 pm Confessions (OLLC)**  
**7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)**

SATURDAY, 16 MARCH

**9—12:00 pm Soup Kitchen (Hall)**  
**4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church**  
**5:30 pm Mass in Church**  
**5:30 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)**

SUNDAY, 17 MARCH **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass

**9:30—11:30 am GRADE 6—Mass/Last Sup. (OLLC, HALL)**

**10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)**  
**11:30 am Mass**

**7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)**



Louis Papale

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

++ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		MARCH 16 - MARCH 17, 2024			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (Choir)			
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Bless Bernardo			
9:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Myrna Regino			
11:30 am Choir	Lynda Clement	Wendy Sheyka Paul Hirsch (Choir)			

**St. Vincent DePaul Society**

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 3/16/2024** 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 **3/16/2024** 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](mailto:travisb23@juno.com).



Our Lady of the Lake Parish

**Parish Secretary Job Opening**

The Parish office of Our Lady of the Lake in Verona, NJ is in need of a full-time Parish Secretary beginning 5/1/24. This person is generally the first contact that people have in the parish office, whether in person or on the telephone. The general purpose of the Parish Secretary is to provide secretarial and administrative support for the parish office. We are looking for someone who is driven by the Catholic Faith and willing to fulfill the mission and vision of the parish. The ideal candidate enjoys working with people and has the ability to work as a team with parish staff members, ministry leaders and volunteers. Secretarial or administrative experience is desired. For more information, please contact the office at [barbara\\_yeates@ollverona.org](mailto:barbara_yeates@ollverona.org) or call 973-239-5696.



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

We are excited to announce that we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart (89 Ridge St., Newark) as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the 12 noon Mass this year.

**5th & 25th:** Sunday May 5, 12:00 pm Mass

**50th:** Sunday June 2, 12:00pm Mass

**OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM:**

Forms may be obtained either by calling the Lourdes rectory at 973.325.0110 or contacting The Family Life Office via email [familylife@rcan.org](mailto:familylife@rcan.org).

Deadline for reservations is April 29th for 5th & 25th Anniversary, and May 24th for 50th Anniversary.

If you missed the celebration in 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023, you may participate this year.



**Building a Culture of Life in NJ**

Saturday March 23, 2024

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

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[lifeneteducation.org/life](http://lifeneteducation.org/life)

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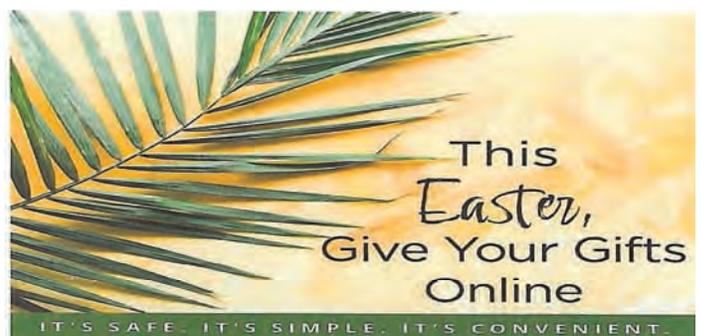
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# Tricky Tray

The Rosary Altar Society will again hold a socially distant Tricky Tray on: **Saturday, April 20, 2024** In Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Sunday, April 7th.**

Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the rectory on weekdays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. For pick up contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or email at [trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org)

(PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.)

Your gift may also be as a monetary donor:

- Gold Donor                    \$100.00
- Silver Donor                 \$ 50.00
- Bronze Donor                \$ 25.00

(Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes")



Join us for our major fund raiser to help support the needs of our parish.  
Eileen Reilly, Chairperson.



**Sunday Nov. 10, 2024**  
**11:30 am Mass**  
**Cardinal Joseph Tobin**  
*ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK*  
**Mass Celebrant for our**  
**110<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary**  
*1914 – 2024 – ALWAYS*



**"I had rather one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere."**  
**84<sup>th</sup> Psalm**

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