



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, May 7, 2023 - Fifth 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:

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

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

Email: Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org

Religious Education

Administrative Assistant

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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,

Unconventions

Conventions – and traditions – exist everywhere. These include methods and rituals in mathematics, medicine, politics. Faith also. For example, customary and known are the symbols and words used for Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

And, we are often very comfortable speaking about these formal rituals. Sometimes, we are more comfortable speaking about these than we are speaking of the faith which animates them.

Decades of personal religious experience enable us to speak in conventional – and convincing ways – about the faith we have experienced and known.

And, centuries of religious experience enabled the Jewish people to ask our Lord Jesus about the tradition he had been following or not following in his ministry. There were questions about fasting, about the resurrection of the dead, about the Sabbath and others.

Questions come from both religious and secular leaders.

The leaders of Judaism challenge Jesus with, “If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” (John 10:24) And, the leaders of Rome – via Pontius Pilate – ask, “are you the King of the Jews?” (John 18:33)

Authentic – but unexpected – are his responses of which tell of both the existing (conventional) and the new covenant. The new covenant is in his body and blood. And, Jesus refers to a kingdom not of this world.

The convention-leaders in Jerusalem (who want to know his religion) and in Rome (who want to know his politics) remain confused. It will take some time for them to understand the Gospel and its new conventions and relationships.

We ourselves have our own Catholic traditions of music, architecture, and the overall quality of the celebration. We review them, rate them. Thumbs up? Thumbs down? Should I go back next Sunday?

To be a Catholic and Christian means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. While our faith also invites us to common practice and worship, our faith journey is always about seeking God’s presence rather than imposing it with our own actions or words.

By moving away from conventional conversations about religion, we seek an unconventional conversion. God is not a set of laws or conventions, but rather a person.

A person who lived, died and rose from the dead. And, conversion is not only for the one about to be baptized. Conversion is a daily experience for every Christian.

As Paul writes, we are to pray unceasingly. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

We are called to bring the ordinary struggles of our daily life and to bring them to prayer. This moves us away from the conventional and to the personal.

Our worship here is not a “convention” that enables us to depart from our “regular life” but rather a continuity so that we can bring our struggles to Jesus and to the cross and to pray for new life and resurrection.

As St. Francis de Sales writes:

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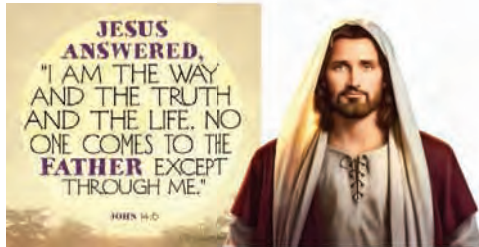


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| SATURDAY 6 MAY 7:30 pm Catherine Del Plato |
| SUNDAY 7 MAY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Eleanor Cassels 11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka |
| MONDAY 8 MAY 8:30 am Michael Strollo |
| TUESDAY 9 MAY 8:30 am Peter John Taylor |
| WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 8:30 am Peter John Taylor |
| THURSDAY 11 MAY 8:30 pm Barbara L. Gerlach (43rd Ann.) |
| FRIDAY 12 MAY 8:#0 pm Ann Balzano |
| SATURDAY 13 MAY 5:30 pm Carmaleta Harris & Paul Harris |
| SUNDAY 14 MAY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Filomena Napolitano & Elizabeth Pflug 11:30 am Mother's Day Memorial Mass |

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| SUNDAY 7 MAY 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary 9:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 - 11:30 am 1st Communion Rehearsal (Church) 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church |
| MONDAY 8 MAY 5—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall) |
| WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel) |
| THURSDAY 11 MAY 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the May 21st Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. |
| SATURDAY 13 MAY 11:30 am 1st Holy Communion 4—5:15 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church |
| SUNDAY 14 MAY 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mother's Day Memorial Mass 11:30 am May Crowning & Flower Procession |



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of **JO ANNE CHIARAMONTE**.



| May 13 - 14, 2023 | | | |
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| Mass | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | |
| 5:30 pm Adult Choir | Lynda Clement | Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (Choir) | |
| 7:30 am | Bless Bernardo | Mary Ellen Chandler | |
| 9:30 am | Andrew Novoa | Carmelita Dizon | |
| 11:30 am Children's Choir | Rachelle Brown | Wendy Sheyka (Choir) | |



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| 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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“Take care, then, never to speak of God or those things which concern him in a merely formal, conventional manner; but with [personal] earnestness and devotion, avoiding the affected way in which some professionally religious people are perpetually interlarding their conversation with pious words and sayings, after a most unseasonable and unthinking manner. Too often they imagine that they are themselves as pious as their words, which is probably not the case.” (Francis De Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, p. 148 or Part 3 (Counsels Concerning the Practice of Virtue), chapter 26 (Of Conversation/How to Speak of God))

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



Saturday
May 13th
11:30 am

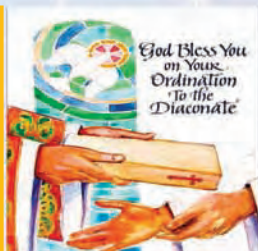


Sunday
May 14th



May Crowning &
Flower Procession
at 11:30 am Mass

Sunday
May 21st
Bryan Bang’s
Ordination in
Fall River, MA



**Lifenet -
Baby Feet
Magnet Giveaway**



Saturday May 6—Sunday May 7

Show your love for babies in the womb! Get a “Baby Feet” Car Magnet!

¡Muestre su amor por los bebés en el útero! ¡Consiga un imán para el automóvil “Baby Feet”!

Symbols are very important in successful social movements. Show your love for babies in the womb and their families by putting a “baby feet” magnet on your car. There will be volunteers at the doors of the church on **Saturday May 6 –Sunday May 7** giving out baby feet magnets. (There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted.)

To get a car magnet by mail, email: BabyFeetMagnet@gmail.com with your name and mailing address or call: 973-497-4500.

Let’s get this symbol all over the roads of New Jersey!



PARISH GIVING

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| FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022 | |
| WEEKLY GOAL | \$ 6800 |
| Collection*: April 22-23* | \$ 4136 |
| Deficit: | \$ 2664 |
| * Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit | |



*For Your Stewardship of
Time, Talent and Treasure.*

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**



PIRATE TREASURE

TRICKY TRAY 2023

POST-EVENT SUMMARY

We are happy to report that 175 registered guests visited Connor Hall from 8:00 am—4:00 pm on April 15th to try their luck at winning more than 300 gift baskets, 4 Special Prizes and a Fair Share drawing.

The proceeds of the event totaled \$11,927. These monies will be presented to Fr. Jim with the request that the monies be restricted for church capital expenditures.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all of our **VOLUNTEERS** for the time and energy that was put into yet another successful Tricky Tray.

We couldn't do this without you!

THANK YOU to all of our **VENDORS & DONORS** for your extreme generosity. The Tricky Tray is our largest fundraiser and helps support the needs of our parish.

THANK YOU to our Tricky Tray **GUESTS** for coming out to support our fundraiser.

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O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

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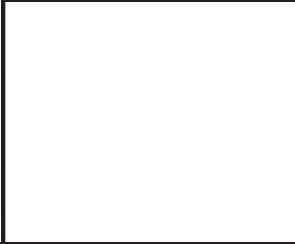
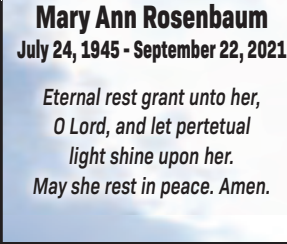
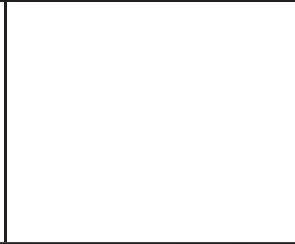
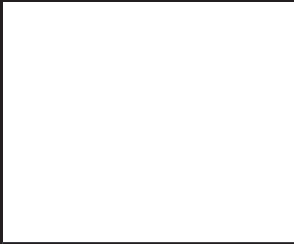
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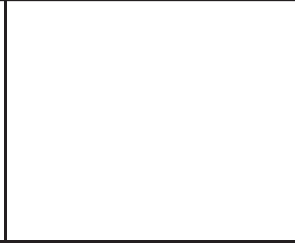
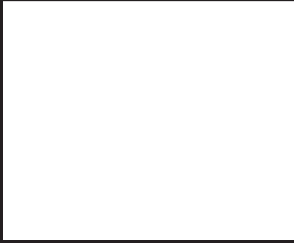
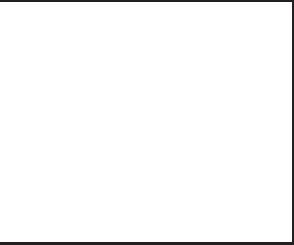
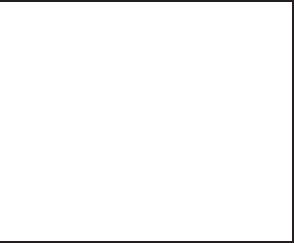
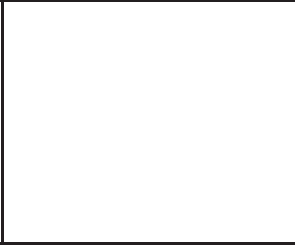
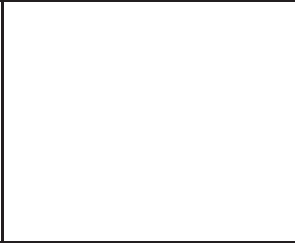
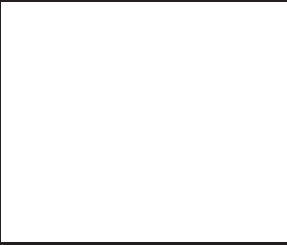
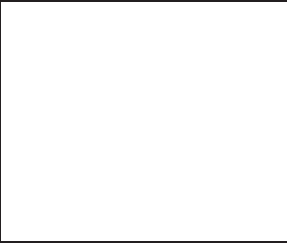
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