



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052

RECTORY/Parish Office 973.325.0110

[LOURDESWESTORAGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORAGE.ORG)



Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/lourdeswestorange](http://www.facebook.com/lourdeswestorange)

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – Sixth 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

RECTORY/Parish Office: 973.325.0110

Fax: 973.325.9105

Email: [ollwonj@verizon.net](mailto:ollwonj@verizon.net)

Website: [lourdeswestorange.org](http://lourdeswestorange.org)

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

Email: [Maggie.macias@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:Maggie.macias@lourdeswestorange.org)

### **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:

I would like to share with you this article from the “Crossroads Initiative” website:

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/love-unlimited-6th-sunday-easter/>)

**LOVE UNLIMITED – CORNELIUS & THE BUSINESS OF A UNIVERSAL CHURCH**

Author: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Some view the Catholic Church as multi-national corporation. If so, its DBA [“doing business as” title] should be love unlimited. In contrast to ever natural love, the love that should categorize the life of the church is charity, agape, God’s love which is, like God, universal, infinite, without limits or boundaries. This is illustrated by the story of the centurion Cornelius, a reading for the 6th Sunday of Easter B.

Some people seem to think that the Catholic Church is just another multi-national corporation, Catholicism, Inc., with the Pope as CEO. Obviously, this view is a bit skewed, but is not totally off-base. The Church is in fact an international organization. That’s actually one of the meanings of the word “Catholic” – this church is no small sect limited to a particular ethnic enclave. Rather, it is “universal,” intended to reach and include people from all nations.

**CORNELIUS & THE CHURCH CATHOLIC**  
That’s an important message of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 10. Jesus’s mission was first and foremost to the children of Israel. But notice that he never restricted his ministry to Jews alone. In fact the person he pointed out as having more faith than just about anyone else he’d met was not a Jew, but a pagan, the centurion whose servant he healed (Matthew 8:5-13).

As with the master, so with the disciple. Peter, the Vicar of Christ, meets another centurion who also exhibits faith and hunger for God. Not only was he a Gentile, but he was an officer in the occupying army of the hated Romans.

Cornelius hadn’t even gone through RCIA and received the sacraments of initiation, but what does God do? He pours out the Holy Spirit upon Cornelius and his pagan companions! How could these enemies be denied the sacrament of baptism when God had not hesitated to give them a generous measure of the Spirit?

Someone once said that Catholicism means “Here comes everybody!” In other words, the family that is the Church is open to foreigners as well as countrymen, enemies as well as friends.

**THE BUSINESS OF UNIVERSAL LOVE**

The Church is similar to a multi-national corporation in another respect. It has very serious business to attend to. Our second reading and the gospel sum up this business in a single word –love. If you put this central concept together with the message of the first reading, you get both the mission statement and a good DBA for the corporate entity of the Catholic Church– Love Unlimited.

Human beings without saving grace are capable of some love, as pointed out by C.S. Lewis’s brilliant book, *The Four Loves*. But it is always a limited sort of love. It is limited in extension—we love our own country, our own family, our own spouse, our own friends. It is also usually limited in intensity—we often are willing to love as long as it doesn’t cost too much.

**CHARITY – LOVE UNLIMITED**

But the love which is the church’s business is charity. It is divine love that gives itself without limit to everyone without exception. It is a love impossible for human beings without the divine power of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit was poured upon the 120 at Pentecost and upon Cornelius and company on that day in Caesarea.



**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

**MONDAY, 6 MAY**  
8:30 am Maurice Ferrus

**TUESDAY 7 MAY**  
8:30 am John D. Pflug

**WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY**  
8:30 am Eleanor Cassels

**THURSDAY, 9 MAY ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
8:30 am People of Parish

**FRIDAY, 10 MAY**  
8:30 am Jose Matias, Sr. (38th Ann.)

**SATURDAY, 11 MAY**  
5:30 pm Barbara L. Gerlach (44th Ann.)

**SUNDAY, 12 MAY MOTHER'S DAY**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am People of the Parish



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from OLL Funeral Altar Servers is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG**.



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from OLL Funeral Altar Servers is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG**.

**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 Childrens Choir (OLLC)  
11:30 am Mass  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm 1st Communion Rehears. Mass & Mtg. (OLLC)

**MONDAY, 6 MAY**  
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.

5:00—7:30 pm Grades 1-5 (Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY**  
6:30—8:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Hall)

**THURSDAY, 9 MAY**  
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the May 19th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.  
6-8:00 pm Choir practice

**SATURDAY, 11 MAY**  
11:30 am 1st Holy Communion (OLLC)  
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, 12 MAY MOTHER'S DAY**  
7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)  
11:30 am Mass—  
May Crowning & Flower Procession



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		May 11 - May 12	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm Choir	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Annette Chiamonte	
11:30 am Children's Choir	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka Carmelita Dizon (Choir)	


  
**PRAYERS**  
 Needed Here

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)

The first letter of John tells us that God's offering up of his only Son demonstrates the nature of this mind-boggling love. John also shows us how to identify those who truly have the life-blood of God coursing through their veins – the test is simply to check if the same sort of love is evident in their lives.

**THE JOY OF LOVING**

To love in this way is a privilege and an obligation for the Christian. But it is also a joy. In fact, true spiritual joy is what every human being longs for. But without the experience of receiving and giving this divine love, this joy can never be found.

Why were St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Teresa so full of joy when they had nothing?

Because they gave everything. Just like God did. To love without limit is what God does, and so living of life of love means intimate friendship with God.

**LOVE AS AN EXCITING ADVENTURE**

When it is all said and done, that's really what it's all about. Doctrines, sacraments, canon law, customs, traditions and devotions—they are all designed to express and deepen this intimate union with God, this exciting adventure of love, that issues forth in more joy than we ever thought possible.

*This post focuses on the business of the Catholic Church as unlimited universal love as shown by the story of the centurion Cornelius. It reflects on Acts 10:25-48; Psalm 98; I John 4:7-10; & John 15:9-17, 6th Sunday of Easter, year B.*

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/love-unlimited-6th-sunday-easter/>)

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**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).



**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.

The cost is \$10 for anyone 13 & over, \$5 for children 6-12 years old, and free for any child 5 years old and younger.

Proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.



IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

Support Our Lady of Lourdes today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.



- 1 Visit [www.lourdeswestorange.org](http://www.lourdeswestorange.org) and click Give Online.
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!



**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Apr 20-Apr 21*	\$ 4182
Deficit:	\$ 2618

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



*For Your Stewardship of  
Time, Talent and Treasure.*

# SAVE THE DATE

Saturday  
May 11th  
11:30 am  
Mass



Sunday  
May 12th



HAPPY  
Mother's  
DAY

May Crowning &  
Flower Procession at  
11:30 am Mass



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)**  
**Click "Faith Formation" → "Religious Ed. Registration"**

**Get Paper Forms in church or call 973.325.0110 to get the forms**



# NEED A LAWYER? INJURED?



★ Call For A Free Legal Consultation ★



**MARC J. BRENNER ESQ.**



Certified By The Supreme Court of New Jersey  
As A Workers' Compensation Law Attorney

**973-326-8902**

- Personal Injury
- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security Disability

[lawmarcbrenner.com](http://lawmarcbrenner.com) • [marc@lawmarcbrenner.com](mailto:marc@lawmarcbrenner.com)

222 RIDGEDALE AVENUE • CEDAR KNOLLS, NJ 07927

**Support Our  
ADVERTISERS**  
They Support  
Our Parish

Help your community,  
the environment,  
& yourself



Patronize your  
local businesses

**Essex Green**

The Complete Service Center  
For Foreign & Domestic Cars

(973) 325-9808

402 PROSPECT AVE., W. ORANGE

**POISON  
Help**

**1-800-222-1222**

[poison.org](http://poison.org)

Call or go online  
to get free,  
confidential help  
for suspected  
poisonings.

**E & M  
O'HARA**  
INC.  
Electrical Contractors

Free Estimates  
**973-325-3626**  
[www.OharaElectric.com](http://www.OharaElectric.com)

Best Electrician  
11-Time Winner  
(Lic# 16744)  
Offering quality  
service for over  
55 years.

Are you 60 or older and having  
trouble with your memory?

Join a memory  
research study at  
Kessler Foundation.



You will be paid for your time.  
Call 973-324-8393 to learn more!

**VISION WORLD**

We have moved our store to  
**Roseland Eye Care**  
178 Eagle Rock Avenue  
Roseland, NJ 07068

Prescriptions  
Filled **973-736-0553**

**ROOFING • CHIMNEYS  
MASONRY • GUTTERS**

**We Find & Fix  
Leaks!**



**ROYAL PRO  
CONSTRUCTION**

**\$800 OFF**  
Any New Roof  
Replacement

**15% OFF**  
Any Roof, Chimney,  
Gutter, Masonry Repair  
and SENIORS

Family Owned/Operated • 20 Plus Years Experience  
Lic. #13VH0934200, Bonded & Insured

**732-589-9967**

Please Continue  
To Pray For



World Peace



**WREATHS  
across  
AMERICA**

This season, sponsor a  
veterans' wreath at  
a cemetery near you.

To sponsor, volunteer or donate, visit  
[wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org)

**READY.GOV**

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

**ALL THINGS BASEMENTY!**

**WET BASEMENT?**

**Quality 1st Basement  
Systems**

- WATERPROOFING & FINISHING
- FOUNDATION PROBLEMS
- HUMIDITY & MOLD CONTROL
- NASTY CRAWL SPACES

Contact us for a FREE ESTIMATE!

**866-588-8317**  
[BasementRepairNJ.com](http://BasementRepairNJ.com)

NY Lic # 1274423 • NJHIC# 13VH01833300



FAMILY  
OWNED

*Dangler Funeral Home of West Orange*

FAMILY  
OPERATED

973-325-1212

DARREN T. DANGLER  
MANAGER - N.J. Lic. No. 4004

[www.danglerfuneralhome.com](http://www.danglerfuneralhome.com)  
~ Spacious Parking ~

KIP M. DANGLER  
DIRECTOR - N.J. Lic. No. 3992

Serving All Faiths  
Professional, Personal Service

**340 MAIN STREET • WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052**

Pre-Arrangements,  
Traditional Services & Cremations