

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 RECTORY/Parish Office 973.325.0110 LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/lourdeswestorange Sunday, July 9, 2023 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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

# 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.

# <u>First Friday</u>

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. There is  $1^{\text{st}}$  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.

#### 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: <u>ollfamilyclass@aol.com</u>

## **Religious Education**

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12) Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110 Email: <u>Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org</u> Religious Education

#### Kenglous Education

Administrative Assistant Maggie Macias 973.325.0110 ext. 102 Email: <u>Maggie.macias@lourdeswestorange.org</u>

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 9, 2023



Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes, [An Excerpt from June 18, 2023, Homily]

In the Gospel, we read of Jesus sending out his disciples, sending them out on mission ..and that part of their mission part of our mission is to be a healer, expressed as:

"[Jesus] he summoned his 12 disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness." (Matthew 10:1)

In other words, we are called to be healers. What does it mean to be healed or to be a healer?

A few months ago, I needed "healing". It was early April; Holy Week and I had lost the ability to speak due to laryngitis. The medical diagnosis by doctor was nothing serious and quite simple: stop talking. Do not speak.

I also wish to consider how do I live my life as a priest. Do I just sit in my room and at my desk and text instead of talk ? That was OK, but after about 2 days of texting behind closed doors, I decided to venture out.

The Catholic practices of prayer and fasting applied to me to me in this case. I did not set out to make this healing mission one of prayer and fasting, but that is how it turned out.

[1<sup>st</sup> . **PRAYER**] On Saturday Evening – the Easter Vigil – I arrived to co-concelebrate the Mass I could not and did not say a word. There was nothing to say, I couldn't speak.

I suggest to you that your prayer and our prayer is not simply about retreating into silence and not saying anything.

Because there are times that we do not know what to say, aren't there times that you don't know what to say? Perhaps, you do not know what to say to someone in a crisis, to someone who disagrees with you. Or you do not know what to say to someone who seems too busy. Or, you do not know what to say because you feel rejected.

Jesus teaches us to pray for those we are spiritually distant from – this could be someone who is "opposing" us, against us, an enemy.

Jesus does not teach that we compromise with or concede to our enemies, but to pray for our enemies, to pray for

those we have serious difficulty with. This is the covenant.

So we need continued healing, and also to pray that we can find the right words to say my vocal cords are working right now.

But sometimes I still have laryngitis in terms of the gospel. In other words, I don't really know what to say. And I say the wrong thing. Prayer is a healing remedy. And it helps us to heal others.

[**2<sup>nd</sup>. FASTING**] My lack of talking was also a form of fasting. And I experienced this "fasting" as a form of Communion and connection with you. I had to fast from talking.

Talking is good, but I had to fast from it.

Talking is something that unites us to others. But can silence not also bring us together?

I'd like to make a parallel with fasting from food as a form of Communion.

That is, we naturally associate eating and dining with connection.

However, fasting also unites us to others fasting unites us to Jesus who fasted for us in the desert who gave up his life for us, fasting unites you to many hungry bodies and souls, around the block or around the world.

Fasting is something we are called to do in the form of abstinence from meat on Fridays, were called to abstain from meat on Fridays, or to abstain from something on Fridays, to remember Jesus's death and resurrection.

Fasting is also helped helps the body to recover physically, but fasting and prayer helps us to recover spiritually, and helps us to it's a way that we can make reparations for sin and for sinfulness to give something back to God.

This fasting and prayer does not mean that I take away the sins of the world, you do not take away the sins of the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. But by our fasting and prayer we share in his mission. We share the Good News of healing by our own practices, and we recognize that the real good news is received without cost, and we are called to give without cost. This is not just a bargain or a compromise. It is the covenant. It is the way of reading God's word each day so that He can speak and we, his servants, can listen and be healed.

In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry



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PARISH GIVINGFISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022WEEKLY GOAL\$ 6800Collection\*: June 24-25\*\$ 4093Deficit:\$ 2707\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

We had a great parish BBQ picnic on Saturday June 17 with record breaking attendance of 130 +. What's more... we did not even advertise this for very long. We announced this in mid May.

Our Thank You's are extended to many team members, volunteers and staff:

\_\_CHOIR AND MASS — Thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes Choir for helping us to raise our voices in prayer and song at Saturday's 5:30 pm Vigil Mass and for closing out the "choir year" in beautiful song. See you in September! (New members always welcome!)

**\_\_\_GAMES, PRIZES, SETUP** — Thank you to our very dedicated volunteer TEAM of both grown-ups and young people, for your assembly and organization of all the prizes, the striping of the lawn outside, the refereeing and calling to order of the many games.

**\_\_\_THE DINING EXPERIENCE** — Our team also organized beautifully the many gifts of sweets, desserts, snacks and facilitated the delivery of these home goods with our guests.

\_\_\_ADJUSTING TO THE WEATHER — Thank you to our TEAM and to our maintenance staff, for moving several tables, coolers, beverages (from the church) into position for an outdoor picnic last week and then re-shifting and moving these heavy items again back to the church and Connor Hall for our indoor dining experience.

<u>MARKETING</u>, HOSPITALITY AND RECORD KEEPING — Thank you to our rectory staff for your marketing, hospitality and organization to all those to whom we advertised the June 17 picnic and those from whom we received reservations and questions.

I pray God will continue to bless all of you, our parish, this summer and always.

In Christ's Peace. Father Jim Ferry

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The Winner!











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# Registration is Open for Religious Ed. (Grade 1-12) 1<sup>st</sup> Penance – 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion – Confirmation Register Early for DISCOUNT – See below! (2023-2024)

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052 TEL: 973-325-0110 EMAIL: <u>MAGGIE.MACIAS@LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG</u> "Website" LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, (Documentos requeridos para cada niño o niña),

(1) Baptism certificate (Copia de certificado de bautismo);

(2) 1st Communion certificate (if completed) (Copia de certificado de primera comunión si se completo);

(3) Registration form (Formulario de inscripción). Available in church, at rectory and we can also send to you. Send email request to <u>MAGGIE.MACIAS@LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG</u>
 (4) \$80 / child (niña o niño)

Check is payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes". If paying cash, come IN PERSON (see B) El cheque está a nombre de "Our Lady of Lourdes". Si paga en efectivo, venga EN PERSONA

Regular Fee: \$80 / child	\$ 40 / child (til May 31: until June 19!
DISCOUNT (Descuento) →→	\$ 60 / child (til June 30 until July 19!

B. REGISTER IN PERSON at Rectory. 9 am - 2 pm (Mon. – Fri). Or call for appointment after hours (973-325-0110) (Registrarse en persona en la rectoría de 9 am a 2 pm de lunes a viernes. O llamar para una cita fuera de horario 973-325-0110).

<u>C.</u> HOW TO SEND IN: Put registration in Sunday Mass church collection basket in an envelope. Please mark: "Religious Education" (CÓMO ENVIAR: Coloque la inscripción en la canasta de colecta de la iglesia de la misa dominical en un sobre, marque "Educación Religiosa").

- D. REGISTER ONLINE. Via website: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG
- Click menu "Faith Formation / Religious Ed."
- 2. Click "Religious Education Registration" page, key sections explained below:

<b>Religious Education Registration</b>	"page"
<ul> <li>ONLINE OPTION: Click <u>HERE</u> You may pay online and scan the REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.</li> </ul>	← Register online.
<ul> <li>PRINTING AND SENDING IN THE REGISTRATION. Click <u>HERE</u> to get printable form with instructions. Enclose payment and REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. Put registration in Sunday Mass church collection basket in an envelope. Please mark: "Religious Education".</li> </ul>	← Print "paper form" & send with "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS" (see above)

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