



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 26, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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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,

Called by Name – Good Shepherd Sunday

On this 4th Sunday of Easter—**Good Shepherd Sunday**—we hear Jesus say: *“He calls his own sheep by name.”* (John 10)

The Good Shepherd does not call in general terms. He calls personally. He calls by name.

And because Christ still calls, the Vocations of the Archdiocese of Newark is inviting us to do something simple and meaningful: **to pray by name for young men who may have a vocation to the priesthood.**

Why This Matters

Holy Thursday showed us the love of Christ the Shepherd—a love that gives itself completely in the Eucharist.

That same Shepherd continues His work today through priests. And so the Church continues to pray: *“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.”*

Prayer for vocations is not just for priests or bishops. It belongs to the whole Church, to you at your table, in your house or car, not only at Mass.

What You Are Being Asked To Do

This week, you are invited to:

- Think of a young man you know who has qualities that could make a good priest
- Pray for him by name
- Write his name on a “Called by Name” card and return it

This is not about pressure. It is about **prayer and openness to God’s call.** A Word of Reassurance

You may feel unsure about writing someone’s name down. That’s understandable.

- You may wonder if it’s appropriate
- You may prefer to speak with the young man or his family first
- You may not know how he would respond

All of that is okay.

Please know:

- The information will be handled **respectfully and securely**
- The purpose is **pastoral outreach**, not pressure
- And your role is simply to **pray and entrust**

A Personal Invitation

If the Good Shepherd calls by name, then one of the ways we respond is also by name. Your prayer matters. It may be the quiet encouragement someone needs to hear Christ’s voice more clearly.

This Week

Take a moment.

Call someone to mind.

Pray for him.

And entrust him to the Good Shepherd.

Please fill in the Called by Name card and return to rectory or use the website on the card to submit electronically.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

“He calls his own sheep by name... and they recognize his voice.”


In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



OUR LADY OF LOURDES – APRIL 26, 2026

	
SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 5:30 pm	David McCaffrey
SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Victor Carrion Cecilia Fernandes (25 th Ann.)
MONDAY, 27 APRIL 8:30 am	Karen Hiner
TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 8:30 am	Matilda O'Boyle
WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 8:30 am	Michael Strollo
THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 8:30 am	Ann Strollo
FRIDAY, 1 MAY 8:30 am	Phyllis Gaeta
SATURDAY, 2 MAY 5:30 pm	Catherine Del Plato
SUNDAY, 3 MAY 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Catherine Catalano & Louise Chiaramonte Edward J. Ford, III (6 Aniv)

Altar Candles for the week of April 26th: A gift from Anthony Fernandes & Family in memory of **CECILIA FERNANDES.**

Bread & Wine for the week of April 26th: A gift from Anthony Fernandes & Family in memory of **CECILIA FERNANDES.**

		
MAY 2- MAY 3, 2026		
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon
9:30 am (Adult Choir)	Carol Ford	Annette Chiaramonte Joe Petrillo (c)
11:30 am	Jeryl Nalupta	Virginia Dimapilis

	
SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 7:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) Mass
MONDAY, 27 APRIL 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	Daily Mass will be held Mon-Fri each Week in Church.
THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 6 – 8:00 pm	Deadline for Announcements For May 10 th Bulletin. Call the Rector at 973-325-0110. Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
FRIDAY, 1 MAY  5:30 – 7:30 pm	1st Friday Adoration
SATURDAY, 2 MAY 3 – 5:30 pm 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Family Catechesis (HALL) Confessions in Church Mass
SUNDAY, 3 MAY 7:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 – 12:30 pm 10:30 – 11:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Rosary Recitation (OLLC) Mass Retreat: G.7-12 (OLLC) (HALL) 1st Communion (CHAPEL) Mass

Prayers needed

Emeka Anyanyo, Jeffrey Beauzil,
Paul Di Francesscantonio,
Simon Gutowitz, Frances Maroon,
Beverly McAllister, Mary McGuiness,
Sister Jean Ruppel.

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



OPEN HOUSE SAINT PETER'S PREP

Saint Peter's Preparatory
School will hold its **Spring Open House on Sunday, May 3 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6465.



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MAY 1, 2026

5:30 – 7:30 PM IN CHURCH

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Gift for Palm Sunday

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." (Luke 19:38)

On Palm Sunday, we welcome the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by holding up our own palm branches at Mass. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Palm branches donated each year by Darren and Mellen Dangler in memory of the deceased members of the Dangler and Phillips Families.

Thank You

The Paschal Candle

"The Lord is my light and my salvation." (Psalm 27)

At the Easter Vigil, we burn for the first time the Easter Candle, a sign of God's light in our world. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Easter Paschal Candle donated each year by Steve and MaryEllen Chandler in memory of the Chandler/Zimmermann Families.

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ANNUAL 2026 APPEAL

30 March 2026, Holy Week

Dear Friends,

The Easter Gospel is that Christ has conquered suffering and brings us new life and hope. This hope is lived through generosity and care for one another.

I invite you to join me in supporting the 2026 Annual Appeal. Your gift supports future priests, strengthens Catholic Charities, serves those in need, and sustains our parish through endowment grants we have received due to our Appeal participation. I have made my gift and ask you to prayerfully consider yours.

For more information, go to our website www.lourdeswestorange.org for [[letter from me](#)] and/or [[6 minute video](#)]. The video includes both Father Jim Ferry and the Archdiocesan video.

To Give Online visit our website www.lourdeswestorange.org or call (973) 325-0110 rectory if you need the envelope to send in. Please select “Our Lady of Lourdes West Orange” as your parish.

Together, we continue to be a light for others. Thank you! Father Jim Ferry

LLAMADA 2026 ANUAL

La Pascua nos recuerda que Cristo ha vencido el sufrimiento y nos trae nueva vida y esperanza. Esa esperanza se vive a través de la generosidad y el cuidado mutuo.

Te invito a unirme a mí para apoyar la Campaña Anual 2026. Su donativo apoya a los futuros sacerdotes, fortalece a las Caridades Católicas, sirve a los necesitados y sostiene a nuestra parroquia mediante subvenciones de fondos patrimoniales que hemos recibido gracias a nuestra participación. Yo ya he realizado mi donativo y le pido que considere el suyo en oración.

Para más información, visite nuestro sitio web www.lourdeswestorange.org para acceder a [una carta de mi parte] y/o [un video de 6 minutos]. El video incluye tanto la participación del Padre Jim Ferry como el video de la Arquidiócesis.

Para hacer una donación en línea, visite nuestro sitio web www.lourdeswestorange.org; o bien, llame a la rectoría al (973) 325-0110 si necesita un sobre para enviar su contribución por correo. Por favor, seleccione “Our Lady of Lourdes West Orange” como su parroquia.

Juntos, seguimos siendo una luz para los demás. Gracias! Padre Jim Ferry

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