



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, February 8, 2026 - Fifth 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)**

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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### Religious Education

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

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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### Religious Education

#### **Office Manager**

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,

Our Lady of Lourdes (Part 1 of 2)

“Without having seen him, you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.”

(1 Peter 1:8-9)

What is the history and the joy of Lourdes?

**HISTORY** In France, in 1858, a young 14-year old girl, Bernadette of Soubirous, sees our Blessed Mother in a vision or apparition (appearance). This encounter is depicted above our church’s altar. Bernadette was in the Massabielle grotto and at the River Gave.

**JOY** Pope Benedict XVI, in 2008 at Lourdes, emphasized the smile of Our Lady as the beginning of the call to the young Bernadette. Benedict XVI describes the smile of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a “spring of living water.” He states that every time we pray the *Magnificat* (“My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord”), we also testify to the joy of Mary and to our salvation through Christ.

Invited by this smile, Bernadette also was striving to know more, to learn more. Benedict XVI wrote:

“In the course of the apparition of Wednesday 3 March 1858, Bernadette contemplated this smile of Mary in a most particular way. It

was the first response that the Beautiful Lady gave to the young visionary who wanted to know who she was. Before introducing herself, some days later, as “the Immaculate Conception”, Mary first taught Bernadette to know her smile, this being the most appropriate point of entry into the revelation of her mystery.”

(Benedict XVI, Lourdes, 15 September 2008)

Benedict XVI acknowledged that Lourdes is also the place of pilgrimage for many who are ill, writing: “Like every mother, and better than every mother, Mary is the teacher of love. That is why so many sick people come here to Lourdes, to quench their thirst at the ‘spring of love’ and to let themselves be led to the sole source of salvation, Jesus the Saviour.

” (Benedict XVI, Lourdes, 15 September 2008)

Benedict encourages us in our devotion both to Our Lady of Lourdes and to Our Lord, reminding us that the Blessed Mother always leads us to her Son.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for Us!

In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



**SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY**  
5:30 pm Mario Valdes Albano

**SUNDAY, 8 FEBRUARY**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Divine Child Jesus (Thanksgiving)  
11:30 am Jimmy Chin

**MONDAY, 9 FEBRUARY**  
8:30 am Edward Lightner

**TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY**  
8:30 am David McCaffrey

**WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY**  
8:30 am Pat & Dot Healy

**THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY**  
8:30 am Kathy DiBiasi

**FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY**  
8:30 am Dominick Paradiso

**SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**  
5:30 pm Rev. William "Bill" Mellilo

**SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Richard Chiamonte  
11:30 am Bernard J. Mooney

**SUNDAY, 8 FEBRUARY**  
7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
9:30—11:45 am G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)  
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)  
10:30—11:30 am 1st Communion (Chapel)  
11:30 am Mass

**MONDAY, 9 FEBRUARY**  
Miraculous Medal Novena 8:30 am **DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD MONDAY THRU FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK IN CHURCH.**  
following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.  
5—7:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)

**WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY**  
6:30—10:00 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. (HALL)

**THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY**  
Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb. 22nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110  
6—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)

**SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**  
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, 15 FEBRUARY**  
7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)  
11:30 am Mass

 Altar Candles for the week of February 8: a gift from Lucia & Gerardo Giannetti, in memory of **DAVID MC CAFFREY**.

 Bread & Wine for the week of February 8: a gift from Annette Chiamonte, in memory of **ROBERT PAPALE**.

**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

Goal \$ 6,800  
Collection\*: Jan. 24-25, 2025\* \$2,694  
Deficit: \$4,106  
\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEB 14-15, 2026**

| Mass                        | Lectors         | Eucharistic Ministers             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5:30 pm (Adult Choir)       | Pat Sigalas     | Emily Kunz<br>Melinda Prather (C) |
| 7:30 am                     | Mary Cassels    | Bless Bernardo                    |
| 9:30 am                     | Kathy Petrillo  | Myrna Regino                      |
| 11:30 am (Children's Choir) | Carmelita Dizon | Michelle Gizzi<br>Bill Talbot (C) |

**Prayers Needed**

Emeka Anyanyo Sister Jean Ruppel  
Paul Di Francescantonio  
Nadia Manrique Marcos  
Frances Maroon  
Mary McGuiness

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Church - West Orange

# Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 18**



**7 am** prayer service  
**8:30 am** Mass  
**12 noon** prayer service  
**3:30 pm** prayer service  
**5:30 pm** prayer service  
**7 pm** prayer service

*Ashes will be distributed during all services and the Mass.*

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ST. PATRICK'S  
**DAY**  
 PARADE

*It is Official*

The Pre-Parade Mass for Saint Patrick's Parade will be at Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange on **Sunday, March 15th at 9:30 am Mass.**

Please plan activities accordingly as the parking lot will have fewer spaces and there will be closed roads in the area, including Main Street and Eagle Rock Avenue starting around 10:30 am until around 4:00 pm.

**THERE WILL BE NO 11:30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15.**



## Knights of Columbus West Orange Council #5519



The West Orange Knights of Columbus will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in the lower level of Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall on **Saturday, 21st of February 2026**

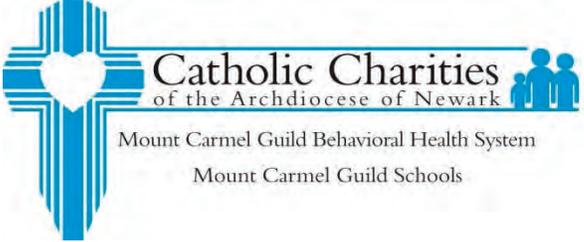
**6:00 pm until 9:00 pm**

Pasta – meatballs – salad – soda – coffee – dessert

Cost is \$10 for anyone 13 or older and \$5 for children 5 - 12 years old  
 (There is no charge for any child 4 and under)

**Proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.**

## Lent – Sacrifice - Clothing Bins - Any Connection?



Catholic Charities  
 of the Archdiocese of Newark

Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System  
 Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we do so, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books to the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection and you have moved closer to Christ. Thank you.



### REPORT FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT CONFIDENTIALLY

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) for the hotline and reporting link.



The Rosary Altar Society will hold their Tricky Tray on: **Friday, April 24, 2026** in Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Monday, April 13th**. Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the rectory on weekdays between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. For pick up, contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or email at [trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org).

**(PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.)**

Your gift may also be a monetary donor:

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Gold Donor   | \$100.00 |
| Silver Donor | \$ 50.00 |
| Bronze Donor | \$ 25.00 |

**(Please make checks payable to “Our Lady of Lourdes”)**

Join us for our major fund raiser to help support the needs of our parish.

**WE HAVE RETURNED TO AN IN-PERSON EVENT**

**Coming Soon - Pre-Event Ticket Sales**  
**(Seating will be limited)**



- For Details Call 973-980-4209 or
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