

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 RECTORY/Parish Office 973.325.0110 LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/lourdeswestorange Sunday, July 6, 2025 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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 Mrs. Eileen Reilly, Trustee

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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  $1^{\text{st}}$  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,

I share with you this commentary on this Sunday's readings from the Diocese of Phoenix.

(Source: https://dphx.org/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time -cycle-c/)

# <u>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C</u>

Prayer: Loving Father, Through Your Son, our Divine Physician, we are reconciled to You and brought to wholeness of mind, body, and spirit. Help us to celebrate Your healing and forgiving love in our lives, especially through the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation. Amen.

<u>Commentary 1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14</u> Our First Reading this weekend gives us the reason to carry our cross and die to our old selves. Isaiah the Prophet foretells a reason to rejoice even as we carry our burdens now.

Isaiah was speaking in his time of the restoration of Jerusalem after the exile. Though the Babylonians had destroyed the temple and all of Jerusalem with it because of the sins of the Israelites, God would restore it again. Those who once mourned over the death of Jerusalem would again rejoice and exult over her. They would celebrate, once again, their prosperity.

However, as we look to the Gospel, we will see something greater than the restoration or renovation of what was once destroyed. Rather, something completely new would break into our lives. A new temple and a new Jerusalem would come down from heaven and will replace the old. For this reason, we must abandon our old lives and embrace a new life in Christ.

Question: What does the New Jerusalem mean to you?

# Commentary 2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18 The

reason why we die to our old selves is clear to St. Paul. Writing to the Galatians, he sees only "peace and mercy" as the outcome for those who follow the rule of life laid out for us by Christ — a rule of life that requires embracing the cross. For this reason, Paul boasts only in the "cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul goes on to say that he is not interested in the squabbles about those who are circumcised or not. Such arguments are based on the old life (complete with its laws). Paul says that he is only interested in "a new creation."

He would not be interested in the restoration of a temple made of brick and stone. Nor would he be interested in the many preoccupations of our world today. Hanging onto the daily news of the world would not mean anything to Paul.

This should be the spirit of any Christian who has embraced a new life in Christ. We are challenged to avoid tensions, squabbles, and arguments that have no bearing on the peace and mercy that belongs to us all in the New Jerusalem.

*Question: What present concerns are keeping you from your desire for the Kingdom of God?* 

<u>Commentary Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20</u> In Luke's Gospel, Jesus sends 72 disciples in pairs to every town He had intended to visit. In some translations, the number is 70.

According to Jewish tradition, there were as many as 70 to 72 nations outside of Israel.

Clearly, for Luke, Jesus intended to send the disciples on a worldwide mission to proclaim something new.

The Lord's intent is not to restore the old Jerusalem but rather to proclaim to all of the world the message, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you."

The worldwide mission continues even in our lives today. Most people — even Christians — do not know of the joy of embracing the Good News of God's Kingdom breaking into our world. They are so caught up in the affairs and news of our passing world and not on the things of heaven.

The worldwide mission belongs to you too. There is a sense of urgency in Jesus' message to "Go on your way" (even leaving money, sack, and sandals behind) and to spread the Good News.

*Question: How do you see yourself as a missionary for God's Kingdom?* 

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#### This Week's Task

Becoming a missionary does not necessarily mean joining a religious order. It can mean reaching out to a neighbor and becoming their friend. After a time, they may feel a desire to embrace some things that you enjoy in your life. Perhaps they will embrace the joy of your faith in the Lord. The *Cursillo* Movement in the Church uses the following as their call to be missionaries: Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ.

(Source: https://dphx.org/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-cycle-c/)

In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry

# How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots throughout the ages fought for our freedom. There are still those today who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books to our Catholic Charities donation bin located on our property. Thank you.



Missionary Appeal visiting priest will be at all Masses: July 12-13.





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# 1<sup>st</sup> Penance – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Confirmation – Grades 1-12

We encourage you to register your child early to receive a discount and ensure a place in our program.

#### What is the Tuition? Note the Discount!

- \$60 / child if registered by May 31
- \$80 / child if registered by June 30
- \$100 / child after July 1.

# Final Registration Deadline: September 10, 2025

Checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes." Cash payments must be made in person at the Rectory.

#### What You Need to Register:

- 1. Baptism certificate
- 2. First Holy Communion certificate (if completed)
- 3. Completed registration form
- 4. Tuition payment. If you have questions, need to make a deposit now and pay later, or have unique circumstances-please reach out!

Call the Rectory Office: 973-325-0110

Email: fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org or rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org

#### Where You Can Register

▶ Online: Visit Website: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG Click "Faith Formation" → "Religious Ed. Registration"

▶ In Person: Rectory Office Hours, 9 am - 2 pm, Monday-Friday. Forms also available for pickup in church.

What is the 2025-2026 Calendar: Visit Website: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG Click "Faith Formation" → "2025-2026 Religious Ed. Calendar"

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