



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, February 18, 2024 - First 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

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

### Religious Education

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

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### Religious Education

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

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### Religious Education

#### **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 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 Friends,

**EVERYDAY ASHES.** How do "dust and ashes" show up in our lives? Just as the mud or dirt of a physical endeavor (or sporting event or military battle) signifies the initiation of a struggle, the ashes on Ash Wednesday indicate the beginning of a 40-day spiritual struggle.

The ashes symbolize genuine change. Monsignor Charles Pope asserts that true repentance involves a sincere intent to change rather than a mere outward display. Merely receiving ashes without a commitment to change renders them a false sign. (Catholic Standard, "5 Meanings of Ashes We Receive Today" <https://cathstan.org/posts/five-meanings-of-the-ashes-we-receive-today-3>)

**GOSPEL.** The Gospel of Ash Wednesday reminds us that genuine change transcends appearances, discouraging superficiality and hypocrisy: "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Matthew 6:16-18)

**PENANCE.** Penance, which is really not confined to the 40 days of Lent, extends to positive actions throughout the year. Penance, associated with the sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation, serves not to earn forgiveness but to recognize and receive God's grace..

St. Paul compares our lives and bodies to "houses" and "Temples" of the Holy Spirit. Penance, in this context, is not about renouncing inherently bad things but giving up something good as a means of uniting with God. I would like to share some examples, based on the 3 traditional practices of Lent - FASTING - PRAYER - ALMSGIVING (CHARITY).

**FASTING AND CALORIES.** These could be small sacrifices made at the table, such as abstaining from sugar in coffee or tea. We can undertake small acts inconspicuously, with the goal of self-discipline and spiritual growth.

**PRAYER AND COMMUNICATION.** How can you and I "sacrifice" on communication? One way is to set time limits on phone/computer use. It's a virtue to see clearly faces of loved ones at the table, to talk and put down the phone!

A "communication" sacrifice could call us to reduce our inclination to complex and verbose explanations. Do I say too much? Sometimes! Giving my perspective from the heart is good, but I also need to allow honesty to speak for itself. Then, I can better listen to and pray for my neighbor, family member, friend, co-worker.

In the Gospel Jesus cautions us about making complicated or elaborate oaths or promises (Matthew 5: 33-37). Rather, state and speak the truth clearly: "Let your yes mean yes and your no mean no" (Matthew 5:37).

Thomas Merton wrote about how to be sincere and serene: "[Why do we get angry about what we believe? Because we do not really believe it. Or else what we pretend to be defending as the "truth" is really our own self-esteem. [A person] of sincerity is less interested in defending the truth than in stating it clearly." (Thomas Merton, "Sincerity" essay, *No Man is an Island* book, p. 195)


**ALMSGIVING AND COMFORT.** Living at ease and without pain is good. Yet, at times, does love not strain both the muscle and mind? It is easy to stretch ourselves when our beloved is reciprocating. However, Jesus said do not love only those who love you: love your enemy. (Matthew 5:43)

In times of conflict with another, we may be called to give back, or change places with someone or imagine what another person is feeling. This "reversal of roles" is easy when we are *simpatico* and connected emotionally. When we are at odds with someone, it is harder walk in the other's shoes. It is also harder to take the "back seat" when you know a right or privilege is due to you. This is love.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES - FEBRUARY 18, 2024**




<b>SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY</b>	5:30 pm Kenneth F. Kunzman
<b>SUNDAY, 18 FEBRUARY</b>	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte 11:30 am Elaine Spina Petrillo
<b>MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY</b>	8:30 am Penny Mariani
<b>TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY</b>	8:30 am Margaret Brennan
<b>WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY</b>	8:30 am Dolores Aquino
<b>THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY</b>	8:30 am John Mooney
<b>FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY</b>	8:30 am Filomena Napolitano (46th Ann.)
<b>SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY</b>	5:30 pm John Mooney
<b>SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY</b>	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Patricia A. Volpe 11:30 am JoAnne Chiaramonte

<b>SUNDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 1st SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass
<b>MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	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.
<b>WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY</b>	6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)
<b>THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY</b>	10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Mar. 3rd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)
<b>SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY</b>	4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY</b>	7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:45 am Grade 7-12 (OLLC, Hall) 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		FEB 24 - FEB 25, 2024			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm Choir	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (Choir)			
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe			
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiaramonte			
11:30 am Choir	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka Eileen Reilly (Choir)			



**Louis Papale**

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



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Are there ways in which you or I can change “seats” or “places” with others throughout the day in order to give up something good out of love? On the plane, the train, or automobile, this might mean moving to the “middle seat” for the sake of someone else. You may have done this, and no one noticed. In Gospel terms, you did not “appear to be fasting.” But God noticed and is always looking beyond appearances. I pray this Lent, which began on February 14 - Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day - may remind us of God's love for you. The ashes on our foreheads symbolize not only the beginning of a struggle but also an opportunity for genuine, inward transformation.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th and 24th

At: Saint Joseph's Parish Center, 44 Benvenue Avenue,  
West Orange, NJ

All 7th through 12th Grade Students are invited to join their peers to actively participate in their parish and community.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

TIME: 3:00 pm (time to be confirmed)



FREE CONCERT FEATURING  
TONY MELENDEZ  
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PLACE: St. Joseph's Parish Center/Gym

44 Bienvenue Ave., West Orange, NJ

## PARISH GIVING

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WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection\*: Feb 3- Feb 4 \$ 5432

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\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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# Tricky Tray



**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**8:00 am - 4:00 pm: Guest Walk-Through & Basket Selection**

**5:00 pm: Drawings Begin**

**Prize Pick-up Sunday, April 21 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

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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](mailto:trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org)

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

Your gift may also be as a monetary donor:

Gold Donor	\$100.00
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