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Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent



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

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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.*



The Mountain and the Memory: The Meaning of the Transfiguration

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter, James, and John climb a mountain with Jesus. There, they witness something extraordinary: Jesus is transfigured before them. His clothing becomes dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear beside Him. A cloud overshadows them, and the Father's voice declares, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Why does Jesus reveal Himself in this way? What is the purpose of this moment?

One way to understand it is through something very familiar to us: photographs.

Most of us have photos of the people we love—our parents, our spouses, our children and grandchildren. We try to capture them at their best. We adjust the lighting. We choose the right angle. Sometimes we hire a professional. Sometimes we simply hope someone in the family knows how to open the camera app and press the shutter button.

Photos take effort. They require attention and care. And once taken, we treasure them. We keep them on our walls, our desks, our phones, and our computers. We carry them with us and return to them again and again.

Why? Because photographs preserve important moments. They capture beauty. They remind us of love. They hold before us the truth of who someone is, even as time passes and circumstances change.

In the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John are given something like a sacred "snapshot." After the effort of climbing the mountain, they see Jesus in glory. They glimpse His divine majesty. They see not only the teacher who walks dusty roads, but the radiant Son of God.

This revelation happens in a cloud—the biblical sign of God's presence. What they experience is not just a beautiful moment. It is a gift meant to be remembered. Because very soon, everything will look very different.

The same Jesus who shines in dazzling white on the mountain will later be bruised and bloodied. Instead of standing in glory, He will stumble under the weight of the cross. The Transfiguration stands as a deliberate contrast to the Passion. On the mountain, they see

Jesus at His best; on Good Friday, they will see Him at His lowest.

The image given on the mountain is meant to sustain them when they face the cross.

Just as we return to our photographs in difficult times, the disciples were meant to carry this vision in their hearts. When fear and confusion overwhelmed them, they could remember: His glory was real. His identity as God's beloved Son was true. His suffering would not be the final word.

We do the same in our own lives. We keep photos of weddings, children, even ultrasound images—not merely for nostalgia, but for strength. They remind us of beginnings, of beauty, of promises that endure even when life becomes difficult.

Over time, circumstances change. Bodies age. Relationships face trials. Yet love, at its core, remains. These images remind us of what has not changed.

The Transfiguration teaches us that glory and suffering are not opposites in God's plan. The one who shines in light is the same one who carries the cross. His majesty is not defeated by suffering.

The mountain experience was not meant to replace the cross but to prepare the disciples for it. They were given a glimpse of the Resurrection before the Passion unfolded.

We, too, are given moments of clarity and consolation—times when faith feels strong and luminous. These moments are gifts meant to be remembered when the path grows dark.

The Father's command still speaks to us: "Listen to him." Listen on the mountain. Listen on the road to Calvary. Listen in moments of joy and moments of trial.

The Transfiguration assures us that suffering does not have the final word. The light of Christ is the deeper truth—and just as He was transfigured, so are we promised transformation and eternal life.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry





SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

5:30 pm Trea Bougades

SUNDAY, 1 MARCH

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Anthony Tremarco
11:30 am Jaroslav Konvalinka

MONDAY, 2 MARCH

8:30 am Bessie Horky

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH

8:30 am Dorothy Wetzel (14th Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH

8:30 am Felicia Okeke (Special Intention)

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH

8:30 am Andrew Burrell

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH

8:30 am Jasper Cannella & Joseph M. Ponzio

SATURDAY, 7 MARCH

5:30 pm Wayne Smith

SUNDAY, 8 MARCH

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Catalano (23rd Ann.)
11:30 am Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese



<p>SUNDAY, 1 MARCH</p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>9:00 am Recitation of Rosary (OLLC)</p> <p>9:30 am Mass</p> <p>9:30-11:45 am G 6 (OLLC) (HALL)</p> <p>10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)</p> <p>11:30 am Mass</p>	
<p>MONDAY, 2 MARCH</p> <p>Miraculous Medal Novena 8:30 am DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD MONDAY THRU FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK IN CHURCH.</p> <p>following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.</p>	
<p>TUESDAY, 3 MARCH</p> <p>1:00 am RAS Meeting (Rectory)</p>	
<p>THURSDAY, 5 MARCH</p> <p>Deadline for News & Announcements for the March 15th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 .</p> <p>6—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)</p> <p>7:30—9:00 pm Pre Cana Meeting (HALL)</p>	
<p>FRIDAY, 6 MARCH</p> <p>5:30—7:30 pm 1st Friday Adoration</p>	
<p>SATURDAY, 7 MARCH</p> <p>3:00—5:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)</p> <p>4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church</p> <p>5:30 pm Mass</p>	
<p>SUNDAY, 8 MARCH</p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>9:30—11:45 am G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)</p> <p>9:30 am Mass</p> <p>10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)</p> <p>10:30 am—11:30 am 1st Communion (CHAPEL)</p> <p>11:30 am Mass</p>	



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAR 7-8, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm (Adult Choir)	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Melinda Prather (C)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Mary Cassels	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Espie Cain	
11:30 am (Youth Choir)	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (C)	

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

Goal	\$6800
Collection*: Feb. 14-Feb. 15, 2026*	\$4,472
Deficit:	\$2,328

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

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Prayers Needed

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

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



Rutgers University-Newark will be running its

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The program is July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24, and July 27-31, 2026 from 8:30-4pm.

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For more information/brochure please call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483 or email at loughran@rutgers.edu.

The Rosary Altar Society's MARCH Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, MARCH 3rd, at 1:00 pm in the Rectory.

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

MARCH 6, 2025

5:30-7:30 pm in Church

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Now available:

* **In the Bulletin**

- * **In Church and on our**
- * **Parish Web Site**
(www.lourdeswestorange.org) —
About Our Parish—Tricky Tray 2026
- * **Registration Deadline, Monday April 20**

We are still accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Monday, April 13th.**



Lenten Meditation Packets

Please pick up a Lenten Meditation Packet prepared by the 6th Grade Religious Education Class.

They will be available near the Peace & Good entrance.



2026 LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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| March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent | Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9
“ This is My beloved Son... listen to Him.”

Action: Thank God for a moment when His presence was clear in your life. |
| March 2, 2026
Monday, 2nd Week of Lent | Gospel Reading: Luke 6:36-38
“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.”

Action: Offer mercy to someone today. |
| March 3, 2026
Tuesday, 2nd Week of Lent | Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12
“Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Action: Do a humble task today without seeking recognition. |
| March 4, 2026
Wednesday, 2nd Week of Lent | Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:17-28
“The Son of man did not come to be served but to serve.”

Action: Serve someone in a quiet, loving way. |
| March 5, 2026
Thursday, 2nd Week of Lent. | Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31
“The beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom.”

Action: Give something today to someone in need. |
| March 6, 2026
Friday, 2nd Week of Lent. | Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

Action: Pray the Stations of the Cross or meditate on Jesus’ Passion. |
| March 7, 2026
Saturday, 2nd Week of Lent. | Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-12
“This my son was dead... and is found.”

Action: Pray for someone who has left the faith. |

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