



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, February 25, 2024 - Second 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

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,

I share with you this article / reflection based from this Catholic site: LinkToLiturgy.Com which offers lessons based on our biblical readings of the Gospel of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9).

(Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/a-glimpse-of-heaven>)

“It is good that we are here”

Jesus in the Transfiguration shows the brilliant face of the Son of God to the three Apostles. The three of them saw a glimpse of Heaven.

Why does Jesus show it to them for only a second? Jesus wanted to show them a view of great glory and hope even for just a moment. It was to give them hope of heaven.

How did they see him after the Transfiguration? They see the “ordinary Jesus”. “They see Jesus they know, who is sometimes hungry, sometimes tired, who tries to make himself understood. They see Jesus without any special manifestations of glory.” [Fernandez, *In Conversation with God 2, 12.3*]

Soon they see the same Jesus bloody, beaten, and bruised. For us though, we must seek Jesus in the “ordinary” things of our lives. We must seek Him, “in the midst of our work, in the streets, in the people around us, in our prayer. We have to find Him, when he forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance and, above all, in the Holy Eucharist, where He is truly, really and substantially present. Normally, he does not show himself to us with any special manifestations. Rather, we have to learn to find Our Lord in what is ordinary, every day, and we must flee from the temptation of ever wanting anything extraordinary. [Fernandez, *In Conversation with God 2, 12.3*]

Why did God reveal the Transfiguration in the first place? To show there is a light at the end of a dark tunnel. The darkness of what Jesus had to go through with His Passion and death was only a means to His glorious resurrection. “The principal aim of the Transfiguration was to banish from the disciples’ souls the scandal of the Cross.” [St. Leo the Great, *Sermon 51,3*].

Only the three closest disciples – Peter, James and John are privileged to witness it, the same ones who would

be present later at the agony in Gethsemane, as if to indicate that glory and suffering are two inseparable aspects of the unique mystery of Christ.” [Divine Intimacy vol. II pg. 30] Lastly, as St. Bede comments, “in a loving concession allowed Peter, James and John to enjoy for a very short time the contemplation of the happiness that lasts forever, so as to enable them to bear adversity with greater fortitude.” [St. Bede, *Commentary on St. Mark, 8, 30:1,3*]

How does the Transfiguration relate to us? This story helps us to understand what we must go through in order to see Jesus in dazzling white. “Man’s existence is a journey towards Heaven, our dwelling place. [cf. 2 Cor. 5:2] It is a journey, which is, at times, harsh and laborious because we often have to go against the current of opinion and we will have to struggle against many enemies both inside and outside of ourselves. But God wants to strengthen us with the hope of Heaven, in a special way at the more difficult moments or when the weakness of our condition makes itself more felt.” [Fernandez, *In Conversation with God 2, 12.2*] What are some of the enemies we struggle with inside and outside of ourselves? How has God strengthen us in times of great temptation?

St. Catherine of Siena was an amazing saint who was caught up in ecstasy. Ecstasy is a vision or encounter with God. The first Apostles experienced a form of ecstasy and awe in front of Jesus transfigured.

Regardless of length of time, to have a glimpse of Heaven is to give more hope in Christ than anything else. Why? Because, “There, all is repose, joy and delight; all serenity and calm, all peace, splendor and light. It is not a light such as we enjoy now, and which, compared with that light, is no more than a lamp placed beside the sun...For there, there is no night, or twilight, heat or cold, or any change in one’s way of being, but a state such as can be understood only by those who are worthy to possess it.

There, there is no old age, or sickness, or anything allied to corruption, because it is the place and the home of immortal glory. And above all this the everlasting presence and possession of Christ, of the angels...everyone perpetually of like mind, without any fear of Satan or the snares of the devil or the threats of hell or of death.” [St. John Chrysostom, *Epistle 1 to Theodore, 11*]

(Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/a-glimpse-of-heaven>)



**In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - FEBRUARY 25, 2024




SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 5:30 pm John Mooney
SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Patricia A. Volpe 11:30 am JoAnne Chiaramonte
MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 8:30 am Romaine Rice (17th Ann.)
TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 8:30 am Patricia A. Volpe
WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 8:30 am Patricia A. Volpe
THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 8:30 am Patricia A. Volpe
FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 8:30 am Helena Petersen
SATURDAY, 2 MARCH 5:30 pm Peggy Ann Mooney
SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Dec. Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Jaroslav Konvalinka



SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT  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
MONDAY, 26 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
TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 7:00—8:00 pm Finance Comm. Mtg (Rectory)
THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Mar. 10th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)
 FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 5:30—7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration (OLLC)
SATURDAY, 2 MARCH 1:00—2:00 pm 1st Penance Rehearsal Grades 7-12 3:00—5:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary (OLLC) 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am 1st Comm (OLLC, Chapel) 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		MARCH 2 - MARCH 3, 2024			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm Choir	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)			
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Mary Cassels			
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Bill Talbot			
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis			



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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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
MARCH 1, 2024
5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!
Jesus is waiting for You!

The Rosary Altar Society's March meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, March 5, at 1:00 pm
in the Rectory.

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

In Partnership with
St. Joseph & St. Raphael Parishes

Meetings will be held 7:00—8:30 pm on:

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
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followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

ALL ARE WELCOME

PLACE: St. Joseph's Parish Center/Gym

44 Bienvenue Ave., West Orange, NJ

PARISH GIVING

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Collection*: Feb 10– Feb 11 \$ 5105

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St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 3/16/2024** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **3/16/2024** so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at travisb23@juno.com.



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St. Joseph's Novena 2024

The St. Joseph Novena is our Lenten Retreat with spiritual talks nightly
 + Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. / Join us for any night or every night!

<p>Monday March 11 7 pm Prayer Service Bishop Manuel A. Cruz, D.D. <i>Auxiliary Bishop for Essex County</i></p>	<p>Tuesday Mar. 12 7 pm Prayer Service Monsignor Robert Fuhrman <i>St. Philomena, Livingston</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Mar. 13 7 pm Prayer Service Deacon Steven Greydanus <i>Seton Hall Prep High School Faculty</i></p>
<p>Thursday Mar. 14 7 pm Prayer Service TBA</p>	<p>Friday March 15 7 pm Prayer Service Deacon Bryan Bangs <i>Diocese of Fall River Immaculate Conception Sem., Seton Hall</i></p>	<p>Saturday March 16 5:30 pm Evening Mass TBA</p>
<p>Sunday March 17 7 pm Prayer Service Father Tom Blind <i>St. Aloysius, Caldwell</i></p>	<p>Monday March 18 7 pm Prayer Service Father Lito Ebron <i>St. Raphael, Livingston</i></p>	<p>Tuesday March 19 St. Joseph Feast Mass 8:30 am morning – Father Jim Ferry (Lourdes) AND 7 pm EVENING – Father Jim Ferry (Lourdes)</p>

St. Joseph Table "arrangements" to be announced.

Novena video to be posted 2 hours after each event.

Find video via "YouTube Page" link on lourdeswestorange.org

Confessions (Reconciliation) 6 → 6:45 pm on Monday March 11 - Friday March 15

Sunday, March 10th



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