



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 3, 2025 - Eighteenth 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

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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**

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Rosa Cruz 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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,  
***I share with you this article / reflection based from this Catholic site: LinkToLiturgy.Com which offers lessons based on our biblical readings. August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration.***

(Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/the-cross-hope-not-scandal>)

THE CROSS: HOPE NOT SCANDAL (Abridged Version)

“Rise, and do not be afraid”

Jesus brings Peter, James and John up a high mountain to teach them a lesson. The lesson is simple, “that it was impossible – for Him as well as for them – to reach the glory of the Transfiguration without passing through suffering.” [1] Jesus does not want the Apostles or us to be paralyzed by fear when we see suffering and the cross, but to instead see the full picture, and to rise and be not afraid. If we think there can be glory without suffering, gain without pain, we are mistaken. The cross does not make sense if it stands alone. When the Christian looks at the cross, we know that what appears to be a loss is a gain.

Why is it helpful to keep the end in mind? Jesus reminds us to always keep the end in mind. The book of Sirach reminds us to remember our death, so that we will not sin. “In all you do, remember the end of your life, and then you will never sin.” [6] We are reminded of our end on Ash Wednesday, when we are told, “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Blessed Junipero Serra, the apostle of California, said, “Always go forward, never turn back.”

What are the different kinds of ends? There are three ends: the end of a current event, the end of our life and our ultimate end, heaven. When we are going through tough times at the current moment, we remind our self that things will get better. The

marathon runner is training, and he or she doesn't just get up and run a marathon in a day. It takes months of preparation, with many sore muscles, blisters, calluses, and pains. This pain doesn't deter the runner because he knows the end – crossing the finish line – will be worth it. During the marathon, the runner does not think of the mile they are currently running but rather the finish line. The golfer does not think about the middle of the hole he is on, which might include water or sand traps, but rather the green, where he is going.

We also know that death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the eternal life. Ultimately, we keep our eyes fixed on heaven, our final end. In the Transfiguration, Jesus gives his Apostles a glimpse of the glory of heaven. “The disciples experienced during the Transfiguration... ahead of time something that will constitute the happiness of paradise. In general, it is brief experiences that God grants on occasions, especially in anticipation of harsh trials.” [9]

What are some experiences God has given us to prepare us to endure harsh trials?

In the motion picture, *Life is Beautiful*, German Nazis arrest Guido and his son, Joshua, and transfer them to a concentration camp. Protecting his son from the vile truth, Guido tells Joshua that they are just on a big holiday. To keep up Joshua's spirits, he tells him it's a big game for Joshua, claiming they must obtain 1,000 points to win a real tank and leave.

The cross of Christ was such a scandal that only 1 of the 12 Apostles, Saint John, was present at the Cross. It was not something that any of the Apostles wanted to witness or see. In the midst of horror, we need hope. We need a promise – a way out. In the midst of the great horror of a concentration camp, a father gave hope to his son. He gave his son a goal, a game, a focus. In the end, his son does get the “tank” when the allied forces roll into the camp in a big tank. In the end, he does win. Even though “the game” the dad makes up is not true,

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<b>SATURDAY, 2 AUGUST</b> 5:30 pm Sean Cassels (9th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY 3 AUGUST,</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Carol Ford (Special Intention) 11:30 am Margaret Van Eyken
<b>MONDAY, 4 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Rita Jules
<b>TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Robert Francis Bradley
<b>WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Elenita Sarmiento (Special Intention)
<b>THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am The Massena Family
<b>FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am Michael & Matilda O'Boyle & Ray Cassidy
<b>SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST</b> 5:30 pm Julia Coates
<b>SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Joseph Catalano (60th Ann.) 11:30 am Larissa Lynn B. Eva

<b>SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
<b>MONDAY, 4 AUGUST</b> 8:30 am <b>Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.</b> <b>Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.</b>
<b>THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST</b> 10:00 am <b>Deadline for News &amp; Announcements for the Aug 17th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110</b>
<b>SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST</b> 4:15—5:00 pm <b>Confessions in Church</b> 5:30 pm <b>Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST</b> 7:30 am <b>Mass</b> 9:00 am <b>Recitation of Rosary OLLC</b> 9:30 am <b>Mass</b> 11:30 am <b>Mass</b>

 This week, August 3rd Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in honor of **VIVIAN PETRILLO**.



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WEEKEND August 9-10 2025 MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (C)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Mary Cassels
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Myrna Regino
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon

 Prayers Needed

Maria Colon	Mary McGuiness
Pierre Ferrus	Reynaldo Rapada
Beverly McAllister	

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

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the reality is that the Guido gave his son hope and it saved him from despair. How much more powerful is the promise and hope that God gives us?

The Transfiguration is not only the truth of Christ's glory, but the promise of our future glory. The Transfiguration increases in us the virtue of hope, which "makes a person desire eternal life, which is the heavenly vision of God, and gives us the confidence of receiving the grace necessary to reach heaven." [10]

Sources / Notes:

[1] Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D; Divine Intimacy; page 310

[6] Sirach 7:36

[9] Pope Benedict XVI

[10] Fr. John Hardon, S.J., Modern Catholic Dictionary; page 257

(Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/the-cross-hope-not-scandal>)

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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 partial payment or you are in need of financial assistance, please call. No student or child will be turned away!

We also gratefully accept your monetary donations to sponsor a child or children. You may donate at rectory or via Sunday Collection by placing cash or check payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes" in any **envelope marked** "Rel. Ed. Gift".

**☎ Call the Rectory Office: 973-325-0110**

Email: [fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org) or [rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto: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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