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Sunday, February 2, 2025 - The Presentation 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

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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 & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEAST DAY,  
FEBRUARY 2**

*In this excerpt of a February 2, 2018 homily, Pope Francis is speaking to those in consecrated life – Catholic religious sisters, brothers, priests – but his message applies to all of us as we strive to consecrate and dedicate our lives to Jesus who is also presented and given to us each day:*

Pope Francis: “40 days after Christmas, we celebrate the Lord who enters the Temple and comes to encounter his people. In the Christian East, this feast is called the “Feast of Encounter”: it is the encounter between God, who became a child to bring newness to our world, and an expectant humanity, represented by the elderly man and woman in the Temple.

In the Temple, there is also an encounter between two couples: the young Mary and Joseph, and the elderly Simeon and Anna. The old receive from the young, while the young draw upon the old. In the Temple, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their people. This is important because God’s promise does not come to fulfillment merely in individuals, once for all, but within a community and throughout history. There too, Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting the two older people, thus find themselves. And the two older people, nearing the end of their days, receive Jesus, the meaning of their lives. This event fulfills the prophecy of Joel: “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions” (2:28). In this encounter, the young see their mission and the elderly realize their dreams. All because, at the center of the encounter, is Jesus.

We have to remember that we can never renew our encounter with the Lord without others; we can never leave others behind, never pass over generations, but must accompany one another daily, keeping the Lord always at the center. For if the young are called to open new doors, the elderly have the keys. An institute remains youthful by going back to its roots, by listening to its older members. There is no future without this encounter between the old and the young. There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds. There is never prophecy without memory, or memory without prophecy. And constant encounter.

Consecrated life is born and reborn of an encounter with Jesus as he is: poor, chaste and obedient. We journey along a double track: on the one hand, God’s loving initiative, from which everything starts and to which we must always return; on the other, our own response, which is truly loving when it has no “ifs” or “buts”, when it imitates Jesus in his poverty, chastity, and obedience. Whereas the life of this world attempts to take hold of us, the consecrated life turns from fleeting riches to embrace the One who endures forever. The life of this world pursues selfish pleasures and desires; the consecrated life frees our affections of every possession in order fully to love God and other people. Worldly life’s aim to do whatever we want; consecrated life chooses humble obedience as the greater freedom. And while worldly life soon leaves our hands and hearts empty, life in Jesus fills us with peace to the very end, as in the Gospel, where Simeon and Anna come happily to the sunset of their lives, with the Lord in their arms and joy in their hearts.

How good it is for us to hold the Lord “in our arms” (Lk 2:28), like Simeon. Not only in our heads and in our hearts but also “in our hands”, in all that we do: in prayer, at work, at the table, on the telephone, at school, with the poor, everywhere. Having the Lord “in our hands” is an antidote to insular mysticism and frenetic activism since a genuine

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**SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY**

5:30 pm Ray Cassidy

**SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Gerald Keogh (12th Ann.)  
11:30 am Janice Lombardi

**MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY**

8:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr.

**TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY**

8:30 am Vincenzo 'Vinny' Russo

**WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY**

8:30 am Theresa Cleary

**THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY**

8:30 am Louis Papale

**FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY**

8:30 am Michael Strollo

**SATURDAY, 8 FEBRUARY**

5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney

**SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am George Pflug (73rd Ann.)  
11:30 am John O'Connor

**SUNDAY, 2 FEBRUARY**

7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:00 am **Rosary Recitation (OLLC)**  
9:30—11:30am **G.6 (OLLC) (HALL)**  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church

**MONDAY, 3 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.**  
5—7:30 pm **Family Catechesis (HALL)**

**THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY**

10:00 am **Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb 6th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110**

**SATURDAY, 8 FEBRUARY**

4:15—5:00 pm **Confessions in Church**  
5:30 pm **Mass in Church**

**SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY**



7:30 am **Mass**  
9:30 am **Mass**  
**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Adoration after Mass**  
9:30—11:45am **G. 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)**  
11:30 am **Mass**



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of **JANICE LOMBARDI**.



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Carol Ford is in memory of **DOREEN BENEDETTO**.



+ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		FEBRUARY 8-9 2025			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (choir)			
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe			
9:30 am (Adult Choir)	JoAnn Melhorn	Espie Cain Joe Petrillo (choir)			
11:30 am (Children's Choir)	Carmelita Dizon	Wendy Sheyka Carmelita Dizon (choir)			

PRAYERS Requested For

<p><b>Artemis Soleil Benitez</b> <b>Judy Bernarducci</b> <b>Mai Fernandez</b> <b>Langan Family</b></p>	<p><b>Beverly McAllister</b> <b>Robert Santangelo</b> <b>Pio Tortola</b> <b>Peggy Vassallo</b></p>
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If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

encounter with Jesus corrects both saccharine piety and frazzled hyperactivity. Savouring the encounter with Jesus is also the remedy for the paralysis of routine, for it opens us up to the daily “havoc” of grace. The secret to fanning the flame of our spiritual life is a willingness to allow ourselves to encounter Jesus and to be encountered by him; otherwise, we fall into a stifling life, where disgruntlement, bitterness and inevitable disappointments get the better of us. To encounter one another in Jesus as brothers and sisters, young and old, and thus to abandon the barren rhetoric of “the good old days” and to silence those who believe that “everything is going wrong here”. If we encounter Jesus and our brothers and sisters in the everyday events of our life, our hearts will no longer be set on the past or the future but will experience the “today of God” in peace with everyone.” (Pope Francis, February 2, 2018)

In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry



## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

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New Year’s 2025*	\$ 2,075.17

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November 2024

Fr. James Ferry  
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes  
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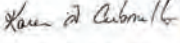
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Peace and Blessings to you,



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## TRICKY TRAY

The Rosary Altar Society will hold their "Over the Rainbow" Tricky Tray on:

**Saturday, April 26, 2025** in Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of **NEW ITEMS** are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Sunday, April 6th**. Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the rectory on weekdays between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. For pick up contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or email at [trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org)

**(PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.)**

Your gift may also be a monetary donor:

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**Eileen Reilly, Chairperson.**

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