



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, June 22, 2025 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



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,

1. Jesus' Lesson Plan: Sacrifice, Humility, and Love

Tonight we begin the sacred Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Together, these days form the great lesson plan of Jesus. And like any good teacher, Jesus doesn't just speak in words—He teaches with His life.

Tonight at the table with His disciples, Jesus isn't just sharing a meal. He's preparing them for something far deeper: a lesson of sacrifice, humility, and divine love.

But even after years with Jesus, the disciples struggled to understand. He told them 3 times He would suffer and die, and each time they resisted or misunderstood. Peter tried to stop Him. James and John asked for places of honor. The others argued about who was the greatest. They were hearing the words, but not grasping the meaning.

Are we really so different? Don't we also need continuing formation in humility and love?

2. From the First Passover to the Last Supper

Our first reading takes us back to the first Passover. The Israelites, enslaved in Egypt, were told to prepare a lamb, mark their doors with its blood, and be ready to leave at a moment's notice. It was both a meal and a movement—a shared act of faith, obedience, and liberation.

If one household was too small for a lamb, they joined with another. Passover was never meant to be private—it was communal. The lamb gave its life to sustain and sanctify the people.

This sets the stage for tonight. At the Last Supper, Jesus becomes the new Passover Lamb. He gives His body and blood for the life of the world. His sacrifice would no longer be just for one people or one night—but for all, for all time.

And just as God saved Israel from death through the blood of a lamb, so now God saves the world through the blood of Christ.

3. Do This in Memory of Me

At the table, Jesus says: "Do this in memory of me." These words aren't just a suggestion. They are a command, and they are a gift.

Jesus institutes the Eucharist—not merely as a symbol, but as real spiritual nourishment. "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood, poured out for you."

He also ordains His disciples to carry on this sacred act. From the beginning, the Eucharist has been the heart of our Church, the place where heaven and earth meet.

Every time we gather at this altar, we don't just remember. We participate in the one eternal sacrifice of Christ. We are nourished by His very presence.

And we prepare this table not only for ourselves, but for the children who will one day receive First Communion—for the future Church. Just as others prepared it for us.

4. The Master Who Serves

But before giving His body and blood, Jesus does something extraordinary. He kneels and washes His disciples' feet.

This act of humility shocks them. Peter even resists. But Jesus insists: "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me."

In a world that prizes status, power, and appearance, Jesus turns everything upside down. The Master becomes the servant.

And He tells them—and us—"As I have done for you, so must you do for one another."

This foot washing is not just a ritual. It's a commission. Every time we serve each other in love—especially when it's uncomfortable or difficult—we carry on Christ's mission.

5. Vulnerability and Redemptive Love

Jesus knows what awaits Him. He is not caught off guard. He walks willingly toward the cross—not because He enjoys suffering, but because love makes suffering meaningful.

Unlike the lambs of old or the victims of injustice today, Jesus *chooses* to offer His life. In doing so, He redefines vulnerability—not as weakness, but as strength. As redemptive power.

And even as He is betrayed, arrested, and crucified, His response is love:

"Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do."

"Today, you will be with me in Paradise."

These are not just words from the past. They are words for us today.

6. A Call to Love and Forgive

Tonight, we are invited to imitate Christ's humility, sacrifice, and forgiveness.

Is there someone you struggle to love?

Someone you find difficult to forgive?

Let tonight be a turning point. Let Holy Week soften our hearts.

As Jesus told Martha and Mary, "Only one thing is necessary." That one thing is love. Love gives suffering meaning. Love makes forgiveness possible. Love turns ordinary bread and wine into the very body and blood of Christ.

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SATURDAY, 21 JUNE

5:30 pm Luigi & Vicenza Russo

SUNDAY, 22 JUNE **Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Joseph Catalano & Michael Chiaramonte

11:30 am Bernice & Bob Shiel

MONDAY, 23 JUNE

8:30 am Kathy Buonopane

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE

8:30 am Eugene Dean

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE

8:30 am Eugene Dean

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE

8:30 am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE

8:30 am Edith, Maurice & Eugenie Ferrus

SATURDAY, 28 JUNE

5:30 pm Alberta Greco

SUNDAY, 29 JUNE

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families

11:30 am Victor DaSilva



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of **ALFIE SHARKEY**.



CHURCH
CALENDAR



SUNDAY, 22 JUNE

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 23 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.

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE

10:00 am **Deadline for News & Announcements for the July 6th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110**

SATURDAY, 28 JUNE

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 29 JUNE

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

Goal \$ 6,800

Collection*: June 7-8, 2025* \$ 4,485

Deficit: \$2,315

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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WEEKEND June 28-29, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (C)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Sister James Soon
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Espie Cain
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis

Prayers Needed

Emeka Anyanyo
Judy Bernarducci
James Cunningham
Langan Family
Beverly McAllister

Mary McGuiness
Reynaldo Rapada
Julio Saeteros
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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7. An Eternal Mystery

Tonight we are not just attending a 7:00 pm Mass in 2025. We are stepping into an eternal mystery. With the saints and angels, we join the heavenly liturgy. We echo the words:

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



A New Home for Healing: The Lourdes Convent

On June 5, Family Healing Center (F.H.C.) celebrated the grand opening of its newly renovated home at 98 Valley Way, our former convent, having moved from Livingston. From F.H.C., Malik Carey (Founder), and Deidra Carey (Office Administrator) and the Center's board were joined by Mayor Susan McCartney and town officials. From Lourdes, Fr. Jim Ferry and parishioners and staff attended. Fr. Ferry highlighted the convent's legacy as a place of prayer, study, and faith. Mayor McCartney extended her own welcome at the ceremony. Guests enjoyed tours, speeches, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

F.H.C. offers counseling rooted in community and spirituality, with simplified access to expert mental health care. Learn more:

www.familyhealingcenternj.com | (973) 251-2874.



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.



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Religious Education Registration for the 2025-2026 year is now available.

If you are registering for the first time, or continuing from last year, please register as soon as possible to get the “lower priced fee” discounts below.

La inscripción para Educación Religiosa para el año académico 2025-2026 ya está disponible.

Si se inscribe por primera vez o continúa inscribiéndose desde el año pasado, por favor, inscribáse lo antes posible para obtener el precio más bajo que aparece a continuación.

Religious Educ. Registering \$ 100 / child.

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(Classes are from **Sept. 2025 - June 2026**)

1st Penance - 1st Communion - Confirmation (Grade 1-12)

LOWER FEE: \$ 60 / child (register before May 31)

LOWER FEE \$ 80 / child (register before June 30)

Visit Website to register online: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG

Click “Faith Formation” → “Religious Ed. Registration”

Get Paper Forms in church or call 973.325.0110 to get the forms



Questions? Please call 973.325.0110 or email:

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