



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, August 10, 2025 - Nineteenth 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

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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 Friends,

Our biblical readings this Sunday remind us that we are called to faithfulness and perseverance.

And, our faith in God is meant to go beyond the everyday sense of a “belief” which may be one’s personal opinion. The Gospel is calling us not simply to believe but also to belong.

Saint Teresa of Avila wrote: “Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.” We are called to trust in God’s ways. I share with you some of the lessons from the readings of this Sunday, in these key words from each reading: **READINESS, REJOICING, REALIZATION, RESOLVE.**

[READINESS] 1st Reading. Wisdom 18:6-9. “Just as you punished our adversaries, you glorified us whom you had summoned.” One significant daily sacrifice – a mortification – we can make is to be punctual, to be on time. It’s a worthy sacrifice because being “on time” does not call attention to our efforts. It is an act of humility to be “ready” and to be on time. St. Paul wrote: “Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:15-16) The Book of Wisdom recalls the preparedness of the Hebrew people at the original Passover in Egypt, when they were both worshipping and praying and readying themselves for their Exodus journey.

[REJOICING] Psalm 33. “Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.” Driving to an unfamiliar and/or big city, you may feel immediately uncomfortable or afraid because

You do not know where to park your car. Sometimes, the signs and directions for parking are unclear or contradictory. Perhaps we can sympathize with sign designers / writers because they have to communicate much information in a small space. The 33rd psalm reminds that God has not made us to be limited to a particular “lane” or “space”, but that his commandments provide guidance wherever we are. Knowledge of God’s commandments comes about not only by the way we act in large demonstrative ways, but also how we behave in our own private lives and behind the scenes. God’s commandments are celebrated not only as words of justice but also of joy.

[REALIZATION] Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19.

“Abraham looked forward to the city whose architect and maker is God.” To gain your attention and your money – every seller from TARGET to TESLA – asks and answers these questions: “why us?” and “why now?” Sellers try to reduce their message length, often with a maximum of 150 characters. This is optimized not only to connect to you, the searcher, but also to the search engine (e.g., Google). The New Testament Letter to the Hebrews strived to condense the biblical message of salvation to one book. The hearers and readers of the original letter were Jewish-Christian converts for whom Abraham and Isaac were their devout ancestors. The letter to the Hebrews makes many references to the Old Testament to answer the question of why Jesus has come now and why he urges us to belong to Him.

[RESOLVE] Luke 12:32-48. “You also must be prepared.” Derek Redmond of Great Britain, won the Gold Medal in the 4 x 400 meter relay

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES - AUGUST 10, 2025



SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST

5:30 pm Julia Coates

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST,

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Joseph Catalano (60th Ann.)

11:30 am Larissa Lynn B. Eva

MONDAY, 11 AUGUST

8:30 am The Dupervil Famly

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST

8:30 am John Brennan

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST

8:30 am Marie Fletcher

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST

8:30 am Vivian Petrillo

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

7:00 am People of the Parish

8:30 am Okeke Family (Special Intention)

7:00 pm Sylvia Hicks

SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST

5:30 pm Portia Chaves Bacal

SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST

7:30 am People of the Parish

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

11:30 am Richard & Jeanne Blind

SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 11 AUGUST

**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, 13 AUGUST

6:30—10:00 pm Knights of Columbus (HALL)

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST

10:00 am Deadline for News &
Announcements for the
Aug 24th Bulletin. Call the
Rectory at 973-325-0110

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST

7:00 am Mass

8:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 17 AUGUST

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

Goal \$ 6,800

Collection*: July 26-27, 2025* \$ 3,751

Deficit: \$3,049

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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This week, August 10th Bread & Wine, a gift from Jim &
Eileen Reilly is in memory of **ROBERT PAPALE**.



WEEKEND August 16-17 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic		
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Melinda Prather Eileen Reilly (C)	FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Lector	Euch. Min.
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway	7:00 am Bless Bernardo	7:00 am Bless Bernardo
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Bill Talbot	8:30 am Joe Petrillo	8:30 am Emily Kunz
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Virginia Dimapilis	7:00 pm Rachell	7:00 pm Joe Petrillo

Prayers Needed

Maria Colon
Pierre Ferrus
Beverly McAllister

Mary McGuiness
Reynaldo Rapada

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

(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

tin the 1991 World Championships, defeating the heavily favored American team and nearly setting a new world record. Redmond is, however, best remembered for a defeat. At the 1992 Barcelona Olympics 400 meter semi-final, Redmond pulled up with a torn hamstring. As his opponents sprinted forward, Redmond limped at a slow pace, determined to reach the finish line. He was “vigilant” and resolved in the Gospel sense. Being vigilant does not necessarily mean that we are winning awards or recognized widely. We also are not lone rangers. Redmond, as he hobbled in his lane, was met by Olympics personnel but rebuffed all of them. Then, from the crowd, Redmond’s own father appeared and supported his son all the way to the end. Officially in the 400 meters at Barcelona, Redmond was “disqualified” and “did not finish” due to outside assistance. However, the incident is one that shows courage and perseverance. It also shows that resolve calls us not only to do for ourselves but also accept help offered to us. (FYI – Derek Redmond video can be found via Google = “1992 Olympics Derek Redmond”).

Blessings to you and yours.

In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



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Our Vacation Bible School welcomes children from all parishes in our community, and we believe this is a wonderful opportunity for children to deepen their faith while enjoying fun activities during the summer break.

For more information contact tconroy@myoll.org.



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Religious Education Registration for 2025-2026 is Open!



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1st Penance – 1st 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 in any **envelope marked** "Rel. Ed. Gift".

☎ **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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