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Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Fifth 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

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Blessed Easter Season to you. In the traditions of the Church, Easter is the time to celebrate baptism, especially during the Easter Vigil, after sunset, symbolizing the transition from darkness to light.

It sometimes happens during the Baptism itself, you – as a child – or your child – is asleep in the arms of his or mother or father or godmother or godfather.

Now, it also happens that you as a child or your child were agitated during the baptism and fell asleep and rested later. Nevertheless, water gently embraces, child stirs, awakening to baptism's embrace – a transition from slumber to spiritual awakening, guided by God's love.

The Bible tells us of a prophet and teacher of God's Word who was awakened and called by God at nighttime, while he was sleeping and his awakening is a sign of resurrection. This is the prophet "Samuel".

Who was Samuel in the Bible? His family and friends are also important. Hannah, his mother, prayed fervently for a child to be born and "she called [him] Samuel, since she had asked [prayed to] the Lord for him." (1 Samuel 2:20)

The name Samuel means "God has heard". And, the life of Samuel is also about listening, prayer and being blessed.

### Samuel's First Listening Example

In the Bible, the prophet Samuel learns to listen especially when he becomes an assistant as a young person to the Temple priest, whose name is Eli.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 key examples of Samuel learning to listen.

One night both Samuel and Eli are asleep. Samuel is asleep in front of the Tabernacle. *Samuel is awakened three times by the sound of a voice and goes to Eli, saying, "Here I am. You called me".* Children sometimes wake up their parents and elders at night! *Eli replies the first two times, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."*

However, after the third time, Eli recognized that God is involved and said to Samuel: "Go to sleep and if you are called, reply 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.'" (cf. 1 Samuel 3:1-10)

Like the prophet Samuel, we are called to pray before the Tabernacle, recognizing it as the sacred space for communion with God.

Samuel gives the example not only to listen to each other but also to listen to God. Samuel gives a lesson to parents not only to teach their child to obey parental instructions but also to obey God's wisdom. Parents represent God's presence, God's mercy, God's forgiveness to your children, and to obey God's wisdom as they grow up.

Just as Jesus' resurrection sparked a period of awakening and intimacy with his disciples, so too does your baptism, my baptism which happened years ago remind us to listen and to pray daily for strength

Jesus rises and reunites with his disciples, for only 50 days in person on earth, but these days are a prelude to a life-long personal relationship with God, one we are all working on.

The Good News of Jesus spreads not due to showy demonstration of the resurrection but goes "viral" because Jesus meets tenderly and intimately with his friends building a personal relationship with them, reminding them of God's mercy.

### Samuel's Second Listening Example

In the Bible, Samuel had a key role as the one who anointed both King Saul and King David, the first two kings of Israel.

When Samuel goes to anoint someone to follow King Saul, he doesn't immediately choose David but rather other possible candidates who are taller, stronger, elder.

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**SATURDAY, 27 APRIL**  
5:30 pm Deacon Ernesto Abad (10th Ann.)

**SUNDAY, 28 APRIL**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Matilda O'Boyle  
11:30 am Michael Whelan

**MONDAY, 29 APRIL**  
8:30 am Charlie Hodgson

**TUESDAY 30 APRIL**  
8:30 am Roula Papanakariou

**WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY**  
8:30 am Nenita Tanglao

**THURSDAY, 2 MAY**  
8:30 am Karol Ciechanowski

**FRIDAY, 3 MAY**  
8:30 am Edward J. Ford, III (4 Ann.)

**SATURDAY, 4 MAY**  
5:30 pm Lawrence & Catherine Del Plato

**SUNDAY, 5 MAY**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Michael O'Boyle & Millie Cassidy  
11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka

**SUNDAY, 28 APRIL**  
7:30 am Mass  
9:30 - 11:45 am Grades 7-12 (OLLC, Hall)  
9:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)  
11:30 am Mass

**MONDAY, 29 APRIL**  
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 onday.*  
6:45 - 7:15 pm Grades 7-12 parent child mtg wrap up (OLLC)

**THURSDAY, 2 MAY**  
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the May 12th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.  
5:15 - 7:00 pm  
6-8:00 pm Choir practice

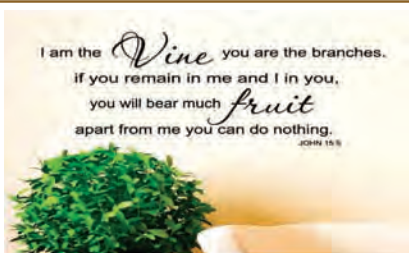
**FRIDAY, 3 MAY**  
5:30 - 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

**SATURDAY, 4 MAY**  
3 - 5:30 pm Grades 1-5 (Hall)  
4:15 - 5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, 5 MAY**  
7:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Pray Rosary (OLLC)  
9:30 - 11:45 am Grades 7-12 (OLLC, Hall)  
9:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)  
11:30 am Mass  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm 1st Communion Rehears. Mass & Mtg. (OLLC)



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Marie Linda Benoit & Family **IN THANKSGIVING.**



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		May 4 - May 5	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (Choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Joe Petrillo	
11:30 am Choir	Linda Clement	Virgina Dimapilis Paul Hirsch (Choir)	



**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)

Samuel is inclined at first to select based on the "visual" or the "optic" superficially, stronger, taller, etc.

Samuel hears the Lord say, "man looks at the appearance, but God looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) And, so David - who was the younger and apparently weaker- was selected and anointed by Samuel. As a predecessor to Jesus, David was the greatest of the original kings of Israel

Jesus is a descendant - in the family tree of David. Similarly, Jesus will appear, many times, to be the weaker one, the compromised one described by Isaiah the prophet in our 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Good Friday:

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering." (Isaiah 53:1)

Yet, Jesus gives us a model of courage and blessing to follow and to unite ourselves to God in terms of community, communion and communication.

I pray this Easter will remind all of us of our Baptismal call which we share with Sammy, (who was baptized last night), as the People God and that we are called to spiritual alertness to make Samuel's words our own when we are awakened: "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9)

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

## ANOTHER YUMMY Pancake Breakfast



The West Orange Council #5519 Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser in the basement of

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall  
Sunday, May 19**

**from 8:30 am until 11:30 am**

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, tea, and coffee will be served.

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**MAY 3, 2024**

**5:30-7:30 pm in Church**

**Join Us!**

**Jesus is waiting for You!**

### St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 5/25/2024** 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 **5/25/2024** 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](mailto:travisb23@juno.com).



### PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Apr 13-Apr 14*	\$ 4422
Deficit:	\$ 2378

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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# SAVE THE DATE

Saturday  
May 11th  
11:30 am  
Mass



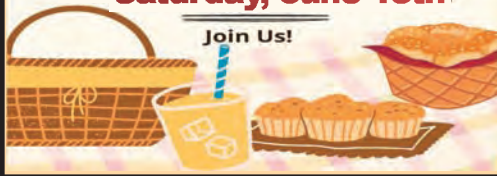
Sunday  
May 12th

HAPPY  
Mother's  
DAY

May  
Crowning

May Crowning &  
Flower Procession at  
11:30 am Mass

Parish  
Picnic  
Saturday, June 15th



Saturday  
June 15th  
(See Flyer)

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Penance - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - Confirmation** (Grade 1-12)

**DISCOUNT** Fee: \$ **60** / child (til May 31), \$ **80** / child (til June 30)

**Visit Website to register online: [LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG)**  
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