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Sunday, May 29, 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter



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:

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

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Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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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,

I write to share with you the abridged version of an essay by Monsignor Charles Pope of Washington D.C. about the Feast of the Ascension.

For the full text of this essay, please go to:
<http://blog.adw.org/2018/05/what-does-the-ascension-accomplish-for-us-a-homily-for-the-feast-of-the-ascension-2/>

What Does the Ascension Accomplish for Us? **(MAY 12, 2018 BY MSGR. CHARLES POPE)**

This marvelous feast is not merely about something [two millennia] ago, for although Christ our Head has ascended, we the members of His body are ascending with Him. Because He ascended, we too have ascended. In my own life as a Christian, I am brought higher every year by the Lord, who is drawing me up with Him. This is not some mere slogan; it is something I am actually experiencing. An old Baptist hymn says, "I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore. Very deeply stained with sin, sinking to rise no more. But the master of the sea, heard my despairing cry. And from the waters lifted me. Now safe am I. Love lifted me, when nothing else could help. Love lifted me."

Yes, if we are faithful, the feast of the Lord's Ascension is our feast, too. Let's look at it from three perspectives.

I. The Fact of the Ascension – The readings today describe a wondrous event that the apostles witnessed. The Lord, by His own power, is taken to Heaven. In so doing He opens a path for us, too. The gates of paradise swing open again: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in (Psalm 24:7). In Christ, man returns to God. Consider three things about the Ascension:

The Reality – As a summons to faith, Jesus had once said, What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? (John 6:62) He had also encouraged them by saying, Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man (John 1:51). So here is a glorious reality and a fulfillment of what Jesus had said.

The Rescue – In the Ascension ... an army of former captives [is] now set free. Behold the great procession that enters behind Christ through the now-opened gates of Heaven: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Sarah,

Isaac, Jacob, Rachel, Judith, Deborah, David, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Malachi, John the Baptist, ... and one day, you! Yes, this is a great rescue. Adam and his descendants have not simply been restored to some paradisiacal garden; they have entered Heaven.

The Rejoicing – Consider how this once captive train sings exultantly as they follow Christ upward to Heaven. I also have it on the best of authority that they were singing this old gospel song: "I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!" They were even singing this old Motown song: "Your love is lifting me higher, than I've ever been lifted before!"

II. The Fellowship of the Ascension – When Christ ascends, we ascend. For if we have been united with him by likeness to his death we shall be united with him by likeness to his resurrection (Rom 6:3ff). So, when Christ died, we died. When Christ rose, we rose. When Christ ascends, we ascend.

Consider the following humorous example about our physical bodies. When I get on an elevator and push the button for the top floor, although the top of my head gets there before the soles of my feet, my whole body will get there (unless some strange loss of integrity or tragic dismemberment takes place). So it is also with Jesus' mystical body. In Christ, our head, we are already in glory.

III. The Fruitfulness of the Ascension – Jesus does not return to Heaven in order to abandon us. In fact, He is more present to us than we are to ourselves. He is with us always to the end of the age (cf Matt 28:20). In ascending (without abandoning us) He goes to procure some very important things. Consider four of them:

Holy Ghost power – Jesus teaches very clearly that He is ascending in order to send us the Holy Spirit: Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you (Jn 16:7ff). So, the Lord goes so that He might, with the Father, send the Holy Spirit to live within us as in a temple. In this way, and through the Eucharist, He will dwell with us even more intimately than when He walked this earth.

Harvest – Jesus says, And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me (John 12:32). Thus, the saying "One sows and another reaps" is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor (Jn 4:35-38). Harvest! And it is the Lord's work from Heaven in which we participate.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - MAY 29, 2022



SATURDAY 28 MAY
5:30 pm George & Trea Pugh

SUNDAY 29 MAY
7:30 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Gary Grasso
11:30 am Marie Stopfer

MONDAY 30 MAY
8:30 am Elizabeth Torres

TUESDAY 31 MAY
8:30 am MaryLou Gibbons

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE
8:30 am Robert "Bob" Schuren

THURSDAY 2 JUNE
8:30 am James Keigher

FRIDAY 3 JUNE
8:30 am Michael Cassels

SATURDAY 4 JUNE
5:30 pm Margaret Brennan (4th Ann.)

SUNDAY 5 JUNE
7:30 am For The People of the Parish
9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte
11:30 am Mary Alice Torres

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021
WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800
Collection*: May 14-May 15* \$ 4151
Deficit: \$ 2649
* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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



SUNDAY 29 MAY
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church



**Ascension
of the Lord**

MONDAY 30 MAY
8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday
thru Friday of each week in
church.**



Miraculous Medal Novena
following 8:30 am Mass

Rectory Office will be Closed

THURSDAY 2 JUNE
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Jun 12th bulletin—
call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY 4 JUNE
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 5 JUNE
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 Altar Candles: In Thanksgiving of the 60th Wedding
Anniversary of **ANNETTE & RICHARD CHIARAMONTE**



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank
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This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank
is in memory of **CATHY HIGGINS**



**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 4 - June 5, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore		
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Bless Bernardo		
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Annette Chiaramonte		
11:30 am Choir	Lynda Clement	Wendy Sheyka		

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Help – At the Father’s right hand, Jesus intercedes for us. Scripture says, Consequently he is able, for all time, to save those who draw near to God through him, since he lives always to make intercession for them (Heb 7:25). The Lord links His ascension to an unleashing of special power: Amen, amen, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son (Jn 14:12). We must not understand that asking in the name of Jesus is some incantation. To ask in His name means to ask in accordance with His will.

Habitation – Simply put, Jesus indicates that in going to Heaven He is preparing a place for us: In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. Here, then, are the ways that Christ, by His love, is lifting us higher (than we’ve ever been lifted before). Yes, love lifted me, when nothing else could help; love lifted me.

Source: <http://blog.adw.org/2018/05/what-does-the-ascension-accomplish-for-us-a-homily-for-the-feast-of-the-ascension-2/>

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

June 3, 2022

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!



The **Rosary Altar Society’s** June meeting will be held on **Monday, June 6th, at 1:00 pm.**

It will be a virtual meeting that you can attend through Zoom — either by video or telephone. Instructions will be mailed or emailed to all rosarians. If there are any questions, please contact the writer at 973-736-2394.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.
Carol Ford, President



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GOAL!

\$20,275



The 2022 Annual Appeal is well underway

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently at **\$20,275**. This is approximately **71.87%** of our goal of **\$28,210**. Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with faith, hope and charity. If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

If you need an envelope sent to you or cannot find one, please call the rectory at 973-325-0110. Checks are payable to “Annual Appeal 2022.”



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022-2023

Do you want your child to learn more about Jesus?

Is your child starting or – continuing - religious education? We would like to help you join our program for Sacrament of 1st Communion or Confirmation.

Registration forms are available via LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG website or in church or at the rectory. If you need a form sent to you, please call or email:

Astrid.Ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org 973.325.0110

Cost of registration is \$60 per child. Registration Deadline is July 29th.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA 2022-2023

¿Quiere que su hijo aprenda más acerca de Jesús?

¿Está su hijo comenzando o continuando la educación religiosa? Nos gustaría ayudarlo a unirse a nuestro programa para el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación.

Los formularios de registro están disponibles a través del sitio web LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG o en la iglesia o en la rectoría. Si necesita que le enviemos un formulario, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a:

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El costo de inscripción es de \$60 por niño. La fecha límite de inscripción es el 29 de Julio.



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