



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Passion 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**

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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 of Our Lady of Lourdes,

**Reminder:** Holy Week starts this weekend with Palm Sunday. 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.

This Holy Week is a reminder to reflect on and to return to God's mercy which is depicted in many journey parables in the Gospel. One of these is the Prodigal Son on the fourth Sunday of Lent (March 30)

Abridged version of my recent homily on the Prodigal Son:

For the full text, go to [LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG) website and click "Father Jim Ferry Blog"

*We read in Ephesians 6:1-3: "Children, obey your parents, for this is right. Honor your father and your mother. This is the first commandment with a promise, that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth."*

*The prodigal son did not read this.*

*I remember my brother and I obeying our parents by mowing the lawn. Every week, we took turns, debating over who did more. Even now, we joke about it. But our parents' love was not contingent on our labor. Likewise, God does not love us based on what we do but on our openness to Him.*

*In the parable, both brothers misunderstand their father's love. The younger son believes he must earn it back, offering to work as a servant. The older son assumes he deserves it because of his obedience, yet he, too, acts like a servant rather than a son. Their father reminds them: "Everything I have is yours." Love is freely given, not earned.*

*We often approach God as the prodigal son does, seeking forgiveness in confession, vowing faithfulness in marriage, and humbly receiving Communion, acknowledging our unworthiness. This parable reassures and challenges us. We may see ourselves in the rebellious younger son, the self-righteous older son, or the compassionate father. The brothers' reactions are predictable—but is the father's? If you were hearing this story for the first time, would you expect him to run to his wayward son?*

*Parents often initiate reconciliation. I once heard of a classmate estranged from his parents for years. The healing began when they reached out first, refusing to*

*wait. Similarly, in the parable, though the son returns, the father has been waiting. Seeing him from afar, he runs to embrace him. The father's mercy teaches both sons their worth and assures them of their place in his house.*

*My father did not have us mow the lawn just to lighten his workload. He was teaching us responsibility: "Everything I have is yours." The lawn was also ours! This is God's message to us. As parents, mentors, and leaders, our goal is not mere obedience but leading others to God. Children initially see their parents as guides to God, but eventually, they must form their own relationship with Him.*

*Obedience is not about control but about learning love, discipline, and humility. It is crucial in marriage, work, and faith. True obedience is not blind submission; it is a response to truthfulness. Sometimes, it means speaking up, as when a faithful friend corrects us or a parishioner holds me accountable as pastor. (Thank you!) A priest once told me, "I obey the Archbishop not by blindly following but by speaking the truth—even when I disagree—and offering solutions." True obedience is active cooperation with God's will.*

*Parents do not obey their children. As the Duke of Windsor quipped, "Parents in America are very good at obeying their children." But biblical leadership requires faithfulness, not submission. We often realize later in life how wise our parents were. As the saying goes, "When I was 16, I thought my parents were foolish. When I was 36, I thought they were brilliant. As I grew older, my parents grew wiser and wiser."*

*Ultimately, the prodigal son does not return merely to obedience but to relationship. He comes back not as a servant but as a son, restored in love. This is what God desires—not just compliance but trust. He calls us not only to work for Him but to give Him our hearts. When we serve Him and each other, we build His house together, finding true joy in His love.*

*"Children, obey your parents, for this is right. Honor your father and your mother. This is the first commandment with a promise, that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3)*

Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you.  
Father Jim Ferry, Pastor





SATURDAY, 12 APRIL

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

SUNDAY, 13 APRIL **PALM SUNDAY**

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.)

MONDAY, 14 APRIL

8:30 am William E. Helwig

TUESDAY, 15 APRIL

8:30 am John Douglas Pflug, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL

8:30 am John Douglas Pflug, Sr.

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL

7:00 pm People of the Parish

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL **GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 pm Passion Service

SATURDAY, 19 APRIL **HOLY SATURDAY**

7:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, 20 APRIL **EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, 13 APRIL **PALM SUNDAY****

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

**MONDAY, 14 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.**

**THURSDAY, 17 APRIL **HOLY THURSDAY****

10:00 am **Deadline for News & Announcements for the Apr. 27th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110**

7:00 pm Mass  
8—11:00 pm Adoration

**FRIDAY, 18 APRIL **GOOD FRIDAY****

3:00 pm **Passion Service**  
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, 19 APRIL **HOLY SATURDAY****

7:30 pm **Easter Vigil Mass**

**SUNDAY, 20 APRIL **EASTER SUNDAY****

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

**HOLY THURSDAY**

HC = Holy Communion / PB = Precious Blood

APRIL 17 LECTOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:00 pm Lynda Clement Eileen Reilly (C)  
(Choir) HC: Virginia Dimapilis  
PB: Joe Petrillo, Mary Cassels

**GOOD FRIDAY**

APRIL 18 LECTORS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

3:00 pm R: Carol Ford Eileen Reilly (C)  
(Choir) N: Pat Sigalas HC: Annette Chiamonte,  
V: Joe Petrillo

**WEEKEND APRIL 19-20, 2025**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
7:30 pm (Choir)	Wendy Sheyka Michael Lanfrank	Joe Petrillo (C) HC: Wendy Sheyka PB: Emily Kunz, Melinda Prather
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	HC: Patricia Saway PB: Mary Cassels
9:30 am	Carol Ford	HC: Annette Chiamonte, Paul Hirsch PB: Carmelita Dizon, Bill Talbot
11:30 am (Children's Choir)	Rachelle Brown	Judy Albore (C) HC: Paul Hirsch PB: Virginia Dimapilis, Carmelita Dizon

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

This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Mary Cassels is in memory of **MARY & THOMAS FOLEY.**

**Prayers Needed**

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

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.





March 1, 2025  
\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:  
JULIE OKEKE

\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:  
TODD HILL



## 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.

### PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024  
WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800  
Collection\*: 3-29/3-30, 2025\* \$ 4,663  
Deficit: \$ 2,137  
\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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## Cards, Gifts & Accessories for First Holy Communion & Confirmation

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## TRICKY TRAY

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

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

in Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes.



We are still accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. **Gifts of new items are welcome and greatly appreciated by April 20th.**

Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the Rectory on weekdays between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm or, by contacting Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209.

Please save the date and join us for our major fund raiser to help support the needs of our parish.

Eileen Reilly, Chairperson

*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.



# 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](http://*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 - (See form in bulletin)

**Tickets will be sold in Bundles (see below)**

**Reservation Contacts: Ann Pflug 973-325-2212**

#### BUNDLE A—Cost \$20

25 Regular Auction Tickets  
15 Super Auction Tickets  
3 Fair Share 50/50 Tickets

#### Bundle C—Cost \$35

25 Regular Auction Tickets  
15 Super Auction Tickets  
3 Fair Share 50/50 Tickets  
6 Special Tickets: may be used for any combination of Specials

#### Bundle B—Cost \$40

50 Regular Auction Tickets  
30 Super Auction Tickets  
6 Fair Share 50/50 Tickets

#### Bundle D—Cost \$70

50 Regular Auction Tickets  
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