



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, February 11, 2024 - Sixth 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

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

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Administrative Assistant

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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 Friends,

Blessed Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11). *Notre Dame de Lourdes, priez pour nous.* Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

Biography *Saint Bernadette of Lourdes (1844-1979) is the kneeling figure in the mosaic above our altar, being the only direct witness to the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes. Frail in health, Bernadette was the eldest of nine siblings in a financially struggling family, her father working as a miller. Bernadette played a pivotal role in establishing the Marian shrine of Lourdes and leaves a lasting legacy. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of what Bernadette heard and what our Blessed Mother spoke in the apparitions:*

"The message which Our Lady still offers at Lourdes recalls the words Jesus said at the beginning of his public mission and that we hear so often in [the] first days of Lent: 'Convert and believe in the Gospel, pray and do penance. Let us respond to the call of Mary who echoes that of Christ and let us ask her to help us 'enter' Lent with faith and live this season of grace with deep joy and generous commitment'" (Benedict XVI, *Angelus*, February 10, 2008)

I would like to share with you a Lenten message as we approach Ash Wednesday, February 14, with a message from St. Peter Chrysologus.

Biography *Saint Peter Chrysologus (406-450) was archbishop of Ravenna (Italy) and earned the title "Chrysologus" (Golden Orator) later, likely to establish a Western counterpart to Eastern patriarch St. John Chrysostom. A confidant of Pope St. Leo I the Great, Peter gained esteem in both Western and Eastern churches for his orthodox teachings. Peter has several sermons emphasizing Christian doctrines and responsibilities. I share with you one about the Lenten disciplines.*

A SERMON ON PRAYER, FASTING, AND MERCY BY ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing.

So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in the prophecy: A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.

(PASTOR COLUMN continued on Page 4)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - FEBRUARY 11, 2024



SATURDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 5:30 pm Ramon Vargas (18th Ann.)
SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Julie Okeke (Special Intention) 11:30 am Emma Campanella
MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 8:30 am George Pflug (72nd Ann.)
TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 8:30 am Elaine Spina Petrillo
WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY Ash Wednesday 7:00 am Dominick Paradiso 8:30 am Michael & Cecilia Folan 12:00 pm Service 3:30 pm Service 7:00 pm Rudy, Patricia, & Gaiana Swanson
THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 8:30 am Eileen V. Kaczka
FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 8:30 am Elaine Spina Petrillo
SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 5:30 pm Kenneth F. Kunzman
SUNDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte 11:30 am Elaine Spina Petrillo

SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am 1st Comm (OLLC, Chapel) 9:30—11:45 am Grade 7-12 (OLLC, Hall) 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 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. 6:30—7:30 pm 1st Penance/Comm Grades 6-12
WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY See Schedule on Page 5 6:30—8:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Hall)
THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb 25th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)
SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1st SUNDAY OF LENT 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass



Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	ASH WEDNESDAY—Feb 14		
			Mass	Lectors	E. M.
5:30 pm Choir	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (Choir)	7:00 am	Bless Bernardo	Sr. James Soon
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Patricia Saway	8:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Emily Kunz
9:30 am	Andrew Novoa	Myrna Regino Joe Petrillo (Choir)	7:00 pm Choir	Michael Lanfrank	E. Reilly J. Petrillo Choir
11:30 am Children's Choir	Carmelita Dizon	Paul Hirsch			

Emily Cupelli **Louis Papale**

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)

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others. - St. Peter Chrysologus

Blessed Season of Lent to you and yours,
Father Jim Ferry

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February 24, 2024
12pm-7pm



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Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Masses & Services will be held:

7:00 am—Morning Mass

8:30 am—Morning Mass

12:00 Noon—Midday Service

3:30 pm—Afternoon Service

7:00 pm—Evening Mass

**** Ashes will be Distributed at all Masses and Services**

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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

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

Your gift may also be as a monetary donor:

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Eileen Reilly, Chairperson.

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