



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday



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

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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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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 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,

Blessed Pentecost Sunday to you. I share with you this reflection from the website LOVEANDSERVE.ORG. These are reflections by Ralph Iskaros who resides within the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. For comments, information and questions, please email info@loveandserve.org

Pentecost, which comes from the Greek “pentekoste”, means fiftieth. This Sunday, fifty days after Christ’s Resurrection, the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, the grace that empowered them and each of us, and also the birth of the Church. Before it was a Christian Feast, it was a Jewish one, “Shavuot,” the day of the first fruits. Fifty days after Passover, the Jews gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the harvest of new grain that was offered to God. Fifty days after the Resurrection, God’s promise was fulfilled as strong wind and tongues of fire descended and rested on each of the disciples, filling them with the Holy Spirit. This is what John the Baptist had prophesied, “He [Christ] will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.” –Matthew 3:11. Likewise, the disciples and Mary were together in Jerusalem, waiting for the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised to them nine days earlier at His Ascension. They fasted and prayed in waiting. This is what novenas in the Church are modeled after. Nine-day periods of private or public devotions to obtain special graces.

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, one and equal to God the Father and the Son. He proceeds from the Father and the Son and is sent by Them to teach and guide the Church as Jesus taught: “The holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.” –John 14:26. Speaking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said that the Father will give us another Advocate, Jesus

being the first, to be with us always. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate because He acts as a defender, comforter, and guide for believers. The Holy Spirit continues the work of Christ, reminding believers of Jesus’ teachings, and leads them to a deeper understanding of God’s love and salvation. The Catechism translates it, “literally, He who is called to one’s side.” –Catechism §692.

Today’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that those who were filled with the Holy Spirit began to speak in different tongues, and the people who heard them, though from every nation under heaven, each heard them speaking in their language. This is the same omnipotent Holy Spirit that continues to work in the lives of the faithful to this day, and of Him Jesus said, “[He] will be with you always.” How liberating it is to know that we who believe have the Holy Spirit with us always to remind us of God’s teachings and guide us in doing what we are called to do; we are not constrained by our limitations or entirely dependent on our labors.

Today, we recall the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, filling them with power and courage to proclaim the Good News. The Feast of Pentecost serves as a poignant reminder that the Holy Spirit dwells within us, empowering us to live as disciples of Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to use our gifts and talents for the common good, building up the Church, and serving those in need.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.
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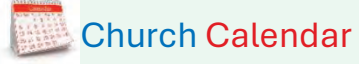
In Christ’s Peace,


Father Jim Ferry

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES – MAY 24, 2026

	
SATURDAY, 23 MAY	5:30 pm David Miller
SUNDAY, 24 MAY	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Andrea Toloso 11:30 am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary & Virgin of the Swan
MONDAY, 25 MAY	8:30 am Anthony Strollo
TUESDAY, 26 MAY	8:30 am Lucy Petrucelli
WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY	8:30 am Robert Buoye
THURSDAY, 28 MAY	8:30 am George & Trea Pugh
FRIDAY, 29 MAY	8:30 am Samantha Close
SATURDAY, 30 MAY	5:30 pm Robert Papale
SUNDAY, 31 MAY	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Joseph Catalano & Michael Chiamonte 11:30 am Robert Papale (1 st Ann.)
Bread & Wine for the week of May 24th : Offering of Benedicta Akpahu in Thanksgiving for 60 years & family.	
Sanctuary Candle for the week of May 24th : Offering of Benedicta Akpahu in Thanksgiving for 60 years & family.	

	
SUNDAY, 24 MAY	7:30 am Mass 8:30-11:30 am K O C Pancake Breakfast (HALL) 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 25 MAY	8:30 am MEMORIAL DAY Daily Mass will be held Mon-Fri each Week in Church. RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY, 28 MAY	6:00 – 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) Deadline for Announcements For June 7 th Bulletin. Call the Rector at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 30 MAY	4:15 – 5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass 5:30 pm Corona Self Help
SUNDAY, 31 MAY	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Corona Self Help at all Masses 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass

		
MAY 30-31, 2026		
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
10:30 am Confirmation	Wendy Sheyka	TBD
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway
9:30 am Adult Choir	JoAnn Melhorn	Espie Cain Joe Petrillo (c)
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Bill Talbot

Prayers needed

Emeka Anyanyo, Jeffrey Beauzil,
Paul Di Francesscantonio,
Simon Gutowitz, 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.

A Tradition Worth Keeping



We traditionally honor Mary during the month of May. This is most appropriate for the Mother of God who gave birth to the Savior of the world. Mary's heart is filled with the love of Christ and also with the love of every one of God's children. Would you be so kind to imitate that love of humanity by donating to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s)? We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books.

God Bless.

Missionary Appeal JUNE 6-7 at all Masses

The **CONGREGATION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY (DM)** will be visiting us at all Masses this weekend.

The Congregation of the Daughters of Mary (DM) is a missionary congregation of Pontifical Right and founded on May 8, 1938, by late Monsignor Joseph Kuzhinjalil, a priest of the Archdiocese of Changanassery, Kerala in the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church during the early days of the re-union movement at Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, South India. Today the members of the DM congregation strive to preserve and follow the charism of the founders, and to fulfil the Divine mandate to preach the word to every person, door to door through House visiting until the glorious coming of the Saviour.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

GOAL:	\$6,800
COLLECTION*: May 2-May 3, 2026:	\$4,545
Deficit	\$2,255

**Includes Online Giving Weekly Average/*

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

Sunday, June 7th

11:00 am Recitation of Rosary

11:30 am Mass

12:30 am Annual Meeting in the Rectory.

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



Knights of Columbus West Orange Council #5519

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The West Orange Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser in the basement of Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

Breakfast will be served from **8:30 until 11:30 am**

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee will be served

The cost is **\$12 for anyone 13 and over and \$5 for children 6-12 years old.**

(There is no charge for any child 5 and under.)

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



2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Forms are in church, in rectory and online - See "Options/How to Pay" below"

PER CHILD TUITION:

\$60, until May 25

\$80, until June 25

\$100, until July 25

Late Registration \$150, July 26-August 12

Final Registration Deadline:

August 12, 2026

OPTIONS/ HOW TO PAY:

Cash/ Check

(payable to Our Lady of Lourdes)

- Visit Rectory with required docs
- Drop in Sunday Collection Basket

Website - lourdeswestorange.org

>> "Faith Formation / Religious Education"

>> "Religious Education Registration"

or, Scan Here



2026-27 Lourdes
Religious Education
Registration code

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS for each student (Documentos requeridos para cada estudiante),

- (1) ___ Baptismal certificate (Copia de certificado de bautismo);
- (2) ___ Birth certificate (Copia del certificado de nacimiento);
- (3) ___ 1st Communion certificate (if completed) (Copia de certificado de primera comunión si se completo);
- (4) ___ Registration form (Formulario de inscripción);
- (5) ___ Photography consent at the end of form (Formulario de consentimiento para fotografía)

QUESTIONS/ RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

973-325-0110 (9am-2:30pm)

rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org

fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org

DEAR PARENTS, GODPARENTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS,

This program prepares your children for First Communion and Confirmation, but it also depends on your participation as a family. This is not only about learning—it is about **faith, commitment, and service**. The most important expectation is faithful Sunday Mass attendance.

We ask that you **bring your children to Mass every Sunday**, not only on class days. Some parishes track attendance, but we choose to trust you. This trust is rooted in the promise you made at your child's baptism—to raise your child in the faith. That means practicing your faith, attending Mass regularly, and guiding your children to do the same. **Thank you for your support and partnership.**

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