



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, August 30, 2026 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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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 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,

Today's Readings: *Jeremiah 20:7-9 --*
Romans 12:1-2 -- Matthew 16:21-27

The prophet Jeremiah was born around 652-648 BC into a priestly family in the village of Anathoth, two and a half miles northeast of Jerusalem. He was called by God to prophetic ministry when he was a very young man. Jeremiah lived during the period of Judah's decline, a time that included the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. He faced opposition from kings, priests, and the people. He experienced personal hardships, persecution, and imprisonment. Jeremiah's prophecies contained messages of judgment and warnings to the people of Judah and Jerusalem to turn back to God.

Scholars named Jeremiah "the weeping prophet" because of the hardships he encountered, and for grieving over the wickedness of his people and their looming judgment. In today's Old Testament reading we can see how disappointed he felt due to decades of ministry without visible positive outcomes: *"I say I will not mention him, I will no longer speak in his name. But then it is as if fire is burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding back, I cannot!"* (Jeremiah 20:9)

Jeremiah felt dejected and almost quit his ministry.

In the Gospel we read about Jesus preparing His disciples for His persecution, death, and resurrection. Peter is quick to reject this announcement: *"God forbid, Lord! No*

such thing shall ever happen to you." (Matthew 16:22). In only five short verses after Jesus called Peter the rock that He built His church upon, He rebukes Peter: *"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me."* (Matthew 16:23).

Peter's reaction is like Jeremiah's before him. Both vehemently rejected God's will. Has there been a time when you felt dejected and unhappy with God? A time of illness, grief, or traumatic experience? A time of financial or personal loss?

God's wisdom is at times different than human wisdom. *"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."* (Matthew 16:23). Paul offers us instructions and hope in today's second reading: *"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."* (Romans 12:2).

Let us with confidence and faith trust in God's will. Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

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Have a great week.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – AUGUST 30, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 5:30 pm	Bernard J. Mooney
SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Robert Papale Jaroslav Konvalinka (27 th Ann.)
MONDAY, 31 AUGUST 8:30 am	Simon & Santos Families
TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am	Maxine Nzegwu (Special Intention)
WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am	John Dilley
THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am	Neil Albore
FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am	Martin & Anna McLaughlin
SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm	Akl N. Hajjar
SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Catherine Catalano Ricardo Santos

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Mass
MONDAY, 31 AUGUST 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, 3 SEPT.	Deadline for Announcements For Sept. 6 th Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110.
FRIDAY, 4 SEPT. 5:30 – 7:30 pm	1 ST Friday Adoration (OLLC) 
SATURDAY, 5 SEPT. 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions in Church Mass
SUNDAY, 6 SEPT. 7:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Rosary Recitation (OLLC) Mass Mass



MINISTRY SCHEDULE	SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (c)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Mary Cassels
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis

Then Jesus said to
his disciples,
“Whoever wants to
be my disciple must
deny themselves
and take up their
cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

Prayers needed

Mary Sue Brittle, Frances Diaby,
Mary McGuinness Antonio Matias,
Marc Reyes, Gregory Vistica

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

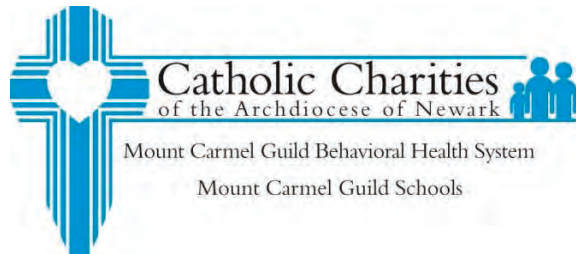
The **Rosary Altar Society's**
September Meeting will be
held on:



Tuesday, September 8th
at 1:00 pm in the Rectory

All Rosarians: Looking forward to
seeing you there.

Carol Ford, President



The Dog Days of Summer

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Saturday September 19th

Rain Date September 30th

10am—4pm

\$40 per Spot



To reserve your spot please call
the parish office at 973-674-2052 or
Josephine Guerriero at 973-420-8519

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2026

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COLLECTION*: Aug. 15-16, 2026:	\$3,340
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West Orange, NJ

**ANNUAL MASS &
COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026



MASS
9:30 am - Church

BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW
10:30 am - Conner Hall

ALL ARE INVITED

COST \$25

Reservations: Abegail (Abhy) Gonzalez at 862-438-4135

Deadline for Reservations: September 25, 2026

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