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Sunday, April 27, 2025 – Sunday of Divine Mercy



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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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

In Christian paintings and frescoes, Mary of Magdala, also known as Mary Magdalene – is frequently portrayed as weeping and in being in tears. We read in the Gospel that Mary Magdalene “stood crying outside the tomb [of Jesus].” (John 20:11).

In addition to this visual notoriety, Mary Magdalene has also become immortalized, vocally, in everyday speech. Due to the frequent depiction of her sadness, the name and figure of “Magdalene” (French, “Madeleine”) has become associated with an emotional state. In English, the name “Magdalene” became “maudlin” and means, in everyday parlance, “overly sentimental.”

It would be cruel to condemn Mary Magdalene or any of other disciples as simply being down in the dumps after the Passion and Death of our Savior. It would be similarly harsh to reject anyone for whom grief is now overwhelming. All of us need time to process and to pray.

I point this out, not just to share the origin of “maudlin” as an adjective.

I share because Mary Magdalene is also a model of courage and conviction.

On Easter Sunday, we read from John’s Gospel (John 20:1-9) in which Mary Magdalene rises at dawn to go to the tomb of our Savior. We might say that the prerequisites – the prerequisites -- of suffering and crucifixion have been satisfied while the students (disciples) have been “off campus” ... in hiding. Mary Magdalene goes to the them with the Good News of the Resurrection.

The darkness of suffering and crucifixion have preceded the light of resurrection.

The darkness is over – the darkness and suffering and death – have already served their purposes. Jesus is no longer in the dark.

The darkness and the light are part of the lessons – and realities of our lives.

Darkness and light are in the life of the Magdalene, of Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene represents us as a believer and as a mourner, as one who is grieving.

Isn’t it true at a time of grief – a time of death of a beloved person – that darkness is hard to overcome?

Grief – and sorrow – comprise a journey – physically or figuratively – to consider both the life and death of someone.

Grief is also the process that enables us to express great love and gratitude, while professing our faith in eternal life and in a reunion in heaven.

Mary Magdalene is such a mourner one who is aware of death but also moving closer to new life. She wakes up very early to get there, to begin this journey.

The darkness and light are part of the lessons – and realities of our lives. This is true in our studies and work.

The darkness of 11:00 pm or 5:00 am may be necessary to complete the prerequisites of pain and suffering of academics.

We may stay up late or rise early, going contrary to the patterns of others.

Sometimes, we seek out the darkness as a rare time of peace and quiet. The darkness provides precious time to concentrate.

Yet, the darkness is meant to lead us into the light.

That is, our ultimate objective – in work – is not simply the acquisition of more gifts or even more talents for their own sake. Rather, we are acquiring money, talent, wealth ... so that these can be shared with our families, with our loved ones, or for other loving purposes.

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SATURDAY, 26 APRIL

5:30 pm Anthony Strollo

SUNDAY, 27 APRIL

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Joan & Louis Papale
11:30 am Deacon Ernest Abad (11th Ann.)

MONDAY, 28 APRIL

8:30 am Michael & Matilda O'Boyle

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL

8:30 am John Douglas Pflug, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL

8:30 am Kathy Zmich

THURSDAY, 1 MAY

8:30 pm Rodolfo Banaag

FRIDAY, 2 MAY

8:30 pm Crispo Bunoan, Sr.

SATURDAY, 3 MAY

5:30 pm Edward J. Ford III (5th Ann.)

SUNDAY, 4 MAY

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Del Plato
11:30 am Millie Cassidy & Michael O'Boyle

SUNDAY, 27 APRIL

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00—3:00 pm TT Gift Pick up (HALL)

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

10:30—11:30 am 1st Comm. Class (Chapel)

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 28 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.

5:30—6:30 pm 1st Comm. (G. 6-12) OLLC

THURSDAY, 1 MAY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the May 11th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

FRIDAY, 2 MAY

5:30—7:00 pm 1st Friday Adoration

SATURDAY, 3 MAY

3:00—5:30 pm Family Catechesis (Hall)

4:15—5:00 Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

5:30 pm Catholic Cemeteries

SUNDAY, 4 MAY

7:30 am Mass

9:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC)

9:30 am Mass

9:30 am—12:30 pm G. 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)

Confirmation Retreat

"Only for 2025 Class"

11:30 am Mass

Catholic Cemeteries At All Masses



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024
WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800
Collection*: 4-12/4-13, 2025* \$ 5688
Deficit: \$ 1,112

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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WEEKEND MAY 3-4, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (C)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Myrna Regino
11:30 am (Choir)	Wendy Sheyka	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (C)



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Rosa Cruz is in memory of **VICTOR CARRION**.



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Bernadette Igwagu—**BLESSINGS FOR WEDDING OF VIVIAN IGWAGU & FRANCIS OKEZIE**

Prayers Needed

Judy Bernarducci
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Langan Family

Beverly McAllister
Robert Santangelo
Pio Tortola

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

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Taken to the extreme, I think we have all witnessed what wealth, and fame and power can do to some people. Wealth and power are good things which enable us to love and to give. They are not, however, our ultimate objective.

In our Catholic tradition, we learn this. Cardinal John Henry Newman reminds us that we work not only for the spotlight ... but also sometimes in darkness where only God can see us. If we only want the fame... we may not be where God wants us to be:

"[often many of us will] measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability... It is a homage resulting from a profound faith... that with wealth [we / you and I] may do all things." (CCC Catechism 1723, John Henry Newman)

We have however a different light and power sources in our faith in Jesus -- "[teaching us] that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement -- however beneficial it may be -- such as science, technology and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love" (CCC Catechism 1723)

Easter Sunday, Jesus has risen from the tomb. He invites us into the light so that we can dwell in daylight.

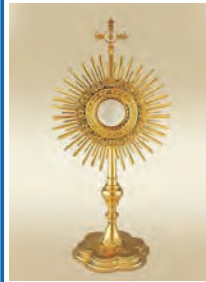
Mary Magdalene, as a model, has risen early also -- at Zero Dark Thirty to discover the Risen Lord.

This gospel reading calls us to pray over, to meditate on, our fears, our struggles, our hopes and joys... and our sinfulness. Bring it to the tomb -- early -- so that we might die and rise with him and come into the daylight where he also has gone ahead of us.

Blessed Easter Season to you and yours.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

May 2, 2025

5:30–7:30 pm in Church


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**Will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes
at All Masses — May 3-4, 2025**

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

Preplanning your cemetery arrangements is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give your loved ones. It offers peace of mind, knowing that your family will be spared from having to make difficult decisions during a time of grief.

By planning ahead, you can explore all available options at your own pace, ensuring that your personal wishes are clearly understood and respectfully honored. It also allows you to make decisions with care, free from the emotional and financial pressures that often arise at the time of loss.

Memorial Planning Advisors will be available at all Masses on May 3-4 to answer any questions that you may have. You also have the option of calling our main toll-free number for step-by-step guidance with your pre-planning needs: 866-Pre-Plan (866-773-7526) or emailing us at your convenience at cemetery@rcan.org.

SAVE THE DATE

First
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COMMUNION



**Saturday
May 10th
11:30 am
Mass**

**Sunday
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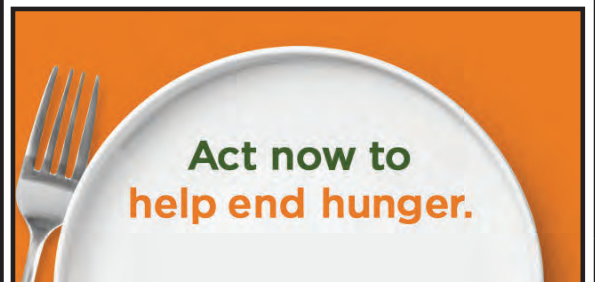


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