



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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Religious Education

Administrative Assistant

Maggie Macias 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ

On Palm Sunday, as recounted in Mark 14:1-15:47, a significant event unfolds with Jesus and his disciples. In this critical moment, despite the gravity of the situation, the disciples seem to struggle to stay awake while Jesus grapples with intense spiritual turmoil. Meanwhile, Judas Iscariot is active, betraying Jesus.

As they arrive at Gethsemane, a tranquil garden away from the chaos of the city and Judas' schemes, Jesus is deeply distressed, praying fervently for a way out, yet ultimately submitting to God's will. However, his disciples, seemingly oblivious to the gravity of the situation, repeatedly fall asleep.

This leads to three distinct responses or lessons from Jesus:

1. **Telling:** The first response is one of urgency. Jesus admonishes his disciples to wake up, recognizing their human frailty even as he acknowledges their willingness in spirit. Similarly, in our own lives, we may become spiritually lethargic due to disappointment or discouragement, but Jesus calls us to remain alert and engaged with him.
2. **Tolerating:** The second time the disciples fall asleep, Jesus allows them to do so without reprimand. This response highlights the concept of tolerance in God's dealings with humanity. Despite our shortcomings and failures, God grants us free will and accepts our choices, even if they lead to injustice or wrongdoing. However, this tolerance is not a condoning of sin but rather an invitation to repentance and the possibility of redemption.
3. **Turning Back:** Despite the disciples' repeated failures, Jesus does not give up on them. Instead, he urges them to "turn back" and continue on the journey with him. This illustrates God's relentless love and commitment to us, always inviting us to return to him regardless of our past mistakes.

Just as Jesus invited his disciples to accompany him on the journey to the Cross, he invites us to walk with him, offering forgiveness and a fresh start. In essence, Jesus' responses to his disciples' behavior on that fateful night reflect his ongoing relationship with you and me. Both you and I are called to wakefulness and engagement, tolerates our imperfections while still urging us to repentance, and never gives up on us despite our repeated failures. Ultimately, his message is one of hope and redemption, inviting us to rise and continue the journey with him, a journey that is not just taking place in church, but on your school bus, in your car, in your home. I pray that you, our young people, will stay close to God during upcoming Spring Break and other school vacations!

After each of our falls – one, two, three or more – he invites us not simply by telling, not simply by tolerating that everything we do is OK, but by urging us to walk with him, with turning back to us. He does not give up on us, but tells you and me “to rise, let us be going [on our way]”. (Mark 14:42)

SAVE THE DATE: On November 10, 2024 (Sunday 11:30 am Mass), Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark will visit our parish to celebrate Mass for our 110th Annivesary.

RELIGIOUS EDUC. REGISTRATION: Register your Grade 1-12 child to begin or continue religious education at \$100 / child for the year “Sept. 2024 - June 2025.” Children prepare for 1st Penance, 1st Communion, and Confirmation. 2 years of classes are required for each sacrament. **Discounts available: \$60 / child (by May 31), \$80/child (by June 30).** Register online at LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG under "Faith Formation" > "Religious Ed. Registration," or get paper forms from the church or by calling 973.325.0110.

Blessings of Holy Week to you and yours,
Father Jim Ferry





SATURDAY, 23 MARCH 5:30 pm Helen & Walter Supczynski
SUNDAY, 24 MARCH 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte (27th Ann.) 11:30 am Emily Cupelli
MONDAY, 25 MARCH 8:30 am Thomas Foley
TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 8:30 am Rosalinda Rupel (In Thanksgiving)
WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 8:30 am Josephine DeVincentis & Pedersen Family
THURSDAY, 28 MARCH Holy Thursday 8:30 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRIDAY, 29 MARCH Good Friday 3:00 am Passion & Veneration of Cross 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY, 30 MARCH Holy Saturday 7:30 pm Evening Vigil Mass
SUNDAY, 31 MARCH Easter Sunday 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am People of the Parish 11:30 am People of the Parish

SUNDAY, 24 MARCH Palm Sunday
 7:30 am Mass
 9:30 am Mass
 10:30 am **Children's Choir (OLLC)**
 11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 25 MARCH
 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 Pnc/Comm Grades 6-12 (OLLC)**

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH Holy Thursday
 10:00 am **Deadline for News & Announcements for the Apr. 7th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.**
 7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 8:00—11:00 pm **Adoration**

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH Good Friday
 3:00 pm **Passion Reading & Veneration of the Cross**
 7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

SATURDAY, 30 MARCH Holy Saturday
 7:30 pm **Easter Vigil Mass**
THERE IS NO 5:30 PM MASS TODAY

SUNDAY, 31 MARCH Easter Sunday
 7:30 am Mass
 9:30 am Mass
 10:30 am **Children's Choir (OLLC)**
 11:30 am Mass



Holy Thursday 7:00 pm (Choir)	Readers Mary Cassels		Eucharistic Ministers Sister James Soon Myrna Regino (Choir)
Good Friday 3:00 pm (Choir)	Readings & Voice Carol Ford Pat Sigalas	Narrator Joy Hayward	Eucharistic Ministers Annette Chiaramonte Eileen Reilly (Choir)

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		MARCH 30-31, 2024	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
Holy Saturday 7:30 pm (Choir)	Michael Lanfrank Kathy Petrillo Wendy Sheyka	Virginia Dimapilis Joe Petrillo (choir)	
Easter Sunday 7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Bill Talbot	
11:30 am Children's Choir	Lynda Clement	Judy Albore Carmelita Dizon (choir)	

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
 Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week.
 This day joins the foretelling of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (as the crowd welcomed Him with palm branches) and the proclamation of His Passion in the Gospel reading. Hence, the day is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday."

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

PALM SUNDAY

Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you, O God, that we, who today hold high these branches in our minds and hearts to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.



Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE RAFFLE

WINNERS

March 2, 2024

\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:
Julie Okeke
\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:
Tricia A. Shelly

Thank You

The Paschal Candle

"The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27)

At the Easter Vigil, we burn for the first time the Easter Candle, a sign of God's light in our world. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Easter Paschal Candle donated each year by Steve and Mary Ellen Chandler in memory of the Chandler/Zimmermann Families.



Gift for Palm Sunday

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
Luke 19:38)*

**Lent—Sacrifice—Donation Bins—
Any Connection?**



Lent is a time of sacrifice to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, knick-knacks, toys, and children's books for the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s)? If you do, you have made the connection.

On Palm Sunday, we welcome the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by holding up our own palm branches at Mass. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Palm branches donated each year by Darren and Mellen Dangler in memory of the deceased members of the Dangler and Phillips Families.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

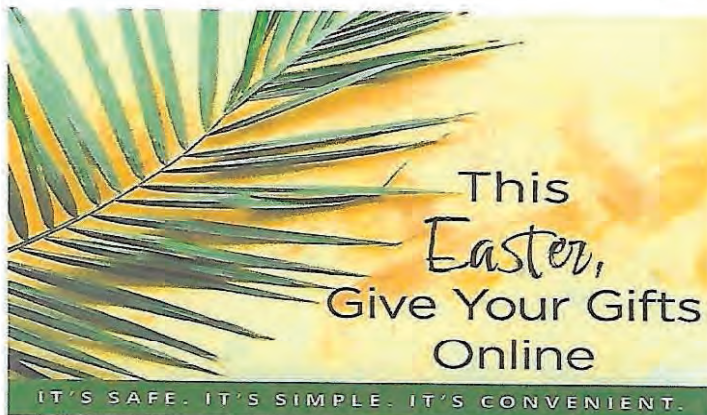
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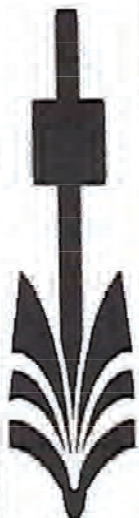


Saturday April 20, 2024

8:00 am—4:00 pm
Guest Walk-Thru & Basket Selection
5:00 pm Drawings Begin
Prize Pick-up Sunday, April 21
8:00 am—3:00 pm

Pre-Event Ticket Bundle Sales
Ann Pflug 973-325-2212
Annette Chiamonte 973-325-3545

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Religious Educ. Registering \$ 100 / child. **DISCOUNT BELOW!**
(Classes are from Sept. 2024 - June 2025)

1st Penance - 1st Communion - Confirmation (Grade 1-12)

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