



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, September 14, 2025 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## 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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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Religious Education

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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### Religious Education

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

Email: [Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:Confirmation.Class@lourdeswestorange.org)

### Religious Education

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Rosa Cruz 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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

### 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 & Sisters in Christ:

On September 14, we observe the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross.

This is a reflection by Saint Andrew of Crete

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/triumphandexaltationoftheholycross/>)

### **Triumph & Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Andrew of Crete**

St. Andrew of Crete (8th Century) proclaims the victory, glory, and triumph of Christ crucified for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, the day that the stolen relics of the true crucifixion were returned to Jerusalem in the early 7th century.

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light.

#### **Lifted up with Christ Crucified**

As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, There would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross )

the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

#### **Victory, Glory & Triumph**

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake.

As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: Father, glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it and will glorify it again". Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross.

And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

*This excerpt from one of St. Andrew's discourses on the glory and victory of Christ crucified (Oratio 10 in Exaltatione sanctae crucis: PG 97, 1018-1019, 1022-23) is used in the Roman Catholic Office of Readings on September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation, triumph, and victory of the Holy Cross. The corresponding biblical reading is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (Gal 2:19-3:7-14 and 6:14-16).*

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In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry



**SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER**

5:30 pm Julia Coates

**SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Catherine Catalano

11:30 am Ernest, Richard, Miriam Jules

**MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Espie Cain (Special Intention)

**TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Julia Coates

**WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Robert Farrell

**THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am John Brennan

**FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte

**SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER**

5:30 pm Matilda O'Boyle &  
Josephine DeVincentis

**SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of thr Parish

9:30 am Mauroso Chiovaro Anniversary  
"Robert"

11:30 am Rose Konvalinka (35th Ann.)

**SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am Mass

9:30 -11:30 am G6—(OLLC) (HALL)

9:30 am Mass

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

11:30 am Mass

**MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER**

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.

**TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER**

6:30 pm Rehearsal Confirmation  
(OLLC)

**THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER**

10:00 am Deadline for News &  
Announcements for the  
Sept. 28th Bulletin. Call the  
Rectory at 973-325-0110.

**SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER**

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER**



7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Confirmation (OLLC)  
Bishop Manuel Cruz



This week, September 14th Altar Candles, a gift from J.A.  
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This week, September 14th, Sanctuary Candle, a gift from J.A.  
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**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 20-21, 2025**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly ( c )	
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Myrna Regino	
11:30 am (Choir)	Wendy Sheyka	Joe Petrillo (HC) Melinda Prather ( C ) (PB) Emily Kunz Mary Cassels	

**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025	Goal
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*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average	



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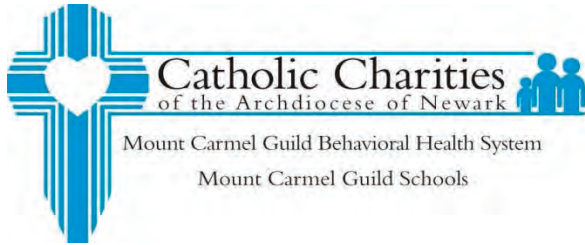
**Prayers Needed**

Maria Colon Amante Organo  
Pierre Ferrus Reynaldo Rapada  
Beverly McAllister Sister Jean Ruppel  
Mary McGuiness Sonny Tionson

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



## School Bells Signal a New Start



The sound of the school bell is a welcomed sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to work up to their potential. Many students will not be able to work up to their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities clothing bin. We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books. Thank you.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES



West Orange, NJ

### ANNUAL MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

MASS  
9:30 am Church



BREAKFAST  
to follow  
10:30 am  
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Deadline for Reservations:  
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