



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, February 9, 2025 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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,

Blessed Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11). *Notre Dame de Lourdes, priez pour nous.* Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

**Biography** *Saint Bernadette of Lourdes (1844-1879) is the kneeling figure in the mosaic above our altar, being the only direct witness to the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes. Frail in health, Bernadette was the eldest of nine siblings in a financially struggling family, her father working as a miller. Bernadette played a pivotal role in establishing the Marian shrine of Lourdes and leaves a lasting legacy. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of what Bernadette heard and what our Blessed Mother spoke in the apparitions:*

"The message which Our Lady still offers at Lourdes recalls the words Jesus said at the beginning of his public mission and that we hear so often in [the] first days of Lent: 'Convert and believe in the Gospel, pray and do penance. Let us respond to the call of Mary who echoes that of Christ and let us ask her to help us 'enter' Lent with faith and live this season of grace with deep joy and generous commitment'" (Benedict XVI, *Angelus*, February 10, 2008)

I would like to share with you a Lenten message as we approach Ash Wednesday March 5 with a message from St. Peter Chrysologus

**Biography** *Saint Peter Chrysologus (406-450) was archbishop of Ravenna (Italy) and earned the title "Chrysologus" (Golden Orator) later, likely to establish a Western counterpart to Eastern patriarch St. John Chrysostom. A confidant of Pope St. Leo I the Great, Peter gained esteem in both Western and Eastern churches for his orthodox teachings. Peter has several sermons emphasizing*

*Christian doctrines and responsibilities. I share with you one about the Lenten disciplines.*

**A SERMON ON PRAYER, FASTING, AND MERCY BY ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS**

***There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.***

***Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing.***

***So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.***

***When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.***

***Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.***


***Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.***

***Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can***



<b>SATURDAY, 8 FEBRUARY</b> 5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney
<b>SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am George Pflug (73rd Ann.) 11:30 am John O'Connor
<b>MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Antoinette Cecere
<b>TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am John O'Connor
<b>WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Michael Murtagh
<b>THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr.
<b>FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Genevieve Dantel
<b>SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY</b> 5:30 pm James H. Howlett, Sr.
<b>SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte 11:30 am Emma Campanella

<b>SATURDAY, 8 FEBRUARY</b> 5:30 pm Mass in English 7:00 pm Mass in Spanish (Parish Feast)
<b>SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY</b>  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
<b>MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY</b> 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.
<b>THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb 23rd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
<b>SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY</b> 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:45 am G.6 (OLLC, HALL) 11:30 am Mass

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Annette & Richard Chiaramonte is in memory of **JOHN D. PGLUG, SR.**

 This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from the Rosary Altar Society is in memory of **IRMA CHAVES GAYNOR.**



**Our Lady of Lourdes Day**  
**Mass in Spanish**  
**Saturday Feb 8, 7pm**  
**Misa en Español**  
**Sábado 8 febrero, 7 pm**

++ WEEKEND FEBRUARY 15-16 2025 MINISTRY SCHEDULE ++					
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm Choir	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Melinda Prather (choir)			
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Sister James Soon			
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Annette Chiaramonte			
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Michelle Gizzi			

Prayers Needed

Artemis Soleil Benitez	Beverly McAllister
Judy Bernarducci	Robert Santangelo
Oscar Diaz	Pio Tortola
Mai Fernandez	Peggy Vassallo
Langan Family	

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)

*offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.*

*Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.*

*To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.*

*When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others. - St. Peter Chrysologus*

Blessed Season of Lent to you and yours,  
Father Jim Ferry



February 1, 2025  
\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:  
Rev. Robert Suszko  
  
\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:  
Blesilda Bernardo

**February is for sweethearts...**

**Are you a sweetheart?  
Answer below.**



Some people believe that a sweetheart is any individual who has an empathetic heart for the struggles of the disadvantaged and is willing to do something to alleviate their sufferings. One very effective way to do this is by helping to fill the Catholic Charities Donation Bins. We need: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels and children's books. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: 1/25-26*	\$ 3998
Deficit:	\$ 2802

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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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:

Gold Donor	\$100.00
Silver Donor	\$ 50.00
Bronze Donor	\$ 25.00

**(Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes")**



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**Eileen Reilly, Chairperson.**



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