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**Sunday, March 8, 2026 - Third 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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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**

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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,

[Please remember that there is no 11:30 am Mass on Sunday March 15 due to St. Patrick's Parade in West Orange. The official pre-Parade Mass with bagpipes and the Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshals are at the 9:30 am Mass Sunday March 15.]

***I share with you this article / reflection based from this Catholic site "Crossroads Initiative" about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman.***

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/the-Samaritan-woman-at-the-well/> )

### **THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL – ST. AUGUSTINE**

*St. Augustine here reflects on the famous conversation in the Gospel of John between Jesus and the Samaritan woman who came to draw water from the well. He sees her as a symbol for the Gentiles who are called to conversion and faith and who are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit in abundance.*

A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why a Samaritan woman came to draw water. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews.

We must then recognize ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. She came then to draw water. She had simply come to draw water; in the normal way of man or woman.

Jesus says to her: Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore says to him: How is it that you,

though a Jew, ask me for water to drink, though I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. Jesus answered her and said: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: If you knew the gift of God. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.

What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: With you is the fountain of life? How can those feel thirst who will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? The woman says to him: Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water. Her need forced her to this labor, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labors might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand.

(Source: *Roman Office of Readings for Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week in Lent. It is taken from Augustine's Treatise on the Gospel of John (Tract. 15, 10-12, 16-17: CCL 36, 154-156) written by St. Augustine in the early 5th Century.*)

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MARCH 8, 2026



<b>SATURDAY, 7 MARCH</b> 5:30 pm Wayne Smith
<b>SUNDAY, 8 MARCH</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Catherine Catalano (23rd Ann.) 11:30 am Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese
<b>MONDAY, 9 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>TUESDAY, 10 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Patrick J. Ruane
<b>WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Martin & Anna McLaughlin
<b>THURSDAY, 12 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Edward McGovern
<b>FRIDAY, 13 MARCH</b> 8:30 am James Cham
<b>SATURDAY, 14 MARCH</b> 5:30 pm David C. Miller
<b>SUNDAY, 15 MARCH</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Family <b>11:30 am NO 11:30 MASS—PARADE</b>

<b>SUNDAY, 8 MARCH</b> 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
<b>MONDAY, 9 MARCH</b> Miraculous Medal Novena <b>8:30 am</b> <b>DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD MONDAY THRU FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK IN CHURCH.</b> following 8:30 am Mass on Monday. 5—7:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)
<b>WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH</b> 6:30—10:00 pm Knights of Columbus mtg. (HALL) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Novena
<b>THURSDAY, 12 MARCH</b> Deadline for News & Announcements for the March 22nd. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 . 6—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Novena
<b>FRIDAY, 13 MARCH</b> 1:30—3:30 pm Soup Kitchen setup (HALL) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Novena
<b>SATURDAY, 14 MARCH</b> 9:00—12:00 noon Soup Kitchen (HALL) 3:00—3:45 pm G. 7-12 Confession (OLLC) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass 5:30 pm St. Joseph Novena at Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 15 MARCH</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Parade Mass <b>NO 11:30 am Mass (Parade)</b> 5:30 pm St. Joseph Novena

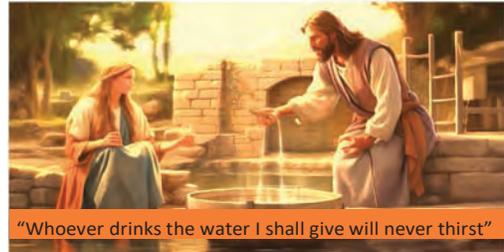
**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

Goal	\$6800
Collection*: Feb. 21-Feb. 22, 2026*	\$3,730
Deficit:	\$3,070

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

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<b>MAR 14-15, 2026</b>			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (C)	
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Bless Bernardo	
9:30 am (Adult Choir)	JoAnn Melhorn	Mary Cassels Myrna Regino (C)	
11:30 am	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>— PARADE TODAY</b>	

**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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Thanks to you—the people of Our Lady of Lourdes—through the goodness of your prayers and donations, we collected **150 cans of soup** for our **Souper Bowl 2026 Soup Can drive**. Your donations were distributed to our local food pantry.



**St. Vincent DePaul Society**

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 3/14/2026** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **3/14/2026** so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at [travisb23@juno.com](mailto:travisb23@juno.com).



**Lent – Sacrifice – Donation Bins**  
– Any Connection



**Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the property? If you do, you have made the connection.**

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- 1 Visit [www.lourdeswestorange.org](http://www.lourdeswestorange.org) and click Give Online.
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.
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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.

**2026 St. Joseph Novena  
Calendar: March 11—March 19  
Visiting Speakers, "Retreat in 9 nights"  
Come any night or every night!**

Wed., Thurs., Friday March 11, 12, 13	7 pm
Saturday March 14	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday, March 15	5:30 pm
Mon., Tues., Wed., March 16, 17, 18	7 pm
Thursday March 19	8:30 am Morning Mass 7 pm Evening Mass



**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.



Sunday, **March 8th**

*Daylight Saving Time  
Begins*

SET YOUR CLOCK  
**ONE HOUR FORWARD**  
BEFORE GOING TO  
BED SATURDAY  
NIGHT

 A colorful poster for St. Patrick's Day. It features a vibrant rainbow arching over a pot of gold filled with coins. A leprechaun in a green hat and coat is visible on the right. The background is decorated with green shamrocks and white clouds.
 

**Sunday,  
March 15th**

**St. Patrick's Day Parade  
No 11:30am Mass**

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