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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

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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,

Holy Thursday & Corpus Christi – Eucharist, The Body of Christ -Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Holy Thursday, the night of the Last Supper aka the Lord's Supper, the institution of the Holy Eucharist — why did Jesus do what he did and say what he said? What did he mean when he said, “This is my body and this is my blood” and “Do this in Memory of Me”? And what does the Catholic Church mean by talking about transubstantiation and the body of Christ? All this is remembered & celebrated on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

On Holy Thursday, the night before he died, the Lord Jesus made some startling changes in the ritual of the Passover meal. Instead of being content with the traditional Jewish table blessing over the bread, Jesus proclaimed “take and eat for this is my body.” Over the third cup of wine, known as the cup of blessing, he said “take and drink for this is my blood.” Then he commanded the disciples “do this in memory of me.”

Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi & the Eucharist

Obedient to the wishes of the savior, we remember and reenact this solemn moment in a special way each Holy Thursday and Feast of Corpus Christi, but more frequently in every Mass. Indeed, the Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of transubstantiation — namely, that in the Eucharist, the communion wafer and the altar wine are transformed and really become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Have you ever met anyone who has found this Catholic doctrine to be a bit hard to take?

If so, you shouldn't be surprised. When Jesus spoke about eating his flesh and drinking his blood in John 6, his words met with less than an enthusiastic reception. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat? (V 52). “This is a hard saying who can listen to it?” (V60). In fact so many of his disciples abandoned him over this that Jesus had to ask the twelve if they also planned to quit. It is interesting that Jesus did not run after his disciples saying, “Don't go – I was just speaking metaphorically!”

The Early Church's Understanding

How did the early Church interpret these challenging words of Jesus?

Here's an interesting fact. One charge the pagan Romans lodged against the Christians was cannibalism. Why? You guessed it. People heard that this sect regularly met to feast on the flesh and blood of a man called Jesus. Did the early Christians say: “wait a minute, it's only a symbol!”? Not at all.

When trying to explain the Eucharist to the Roman Emperor around 155 AD, St. Justin did not mince his words: “For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ

our Savior being incarnate by God's word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the word of prayer which comes from him . . . is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus.”

Real Presence – Transubstantiation

Not many Christians questioned the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist till the middle ages. In trying to explain how bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ, several theologians went astray and needed to be corrected by Church authority.

Then St. Thomas Aquinas came along and offered an explanation that became classic. In all change that we observe in this life, he teaches, appearances change, but deep down, the essence of a thing stays the same. Example: if, in a fit of mid-life crisis, I traded my mini-van for a Ferrari, abandoned my wife and 5 kids to be beach bum, got tanned, bleached my hair blonde, spiked it, buffed up at the gym, and took a trip to the plastic surgeon, I'd look a lot different on the surface. But for all my trouble, deep down I'd still substantially be the same ole guy as when I started.

St. Thomas said the Eucharist is the one instance of change we encounter in this world that is exactly the opposite. The appearances of bread and wine stay the same, but the very essence or substance of these realities, which can't be viewed by a microscope, is totally transformed. What was once bread and wine are now Christ's body and blood. A handy word was coined to describe this unique change. Transformation of the “substance”, what “stands-under” the surface, came to be called “transubstantiation.”

Transformation by Spirit & Word

What makes this transubstantiation happen? The power of God's Spirit and Word. After praying for the Spirit to come (epiklesis), the priest, who stands in the place of Christ, repeats the words of the God-man: “This is my Body, This is my Blood.” Sounds to me like Genesis 1: the mighty wind (read “Spirit”) whips over the surface of the water and God's Word resounds. “Let there be light” and there was light. It is no harder to believe in the Eucharist than to believe in Creation.

But why did Jesus arrange for this transformation of bread and wine?

Because he intended another kind of transformation. The bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ which are, in turn, meant to transform us. Ever hear the phrase: “you are what you eat?” The Lord

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES – JUNE 7, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE	5:30 pm	David Miller
SUNDAY, 7 JUNE	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Joseph Catalano & Michael Chiaramonte Arthur Rupel
MONDAY, 8 JUNE	8:30 am	Rosalinda Rupel
TUESDAY, 9 JUNE	8:30 am	Elsie Ford (30 th Ann.)
WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE	8:30 am	Michael O'Boyle
THURSDAY, 11 JUNE	8:30 am	Martin & Anne Healy
FRIDAY, 12 JUNE	8:30 am	Andrea Toloso
SATURDAY, 13 JUNE	5:30 pm	Emil Russomanno
SUNDAY, 14 JUNE	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families. Raymond William Hopkins

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 7 JUNE 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am	Missionary Appeal at all Masses 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) 11:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass, Rosary Annual Mtg. & Lunch (HALL)
MONDAY, 8 JUNE 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	MEMORIAL DAY Daily Mass will be held Mon-Fri each Week in Church
WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 6:30 – 10:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting (HALL)
THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 5:30 pm 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Deadline for Announcements For June 14 th Bulletin. Call the Rector at 973-325-0110. Sacred Heart Solemnity Vigil Mass for the United States Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
FRIDAY, 12 JUNE 7:30 pm	A SOLEMN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS. Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark
SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions in Church Mass
SUNDAY, 14 JUNE 7:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) Mass

Bread & Wine for the week of June 7th: Offering of Annette Chiaramonte in memory of CATHERINE PARISI.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	JUNE 13-14, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Annette Chiaramonte
11:30 am Adult Choir	Lynda Clement	Paul Hirsch Wendy Sheyka (c)

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.

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desires us to be transformed from a motley crew of imperfect individuals into the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi), come to full stature.

Corpus Christi & Personal Relationship with Jesus
Evangelical Christians speak often of an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus. But I ask you, how much more personal and intimate can you get? We receive the Lord's body into our physical body that we may become him whom we receive!

It is this astounding gift that we remember and celebrate on the first day of the sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday, and on the feast traditionally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi.

(Source:
<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/holy-thursday-eucharist-body-christ-corpus-christi-transubstantiation/>)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

Upcoming Parish & Community Events

Saturday, June 6th – 8:00 – 11:30 am: THE SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH. MEN'S MORNING – What it means to be a Catholic Man in Today's World. For information Visit shrineofsaintjoseph.com/menofsaintjoseph.

Thursday, June 11th – 5:30 pm: Our Lady of Lourdes Church. SACRED HEART SOLEMNITY VIGIL MASS FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Friday, June 12th - 7:30 pm: Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. CARDINAL TOBIN WILL CELEBRATE A SOLEMN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS. All are welcome.

Saturday, June 13th – 10am – 4:30 pm: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Newark. FIRST 5 SUMMIT for couples in their first 5 years of marriage. For information visit www.rcan.org/family-life.

PARISH GIVING

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GOAL: \$6,800

COLLECTION*: May 23-May 24, 2026: \$3,851

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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 pm Annual Meeting (HALL)

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



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.



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Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Orange
 Rectory Hours: 9am-2:30pm, M-F – call for appt.

973-325-0110

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)

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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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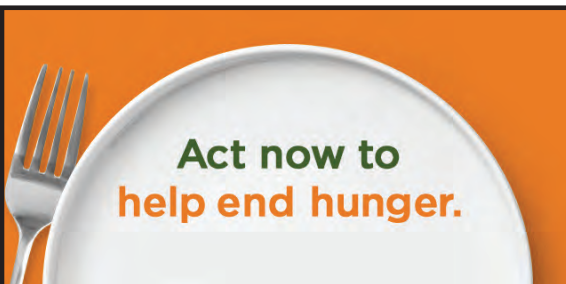
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