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Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday



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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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,

[Abridged] Homily of Pope Benedict XVI Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2010 Saint Peter's Basilica

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the solemn celebration of Pentecost we are invited to profess our faith in the presence and in the action of the Holy Spirit and to invoke His outpouring upon us, upon the Church and upon the whole world. With special intensity, let us make our own the Church's invocation: *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* It is such a simple and spontaneous invocation, yet also extraordinarily profound, which came first of all from the heart of Christ. The Spirit is indeed the gift that Jesus asked and continues to ask of His Father for His friends; the first and principal gift that He obtained for us through His Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.

From this, dear brothers, derives a practical criterion for discerning Christian life: when a person or a community limits itself to its own way of thinking and acting, it is a sign that it has distanced itself from the Holy Spirit.

The account of the Acts of the Apostles offers us another very concrete indication. The universality of the Church is expressed by the list of peoples according to the ancient tradition: We are "Parthians, Medes, Elamites", etc. Here one may observe that Saint Luke goes beyond the number 12, which itself always expresses a universality. He looks beyond the horizons of Asia and northwest Africa, and adds three other elements: the "Romans", that is, the Western world; the "Jews and proselytes", encompassing in a new way the unity between Israel and the world; and finally "Cretans and Arabians", who represent the West and the East, islands and land. This opening of horizons subsequently confirms the newness of Christ in the dimension of human space, in the history of the nations. The Holy Spirit involves individuals and peoples and, through them, overcomes walls and barriers.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit is manifest as fire. The Spirit's flame descended upon the assembled disciples, it was kindled in them and gave them the new ardor of God. Thus what Jesus had previously said was fulfilled: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!" (Lk 12:49). The Apostles, together with diverse communities of the faithful, carried this divine

flame to the far corners of the earth. In this way they opened a path for humanity, a luminous path, and they collaborated with God, who wants to renew the face of the earth with His fire. How different is this fire from that of war and bombing! How different is the fire of Christ, spread by the Church, compared with those lit by the dictators of every epoch of the last century too who leave scorched earth behind them. The fire of God, the fire of the Holy Spirit, is that of the bush that burned but was not consumed (cf. Ex 3:2). It is a flame that blazes but does not destroy, on the contrary, that, in burning, brings out the better and truer part of man, as in a fusion it elicits his interior form, his vocation to truth and to love.

A Father of the Church, Origen, in one of his homilies on Jeremiah, cites a saying attributed to Jesus, not contained in the sacred Scriptures but perhaps authentic, which reads: "Whoever is near to me, is near to the fire" (Homily on Jeremiah, L. I [III]). In Christ, in fact, there is the fullness of God, who in the Bible is compared to fire. We just observed that the flame of the Holy Spirit blazes but does not burn. And nevertheless it enacts a transformation, and thus must also consume something in man, the waste that corrupts him and hinders his relations with God and neighbor. This effect of the divine fire, however, frightens us; we are afraid of being "scorched" and prefer to stay just as we are. This is because our life is often based on the logic of having, of possessing and not the logic of self-gift. Many people believe in God and admire the person of Jesus Christ, but when they are asked to lose something of themselves, then they retreat; they are afraid of the demands of faith. There is the fear of giving up something pleasant to which we are attached; the fear that following Christ deprives us of freedom, of certain experiences, of a part of ourselves. On the one hand, we want to be with Jesus, follow Him closely, and, on the other, we are afraid of the consequences entailed.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are always in need of hearing the Lord Jesus tell us what He often repeated to His friends: "Be not afraid". Like Simon Peter and the others we must allow His presence and His grace to transform our heart, which is always subject to human weakness. We must know how to recognize that losing something indeed, losing ourselves for the true God, the God of love and of life, is actually gaining ourselves, finding ourselves more fully. Whoever entrusts himself to Jesus already experiences in this life the peace and joy of heart that the world cannot give, and that it cannot even take away once

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SATURDAY, 7 JUNE 5:30 pm Barbara Zinn
SUNDAY, 8 JUNE PENTECOST 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Michael Chiamonte 11:30 am Raymond William Hopkins
MONDAY, 9 JUNE 8:30 am Elsie Ford (29th Ann.)
TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 8:30 am Michael O'Boyle
WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 8:30 am Loring Abad (31st Ann.)
THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 8:30 am Pat & Dot Healy
FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 8:30 am Martin & Anna McLaughlin
SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 5:30 pm Deceased Fathers
SUNDAY, 15 JUNE 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Fathers 11:30 am Deceased Fathers

SUNDAY, 8 JUNE 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 9 JUNE 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.
WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 6:30 - 10:00 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. (HALL)
THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the June 22nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm Parish BBQ Picnic (after 5:30 pm Mass on the Green)
SUNDAY, 15 JUNE 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass



- This week's Altar Candles, a gift from Rosalinda Rupel is in memory of **ARTHUR RUPEL**.
- This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of **LOUIS PAPALE & JOSEPH F. PETRILLO**.
- This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Rosalinda Rupel is in honor of **ROSALINDA RUPEL**.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

Goal	\$ 6,800
Collection*: May 24-25, 2025*	\$ 4,541
Deficit:	\$ 2,259

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

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WEEKEND June 14-15, 2025
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm (Adult Choir)	Pat Sigalas	Melinda Prather Eileen Reilly (C)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	MaryEllen Chandler
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiamonte
11:30 am (Children's Choir)	Carmelita Dizon	Paul Hirsch Carmelita Dizon (C)

Prayers Needed

Emeka Anyanyo	Beverly McAllister
Judy Bernarducci	Julio Saeteros
James Cunningham	Robert Santangelo
Larry Gomes	Pio Tortola
Langan Family	

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

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God has given it to us. So it is worthwhile to let ourselves be touched by the fire of the Holy Spirit! The suffering that it causes us is necessary for our transformation. It is the reality of the Cross. It is not without reason that in the language of Jesus "fire" is above all a representation of the mystery of the Cross, without which Christianity does not exist.

Thus enlightened and comforted by these words of life, let us lift up our invocation: Come, Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of your love! We know that this is a bold prayer, with which we ask to be touched by God's flame; but above all we know that this flame and it alone has the power to save us. We do not want, in defending our life, to lose eternal life that God wants to give us. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit, because only Love redeems. Amen.

Source: [Abridged] Homily of Pope Benedict XVI Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2010 Saint Peter's Basilica

In Christ's Peace

Fr. Jim Ferry



Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, come and make your dwelling within me.

Come, Holy Spirit, be my guide through life in good times and the not so good times.

Come, Holy Spirit, dispel the darkness felt by so many in war torn countries today.

Come, Holy Spirit, give courage and comfort to those who are displaced by war, having to travel to another country.

Come, Holy Spirit, comfort those who are ill or suffering at this time. Give them your peace.

Come, Holy Spirit, comfort those close to death and lead them safely to their eternal home.

Come, Holy Spirit, be a guide to those who are experiencing homelessness.

Give them courage and hope as they await a new home.

Come, Holy Spirit, give courage to young people preparing for exams at this time of year.

Come, Holy Spirit, guide Christians to follow Christ in their various vocations in life.

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire those discerning vocation to religious life, diaconate, and especially vocation to diocesan priesthood.

Come, Holy Spirit, be with me always.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.



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This year's appeal is on behalf of the Diocese of Gbarnga, Liberia. Members of the Diocese will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on July 12-13, 2025 to speak at all Masses about their religious community.

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Archdiocese of Newark. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the missionary work in Gbarnga.

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



TRICKY TRAY

POST-EVENT SUMMARY

We are happy to report that **191** registered guests visited Connor Hall from 8:00 am—4:00 pm on April 26th to try their luck at winning more than 250 gift baskets, 4 Special Prizes and a Fair Share drawing.

The proceeds of the event totaled **\$11,274.27**. At the June 1st Annual Meeting of the Rosary Altar Society the members voted to present these monies to Fr. Jim with the request that the monies be restricted for church capital expenditures.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all of our **VOLUNTEERS** for the time and energy that was put into yet another successful Tricky Tray.
We couldn't do this without you!

THANK YOU to all of our **VENDORS & DONORS** for your extreme generosity. The Tricky Tray is our largest fundraiser and helps support the needs of our parish.

THANK YOU to our Tricky Tray **GUESTS** for coming out to support our fundraiser.

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