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Sunday, May 3, 2026 - Fifth 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

Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music

Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee

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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**

#### **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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/A – MAY 3, 2026



### Annual Appeal 2026: Building with Hope

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled... In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”* (John 14:1–2)

These words are meant to give comfort—but they also point to something deeper. Jesus speaks of a home being prepared, a place where we belong. God is always at work building—not only preparing a place for us in eternity but also building up our lives here and now through His grace.

That work of building takes shape in how we care for one another, how we support the Church, and how we pass on faith for future generations.

I am grateful for the way the Lord works through you—quietly and faithfully. Our parish is a reminder that God’s grace often moves through humility and generosity that does not seek attention.

Each year, the Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Newark invites us to take part in that work. I have made my gift, and I invite you to prayerfully consider making yours, if you have not already done so.

Jesus tells us, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”* Through Him, we are led into Father’s house. But even now, we are called to help build up God’s house on earth—strengthening the Church so that it can serve, teach, and care for others.

That is what makes your generosity possible.

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, your support ensures that the sacraments remain accessible—from Baptism through Confirmation, Marriage, and the Anointing of the Sick. Regardless of a family’s ability to pay, we welcome children and families for religious education and sacramental preparation. Your generosity sustains worship, pastoral care, and the daily life of our parish.

The Annual Appeal extends that same spirit of care beyond our parish. It supports seminary education and the formation of future priests. Years ago, gifts like yours helped support me in the seminary, as well as Father Jim Chern and Father Bob Suszko. We remain deeply grateful.

Your support also strengthens college and university campus ministry, provides Masses for the deaf and hearing-impaired, and sustains Catholic Charities, which offers food, shelter, job training, education, and care to those most in need.

This kind of giving is often quiet—but it builds something lasting.

There is also a real and important local benefit. Over the past ten years, our parish has received more than \$200,000 in grants and assessment assistance through the Archdiocese. These funds have helped us address necessary building repairs, maintain our facilities, and strengthen the long-term stability of our parish.

In addition, Catholic Charities rents our school building at 100 Valley Way. The rent they provide accounts for more than half of our parish operating budget. At Mount Carmel Guild Academy, children with autism and special learning needs receive an excellent education. When Catholic Charities is strong, our parish is strengthened.

Our parish goal for the 2026 Annual Appeal is \$37,192. At this time, we are working to close the remaining gap of approximately \$16,000 by June 30. Reaching our goal will allow us to receive an estimated \$12,000 reduction in our parish assessment—resources that remain here to support parish life.

The Appeal is an invitation to continue building—with faith, with hope, and with generosity. Every gift matters. Every act of mercy contributes to something greater than us.

If you have not yet participated, I invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. You may give online at [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing), or by check payable to “Annual Appeal 2026.” Many parishioners already have Appeal envelopes, but any envelope may be used and placed in the Sunday collection or brought to the rectory. We will ensure your gift is properly credited.

Together, may we continue building God’s house—not only in our parish, but in the lives of those we serve—trusting that the Lord is preparing something greater still.

Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your prayerful support. Please know of my prayers for you and your families.


Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES – MAY 3, 2026**

		
<b>SATURDAY, 2 MAY</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Catherine Del Plato</b>
<b>SUNDAY, 3 MAY</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>11:30 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Catherine Catalano &amp;</b> <b>Louise Chiamonte</b> <b>Edward J. Ford, III (6 Aniv)</b>
<b>MONDAY, 4 MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Ed Fairchild</b>
<b>TUESDAY, 5 MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Maurice Ferrus</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Steven Olsen</b>
<b>THURSDAY, 7 MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Carol Giangola</b>
<b>FRIDAY, 8 MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Andrea Toloso</b>
<b>SATURDAY, 9 MAY</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Deceased Mothers</b>
<b>SUNDAY, 10 MAY</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>11:30 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Deceased Mothers</b> <b>Deceased Mothers</b>

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**PRIESTHOOD**, A **HOLY NATION**, A **PEOPLE OF HIS**  
**OWN**, SO THAT YOU MAY ANNOUNCE THE  
**PRAISES**" OF HIM WHO **CALLED** YOU OUT OF  
**DARKNESS** INTO HIS WONDERFUL **LIGHT**.  
 Peter 2:9

		
<b>MAY 9- MAY 10, 2026</b>		
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Adult Choir</b>	<b>Pat</b> <b>Sigalas</b>	<b>Judy Albore</b> <b>Eileen Reilly ( c)</b>
<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Bless</b> <b>Bernardo</b>	<b>Lou Volpe</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Kathy</b> <b>Petrillo</b>	<b>Joe Petrillo</b>
<b>11:30 am</b> <b>Children's Choir</b>	<b>Bill</b> <b>Talbot</b>	<b>Virginia Dimapilis</b> <b>Carmelita Dizon( c)</b>

		
<b>SUNDAY, 3, MAY</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>9:30-12:30 pm</b> <b>10:30-11:30 am</b> <b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <b>Rosary Recitation (OLLC)</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>Retreat: G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion (CHAPEL)</b> <b>Mass</b>
<b>MONDAY, 4 MAY</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>Miraculous Medal Novena</b> <b>following 8:30 am Mass on</b> <b>Monday. 5-7:30 pm</b>	<b>Daily Mass will be held</b> <b>Mon-Fri each Week in</b> <b>Church.</b> <b>Family Catechesis (HALL)</b>
<b>TUESDAY, 5 MAY</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Finance Counsel (RECTORY)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Pastoral Counsel (RECTORY)</b>
<b>THURSDAY, 7 MAY</b>	<b>6 – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Deadline for Announcements</b> <b>For May 17<sup>th</sup> Bulletin. Call the</b> <b>Rector at 973-325-0110.</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)</b>
<b>SATURDAY, 9 MAY</b>	<b>4:15 – 5:00 pm</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Confessions in Church</b> <b>Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY, 10 MAY</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b> <b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)</b> <b>May Crowning &amp; Flower</b> <b>Procession</b> <b>Mass</b>

*Prayers needed*  
 Emeka Anyanyo, Jeffrey Beauzil,  
 Paul Di Francesscantonio,  
 Simon Gutowitz, Frances Maroon,  
 Beverly McAllister, Mary McGuinness,  
 Sister Jean Ruppel.  
 If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed  
 for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.



### Cocktail Party Fundraiser



To support the life-saving work of **LIFENET** and to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday!!!

Young Adult Pro-life Cocktail Party Fundraiser on **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in Florham Park:** Calling all pro-life young adults... Join us for **"Life, Liberty & Libations"** cocktail party fundraiser for young adults (ages 21-39) to benefit LIFENET, a pro-life educational organization.

Event will be held on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Park Avenue Club, 184 Park

Tickets are \$75 per person. RSVP by: 5/17/2026. Visit [www.lifeneteducation.org/cocktailparty](http://www.lifeneteducation.org/cocktailparty) to register. For more info, email [info@lifeneteducation.org](mailto:info@lifeneteducation.org) or call 973-497-4520.

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Deficit	\$2,560

*\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average/*

### St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 5/23/2026** 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 **5/23/2026** 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).

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<b>Parish goal for Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 37,192</b>		<p><i>Thank you for your support!</i></p>
Amount given toward goal:	<b>20,402</b>		
<b><u>Amount we need to raise by June 30:</u></b>	<b>16,790</b>		

April 20, 2026

**Our Annual Appeal Goal for 2026 is \$37,192.**

Dear Friends,

The Annual Appeal supports essential Catholic ministries—serving the poor, educating future priests, strengthening campus ministry, and reaching those on the margins. All funds are used solely for these ministries.

We are working to reach our goal in **paid gifts (not just pledges) by June 30.**

**Reaching our goal benefits our parish in three important ways:**

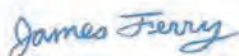
- **Savings:** Surpassing our goal also earns a **2% reduction in our 2027 parish assessment**—approximately **\$12,000 in savings**
- **Grant Support:** Because of our consistent participation, the Appeal has provided over **\$130,000 in grants since 2014** for parish construction and repairs
- **Rebate:** Once we exceed \$37,192, **50% of funds above this amount** are rebated to Lourdes.

Thanks to your generosity, we have achieved these benefits in recent years.

Any rebate or savings will support parish needs such as **energy efficiency**, roofing and window maintenance. Thank you—I have made my gift, and I invite you to join me.

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Sincerely in Christ,



Father Jim Ferry, Pastor Email: [fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org)

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