



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

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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

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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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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 1st 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

Reminder: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Note that on Holy Saturday (April 19), there is no 5:30 pm Mass. Rather, the Holy Saturday April 19 Easter Vigil Mass is at 7:30 pm. See bulletin or website for complete schedule.

Got Mercy?

Sometimes, the good news we receive is a realization of what already belongs to us.

For example, we feel relief upon finding a misplaced object; or, joy, upon discovering the goodness in our friends and family around us.

Today's Gospel presents an example of the Good News which is uncovered for the woman who would otherwise be punished. Her life – seized by her accusers - is restored.

Jesus intervenes to give back what might be taken for granted.

What Jesus seeks to give is both mercy to the repentant sinner and justice for all.

Unlocking her from her accusers, Jesus might be seen as one who dismisses the charges or evidence. Perhaps, Jesus is simply saying the evidence is lacking. In other words, the woman wins forgiveness for a crime she did not really commit anyway.

Or, Jesus might be seen as one who does not think this particular sin – or any sin – is really so harmful. Love conquers all; be on your way. Have a nice day.

This is not the spiritual reality of her life or anyone's life. We are the sick and the sinners in need of medicine and justice.

What Jesus is suggesting is that repentance and mercy are, precisely, for the sinner. As Jesus proclaims: "They that are well have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. For I came not to call the just, but sinners." (Mark 2:17)

The Pharisees interrupt this Good News broadcast with other ideas: death, exile, banishment. This is also the punishment Israel – as a nation – laments in the first reading from Isaiah today. Israel has been exiled to Babylon and lost her homeland. From Babylon, she awaits a savior, a savior who is willing to suffer and die for her. This is the savior – Christ – who is also willing to suffer and die for our sins. (cf. Isaiah 43).

Our Lord's commitment is to teach us about the effect of our sins while emphasizing the strength of his mercy. That is, our Lord always keeps these two goals in mind, inviting us to repent while also teaching us about our goodness within.

The Pharisees and scribes, as prosecutors, do not agree with the defense strategy Jesus offers. They suggest that repentance is only possible for those who are already good and just.

Jesus intervenes with his mercy for sinners, for you and me, and for the woman caught in adultery.

And, Jesus is more interested in our motives and repentance than in the sins themselves. That is, what are we prepared to do about them?

Jesus offers forgiveness to the repentant. As we anticipate the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, we recall that he was prepared to die for these sins so that we might live in true freedom.

Blessed Lenten Season to you,
Father Jim Ferry



LENT' MOTIVATION

"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin living anew."

Pope Francis



SATURDAY, 5 APRIL

5:30 pm Fred & Bev DeMeo

SUNDAY, 6 APRIL

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte, Jr. (8th Ann.)
11:30 am Millie Cassidy

MONDAY, 7 APRIL

8:30 am Luigi Russo

TUESDAY, 8 APRIL

8:30 am THANKSGIVING to the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL

8:30 am Lawrence A. Musci

THURSDAY, 10 APRIL

8:30 am Larissa Lynn Eva

FRIDAY, 11 APRIL

8:30 am Jean Russomanno

SATURDAY, 12 APRIL

5:30 pm Walter & Helen Supczynski
7:00 pm People of the Parish (Spanish Mass)

SUNDAY, 13 APRIL

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am Robert J. Lanfrank (31st Ann.)

SUNDAY, 6 APRIL

7:30 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC)
9:30 am Mass
9:30—11:45 am Grade 7-12—(OLLC) (HALL)
10:30—11:30 am 1st Comm Class, Chapel
11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 7 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 Monday.

5—7:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL

6:30—10:00 pm K of Columbus mtg. (HALL)

THURSDAY, 10 APRIL

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Apr. 20th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

SATURDAY, 12 APRIL

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Vigil Mass in Spanish (Palm Sunday, Domingo de Ramos)

SUNDAY, 13 APRIL PALM SUNDAY

7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024
WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800
Collection*: 3-22/3-23, 2025* \$ 4994
Deficit: \$ 1806

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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WEEKEND APRIL 12-13, 2025

| Mass | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| 5:30 pm | R) Michael Lanfrank (N) Pat Sigalas (V) Andrew Novoa | Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (c) | |
| 7:30 am | R) Mary Cassels (N) MaryEllen Chandler (V) Bless Bernardo | Mary Cassels | |
| 9:30 am | R) Carol Ford (N) Kathy Petrillo (V) Carmelita Dizon | Bill Talbot | |
| 11:30 am (Choir) | R) Lynda Clement (N) Wendy Sheyka (V) Lynda Clement | Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (c) | |



Prayers Needed

Artemis Soleil Benitez
Judy Bernarducci
Langan Family
Beverly McAllister
Robert Santangelo
Pio Tortola


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Gift for Palm Sunday

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
Luke 19:38)*

On Palm Sunday, we welcome the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by holding up our own palm branches at Mass. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Palm branches donated each year by Darren and Mellen Dangler in memory of the deceased members of the Dangler and Phillips Families.

Thank You

The Paschal Candle

"The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27)

At the Easter Vigil, we burn for the first time the Easter Candle, a sign of God's light in our world. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Easter Paschal Candle donated each year by Steve and MaryEllen Chandler in memory of the Chandler/Zimmermann Families.

Scan to register



SC 5K

St. Cassian 5K Run & Kids Fun Run
Saturday, April 12, 2025
Brookdale Park, Bloomfield NJ 07003

START:
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TRICKY TRAY

Sponsored by Rosary Altar Society

Our Lady of Lourdes Connor Hall
One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ
(Use Marked Entrance on Mississippi Avenue)

*Lourdeswestorange.org (select About our Parish, Tricky Tray 2025)

Saturday April 26, 2025

Guests are invited to walk through & select baskets between

8:00am and 4:00pm

The pre-event program will be posted on our "website by April 21st.

Drawing of Baskets will begin at 5:00pm

Drawing will be posted by 7:30pm on our *website

Please make reservations by Monday, April 21st
(complete registration & ticket order form on back)

Tickets will be sold in Bundles (see below)

Reservation Contacts: Ann Pflug 973-325-2212

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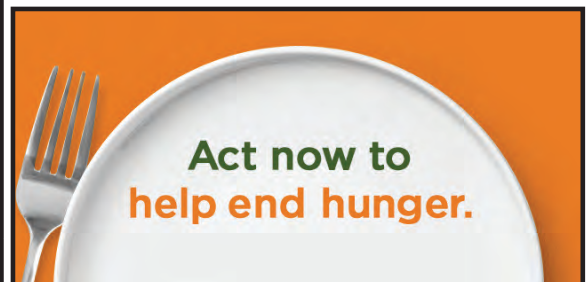


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