



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter



## 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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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

### **Religious Education**

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

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

Email: [Priscillacastro@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:Priscillacastro@lourdeswestorange.org)

### **Religious Education**

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

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

Email: [Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org)

### **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 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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In the age-old social media/ gathering at the water cooler or street corner, we have always sought to fill in the blanks of information. From office chatter to playground gossip, I myself often desire the latest news and desire to interpret it myself. Do you? This innate curiosity leads us to ask questions like "Have you heard about..." or "What have you heard about...", driving us to seek truth amidst the chatter of others.

Yet, after the tumultuous events of the Passion and Death of Jesus, the disciples found themselves isolated and withdrawn. Hiding in the upper room, they were locked in their own world, perhaps talking but likely not truly listening to each other. However, with the Resurrection, they were drawn out of their seclusion by reports of the empty tomb, initiating a journey towards understanding the profound significance of these events.

Just as Martha professed her faith in Jesus as the Messiah despite her grief over her brother Lazarus, we too must come to comprehend the deeper meaning behind the trials and triumphs we face. The Good News extends beyond the immediate challenges we encounter, offering hope and purpose that transcends temporal circumstances. It's a message that may take time to fully grasp, as evidenced by the disciples' initial lack of understanding regarding Jesus' resurrection.

Similarly, not everyone readily embraces the truth of Christ's death and resurrection. Each of us may struggle to believe, experiencing fluctuations in our faith akin to the varying size of our own mustard seed. Yet, just as Jesus assures us that even the smallest faith can grow, we are encouraged to persevere in our journey of belief, learning from the example of the disciples who accompanied Jesus through their own uncertainties.

Crucially, listening emerges as a vital virtue in our quest for understanding. The wisdom of St. James reminds us to be quick to listen and slow to speak, fostering patience and empathy towards others, particularly those whose voices

may often go unheard. It's a call to embody Christ's compassion and attentiveness, especially towards those marginalized or overlooked in society.

Moreover, listening extends beyond mere words, encompassing the ability to overhear the unspoken truths that permeate our surroundings. While not advocating for invasive surveillance, this form of attentive observation allows us to glean valuable insights into human behavior and relationships, enriching our understanding of ourselves and others.

In every sphere of life – be it at school, at home, or within our broader communities – listening serves as a conduit for deeper connection and comprehension. By actively engaging with the questions, concerns, and experiences of those around us, we not only expand our own perspectives but also cultivate bonds of empathy and mutual respect.

Within the familial setting, in particular, listening becomes a means of both learning and loving. By attentively observing interactions and behaviors, we gain invaluable insights into the character and values of those closest to us, nurturing relationships founded on understanding and trust.

Ultimately, the message of Easter reminds us to remain vigilant and receptive, even amidst the noise and uncertainty of life. While we may encounter moments of doubt or despair, the triumph of Jesus over sin and death reaffirms our hope and strengthens our resolve to listen, learn, and love in accordance with the Good News. As we open our ears and hearts to the transformative power of Christ's resurrection, we find solace and inspiration to navigate life's journey with courage and compassion.

Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry





<b>SATURDAY, 13 APRIL</b> 5:30 pm Walter & Helen Supczynski
<b>SUNDAY, 14 APRIL</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Michael Chiamonte, Jr. (7th Ann.) 11:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
<b>MONDAY, 15 APRIL</b> 8:30 am Martin & Anna McLaughlin
<b>TUESDAY 16 APRIL</b> 8:30 am Martin & Anna McLaughlin
<b>WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL</b> 8:30 am Malachy & Anne Healy
<b>THURSDAY, 18 APRIL</b> 8:30 am Malachy & Anne Healy
<b>FRIDAY, 19 APRIL</b> 8:30 am Lyn Ann Agresti
<b>SATURDAY, 20 APRIL</b> 5:30 pm John Mooney
<b>SUNDAY, 21 APRIL</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Joan Papale 11:30 am Michael Whelan

<b>SUNDAY, 14 APRIL</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30-11:30 am <b>1st Penance (OLLC, Chapel)</b> 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am <b>Children's Choir (OLLC)</b> 11:30 am Mass
<b>MONDAY, 15 APRIL</b> 8:30 am <b>Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.</b> <i>Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.</i> 6—7:30 pm <b>1st Penance/Comm Grades 6-12</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL</b> 6:30—7:30 pm <b>Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)</b>
<b>THURSDAY, 18 APRIL</b> 10:00 am <b>Deadline for News &amp; Announcements for the Apr. 28th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.</b> 6-8:00 pm <b>Choir practice (OL)</b>
<b>SATURDAY, 20 APRIL</b> 7am—8pm <b>TRICKY TRAY (HALL)</b> 4:15—5:00 pm <b>Confessions in Church</b> 5:30 pm <b>Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY, 21 APRIL</b> 8am—3pm <b>TRICKY TRAY BASKET PICK UP (HALL)</b> 7:30 am: <b>Mass</b> 9:30 -11:30 am <b>1st Penance (OLLC, Chapel)</b> 9:30 am <b>Mass</b> 10:30 am <b>Children's Choir (OLLC)</b> 11:30 am <b>Mass</b>



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		APRIL 20-21, 2024	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm Choir	Michael Lanfranki	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Bless Bernardo	
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Annette Chiamonte	
11:30 am Children's Choir	Lynda Clement	Bill Talbot Wendy Sheyka (Choir)	



**PRAYERS Needed Here**

**Louis Papale**

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# Tricky Tray



**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 Chiaramonte 973-325-3545**  
**Lourdeswestorange.org (select About our Parish, Tricky  
Tray 2024)**



*Save the Date*  
**Sunday Nov. 10, 2024**  
**11:30 am Mass**  
**Cardinal Joseph Tobin**  
*ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK*  
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**110<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary**  
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84<sup>th</sup> Psalm**

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