



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 3, 2022 – 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

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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 ext. 103

Email: [ollfamilyclass@aol.com](mailto:ollfamilyclass@aol.com)

### **Religious Education**

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

Mrs. Monica Nieves 973.325.0110 ext. 123

Email: [ollconfirmationclass@gmail.com](mailto:ollconfirmationclass@gmail.com)

### **Religious Education**

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Astrid Ramirez 973.325.0110 ext. 102

Email: [astrid.ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:astrid.ramirez@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 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 of Our Lady of Lourdes,

**Part 1. Personal Reflection on Computer / E-mail**

Recently, as part of my daily routine, I turned on my computer. It is remarkable to me that my computer-laptop seems to be so forgiving, so generous – you might say – in allowing me to keep (retain) thousands and thousands of email messages. I logged in and saw that I had 3,600-plus emails in my inbox.

But, I had become lax and somewhat indifferent toward their existence, feeling that they represented an important historical record of my life, that should never be deleted or removed.

It seems that AOL and Verizon and my H-P laptop were quite content to let me – all along -- keep as many messages as I wanted -- 3,000, 5,000 – or more – email messages.

And, it seems that God as our heavenly father and Lord is going to allow us to hold on to all of our history, even all of our faults and failings and sins for as long as we want to do so.

**Part 2. Sacramental Confession / Penance**

What I am suggesting is not a perfect analogy or parallel, but I am suggesting that the sacramental confession of our sins to the priest -- with the related actions of

- ▶ CONFESSION – stating what we did wrong.
- ▶ CONTRITION – stating that we are sorry for what we did ..
- ▶ PENANCE – interior reflection afterwards and some amendment or prayer or generous service

▶ ABSOLUTION – words of mercy that take away these sins.

I'm suggesting that this confession – sacramental confession – is similar to starting over with ZERO messages.

**Part 3. The Goal of Forgiveness / Absolution / Starting Over**

Receiving absolution does not mean that I can pretend that I never sinned. But I can let go of my attachment to what I have done. It is true that God will let us keep our sins on our hard drives and on our hearts for as long as we wish. But, it is freeing and liberating to remove them – to have them taken away as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12) to remove our connection to them.

Why should we delete old email messages?

One healthy reason to delete old emails or clean up our file folders is that – contrary to what the Cloud-storage people will tell you or what we would like to think – all that history and all those messages really do not prepare us to meet the future.

I may believe that I can search – electronically – for an email from 3 years ago, but that presumes that I know what it is.

Maybe I should just move on. And, my laptop computer will be more efficient anyway (so will I).

A healthy reason for us to go to confession is not simply to clean up the past or to get a good spiritual credit score, but rather to recognize that we – like God – are trying to focus on the future, on what's coming next.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - APRIL 3, 2022**



**SATURDAY 2 APRIL**  
5:30 pm Gary Grasso (1st Ann.)

**SUNDAY 3 APRIL**  
7:30 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte, Jr. (5th Ann.)  
11:30 am John A. Markey, Jr.

**MONDAY 4 APRIL**  
8:30 am Marie Grace Vaccaro

**TUESDAY 5 APRIL**  
8:30 am Gary Grasso (1st Ann.)

**WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL**  
8:30 am Millie Cassidy

**THURSDAY 7 APRIL**  
8:30 am Luigi Russo (5th Ann.)

**FRIDAY 8 APRIL**  
8:30 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**SATURDAY 9 APRIL**  
5:30 pm Walter & Helen Supczynski

**SUNDAY 10 APRIL**  
7:30 am For The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte, Jr. (5th Ann.)  
11:30 am Gary Grasso (1st Ann.)

**SUNDAY 3 APRIL**



7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:00 am Recitation of Rosary  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
10:30 am **Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
11:30 am Mass in Church

**MONDAY 4 APRIL**  
8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.**  
Miraculous Medal Novena following  
8:30 am Mass

**THURSDAY 7 APRIL**  
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for April 17th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.  
**6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**SATURDAY 9 APRIL**  
**3—5:30 pm Family Catechesis—Grades 1-5**  
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions



**SUNDAY 10 APRIL**  
7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am Mass in Church—**Rel Ed. M/HS**  
10:30 am **Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
11:30 am Mass in Church

**PARISH GIVING**

**FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021**

**WEEKLY GOAL** \$ 6800  
**Collection\*: Mar. 19-20\*** \$ 4512  
**Deficit:** \$ 2288  
\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**April 9 - April 10, 2022**

Mass	Lectors Reader	Narrator	Voice	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Pat Sigalas	Joy Hayward	Sharon Rosario
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Mary Cassels	Hermie Santos	Lou Volpe
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Carmelita Dizon	Kathy Petrillo	Joe Petrillo
11:30 am Choir	Julie Okeke	Wendy Sheyka	Julie Okeke	Nancy Lanfrank Paul Hirsch (Choir)



**Michael DiPirro**  
**Catherine Gascoyne**  
**Sherrina Navani**  
**Pat Schoeler**  
**Vir-Jean Ward**  
**Maureen Bacal-Zerna**

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



(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, shared this message to those of us – and all of us may feel this way at some point – feel discouraged – or we do not feel encouraged.

We fear going to confession because we fear falling into the same sin ...or we fear that confession is not for real because... past performance does not guarantee future results.

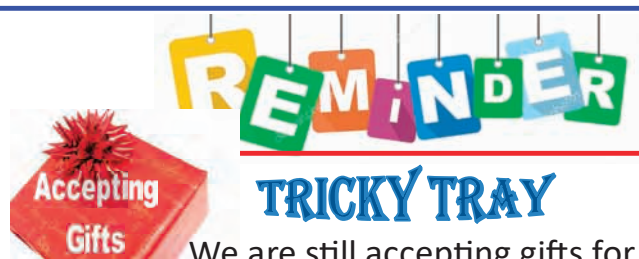
Jesus does not ask for a guarantee – Jesus is making the guarantee of his mercy, that his mercy, can change the heart of the woman brought to him in the Gospel and that his mercy can change the hearts of her accusers. He is willing to die for our sins, to prove that his mercy endures forever. St. John Vianney shared that God loves us so much that he is willing to forget both the past and the future in which we may sin again.

Confession is not only about what we can remember to do – or we can remember to say - but also what we can forget, what we can delete, and put in God's hands – to go back to the future, so that we may, by endeavor by effort, to go and sin no more.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

### How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 973.497.4012.



We are still accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. **Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by April 4th.**

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 23, 2022**

**Paid Reservations Now  
being accepted**

**Tickets will be sold in Bundles**  
(registration & ticket order forms are available in church, on our website ([www.lourdeswestorange.org](http://www.lourdeswestorange.org)) and from our reservation contacts:

**Ann Pflug 973-325-2212**

**Annette Chiaramonte 973-325-3545**

*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 and prayer for their family's beloved father and grandfather, George "Buddy" Dangler and mother and grandmother, Margaret Dangler.*





# Tricky Tray

This year, Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society will again hold a socially distant Tricky Tray on:

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Connor Hall.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. **Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by April 4th.**

Gifts may be left in the Sacristy at Church or, at the rectory on weekdays, excluding Wednesdays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm or, by contacting Eileen Reilly at **973-980-4209**.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR  
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and join us for our major fund raiser to help support the needs of our parish.

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