



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

This weekend, we recall and pray for the brave women and men who have given their lives in service to our country. I share with you this excerpt of an Easter-Season homily of Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles as a remembrance of those who have laid down their lives.

*[We] remember in this hour all those who have given their lives to defend the truths that our great nation holds to be self-evident. The truth that all men and women are created equal. The truth that we are all children of one God, endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights – to life, to liberty and to the pursuit of happiness.*

*The men and women we remember today died defending these truths. They died in fields of war for you and for me – so that we could gather on this sunny morning in peace and in freedom.*

*We owe them a great debt for their self-sacrifice, for their love.*

*Jesus said that there is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend. The men and women we remember today were people of great love.*

*Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. It is also a day to keep alive the life and memory of so many men and women, who unselfishly gave their lives for our country. They were not thinking about themselves as they went off to fight for their country. They were thinking about their families. They were thinking about the ideals of this country and their duty as faithful citizens.*

*These brave men and women trusted in God. They made God their refuge and fortress.*

*And we know that our God is the God of the living. And we know that if we have died with Christ in baptism, so we shall live with him in the resurrection. (Rom. 6:8). So we ask our good God today to raise up in joy all those who have died in our Armed Forces.*

*We are living in a time, my brothers and sisters, when unfortunately, our nation is at war in several places.*

*So we also pray for all those men and women who are serving our country and are in harm's way today. We pray for wisdom for our leaders and for integrity for our citizens. We pray for the innocent victims of war. And we pray for a just and lasting peace – for our nation and for every other nation, through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Not everyone is called to military service.*

*But our Christian faith calls each one of us to be –peacemakers, to help bring harmony, justice and peace to our world. (Matt. 5:9; James 3:18)*

*The God we serve is the God of love and peace. Our God calls us to always seek the ways that make for peace. (1 Cor. 7:15; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9.)*

*We honor the memory of those who have fallen by trying to live better lives. By trying to be better peacemakers.*

*Let us honor their memory by trying harder with the grace of God – to love more, to be less selfish. Let us try to give more importance to God and to others than we do to ourselves. Let us resolve each day to try to make life a little better for someone else.*

*Let us make more time to pray or to do small works of service for someone who is close to us. Let us try with his grace to become people of forgiveness, and to rely more on God's mercy.*

*These little things make a big difference in the lives of others. And the more we spread peace in our own lives, the more peace is spread in the world.*

*One more thing, my brothers and sisters. Something that always strikes me on Memorial Day.*

*Let us remember today that the words we pray before every Holy Communion: –Lord, I am not worthy ...are the words of faith that a Roman soldier spoke to Jesus in the Gospel. (Matt. 8:8; Luke 7:6.)*

*As we remember the faith of those who have died serving our country, let us seek to grow in that same humble faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We go to the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace. We are always asking her to intercede for us –now and at the hour of our death.*

*Today we ask her for her intercession for our faithful departed and for all of us – that we continue to grow in the love of God and in our desire to serve our brothers and sisters. (Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, Santa Clara Cemetery, Oxnard, California, May 30, 2011).*

Father Jim Ferry

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry





A MASS will be offered for the following Mass Intentions this week. Mass will not be offered in church.



**SATURDAY 23 MAY**

8:30 am Virgin Guadeloupe  
5:30 pm Vivian C. Petrillo

**SUNDAY 24 MAY**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Cristiano James Ombrellino (1st Ann.)  
11:30 am Vilma Khan

**MONDAY 25 MAY**

8:30 am Robert Gist

**TUESDAY 26 MAY**

8:30 am Grace Gaston Sabal

**WEDNESDAY 27 MAY**

8:30 pm Diane Pietrodangelo

**THURSDAY 28 MAY**

**FRIDAY 29 MAY**

8:30 am Joseph Gruszczynski

**SATURDAY 30 MAY**

8:30 am Anthony Amalfitano  
5:30 pm Vivian C. Petrillo

**SUNDAY 31 MAY**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Vivian C. Petrillo  
11:30 am Hugh Ferry



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of The Children & Grandchildren, is in memory of **VILMA KHAN**



This week's Altar Candles, a gift of The Children & Grandchildren, is in memory of **VILMA KHAN**



PRAYERS Needed For...

Daphne Brown  
Catherine Gascoyne  
Nicholas Larusso  
Ramon Marmol  
Mary McGuines  
Matthew McHugh

Dolores Otero  
Mark Quarno  
Gregory Roxborough  
Mary Lou Ruppel  
Pat Schoeler  
Katerina Zachos

PRAYER Requests

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the rectory at 973.325.0110.

CHURCH CALENDAR



**SUNDAY 24 MAY**

9—10:00 am Confession Hour (Family/Cry Room)

8:30 am Virtual Morning Prayer with Fr. Jim Ferry via Zoom video & audio. (See Page 5 for details)

9:30 am Anointing of the Sick Mass **(CANCELED)**

Video of Lourdes West Orange weekly Sunday Mass will be posted Saturday at 5 pm on our website: [lourdeswestorange.org](http://lourdeswestorange.org)

**MONDAY 25 MAY**

MEMORIAL DAY

Rectory Office Closed



**TUESDAY 26 MAY**

7—8:00 pm Confession Hour (Family/Cry Room)

**THURSDAY 28 MAY**

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for June 7th bulletin email: [lourdesbulletin@aol.com](mailto:lourdesbulletin@aol.com).

1:00 pm Virtual "Pray the Rosary/Divine Mercy via Zoom video & audio. (See Page 5 for details)

6:00 pm

**FRIDAY 29 MAY**

6:30—7:30 pm Virtual "Eucharistic Adoration", via Zoom video & audio (See Page 5 for details)

**SATURDAY 30 MAY**

4:30 pm Virtual Evening Prayer with Fr. Jim Ferry via Zoom video & audio. (See Page 5 for details)

**SUNDAY 31 MAY**

PENTECOST

7—10:00 am Private Prayer in church  
9—10:00 am Confession Hour (Family/Cry Room)

8:30 am Virtual Morning Prayer with Fr. Jim Ferry via Zoom video and audio. (See Page 5 for details)

10:30 am Children's Choir Practice **(CANCELED)**



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift of The Children & Grandchildren, is in memory of **VILMA KHAN**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAY 30—MAY 31, 2020

| Mass                    | Lector        | Eucharistic Ministers                             | Altar Servers                                    |
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| 5:30 pm                 | Lynda Clement | Marge Christiano<br>Sharon Rosario                | Gina Camosy<br>Jenie Camosy<br>Jonathan Camosy   |
| 7:30 am                 | Joy Hayward   | Bless Bernardo<br>Mary Cassels                    | Rosalinda Saniel<br>Lisa Westheimer              |
| 9:30 am                 | Bill Talbot   | Ann Pflug<br>John Pflug                           | Seamus Murphy<br>Volunteer                       |
| 11:30 am<br>Adult Choir | Doris Spivey  | (C) Paul Hirsch<br>Nancy Lanfrank<br>Wendy Sheyka | Amir Stewart<br>Ikeh Ikeh-Uzor<br>Mezu Ikeh-Uzor |



## Prayer Not Cancelled

Dear Family and Friends of Lourdes:

I miss you and know that we all miss seeing each other at church on Sundays. To keep a connection with both our Lord and each other, I share with you these reminders:

**VIRTUAL / SPIRITUAL EVENTS** Whether you are on the on-the-phone or on your tablet/computer or laptop, we can gather and pray together as we shelter in place at home. You can access these events either by Zoom video conference or by telephone. See last page of the bulletin for the schedule or call 973.325.0110 to be added to the e-mail list. Or, email: Father Jim Ferry, [FERRYJAM2@AOL.COM](mailto:FERRYJAM2@AOL.COM).

**VIDEO OF MASS (LOURDES)** You can now watch Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday Mass online, through the link on website (see "website address" below). This is posted by 5 pm Saturday and available for you to watch anytime.

**RE-OPENING OF CHURCH (Phase 1)** Archbishop of Newark, Cardinal Tobin, has given permission for churches to be open as part of Phase 1 in the re-opening of parish life. All are advised to follow State of New Jersey directives for safe distancing and use of masks. Our parish will gradually open, in the month of May, with hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

- **SUNDAY May 24 9 - 10 am (Confession hours only)**
- **TUESDAY May 26, evening 7 – 8 pm (Confession hours only)**

On **Sunday May 31 – Pentecost Sunday Morning** – we are open for private prayer in church from 7 – 10 am, with confessions at 9 – 10 am. (Please see instructions on the website under "Church & Confession Hours". Confessions will be heard in the cry room.)

**Please note:**

**ENTRANCE DOOR:** Please use "Gift Shop" door near driveway and parking area. **EXIT DOOR:** Use "Bus Stop" or Mississippi Avenue door. (All doors are available as emergency exits. Use of specific doors helps us in cleaning).

**SEATING:** Sit in pews marked and intentionally "distanced" "FOR PRAYER". Do not sit in the other pews.

For the month of June, hours for prayer and confession are to be determined. Please check website or call.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**WEBSITE ADDRESS:** [LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG)

**TELEPHONE:** 973.325.0110

## Congratulations Paul Hirsch

Paul Hirsch, our Sacristan, and a faithful volunteer in Religious Education and many Our Lady of Lourdes ministries will receive the:

**2020 Shields Award  
of  
The Knights of Columbus of Union County,  
as  
Catholic School Teacher of the Year.**

At Holy Spirit School of Union, Mr. Hirsch is the Grade 6 Teacher and School Technology Specialist. We congratulate Paul on this award and for his dedicated service on the faculty and to the students and staff always.



### Rosary for Life

Live Via Conference Call

**Every Friday in May 2020  
from 4:00-5:00 PM**

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Dial: +1 (929) 205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 943 554 312 followed by #

When asked for the Participant ID enter # again

Enter Password 1776 then #

Please join LIFENET as we pray 15 decades of the rosary for the "Protection of the Babies in the Womb".

### Virtual Rosary + Divine Mercy with Fr. Jim Ferry Thursdays: During May at 1:00 pm.

**Zoom Website Link will be emailed to you,  
as "invitation/access"**

**Zoom has a voice/telephone option  
for those without computer or video.**

**Please email [FERRYJAM2@AOL.COM](mailto:FERRYJAM2@AOL.COM)**

**or call 973-325-0110 for "invitation access."**

### GIVING TO LOURDES

*If you are able, the Lourdes church family also needs your support so that we can sustain our ministry to you even during this time without Mass and maintain our infrastructure. It is difficult, I know, to pray and stay connected when we cannot come to church and to Mass. I just remind you that we are trying to remain a vital presence for you here, with online information and with preparation for re-opening. Your gift for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is a great participation in our mission. If you have any questions, please call Father Jim Ferry at 973.325.0110.*

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|  <p>(v.31)<br/> <b>Date: May 18, 2020</b><br/>                 From: Father Jim Ferry<br/> <a href="mailto:ferryjam2@aol.com">ferryjam2@aol.com</a></p> | <p><b>Coronavirus-COVID-19 Update for</b><br/>                 Our Lady of Lourdes Church<br/>                 One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052<br/> <b>973.325.0110</b> <b>LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG</b></p> |
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. **Connect to us spiritually, via these ZOOM video & telephone events:**

**“Zoom Website Link” will be emailed to you, as “invitation / access”.**  
**Zoom has a voice/telephone option for those without computer or video.**

Please give phone number + meeting i.d. + password, to friends/neighbors without computer.

Please email [FERRYJAM2@AOL.COM](mailto:FERRYJAM2@AOL.COM) or call 973.325.0110 for “invitation/access”.

**Sect. 1-a ▶ Rosary + Divine Mercy Thursday 1:00 pm** *Est. 45 minutes*

**Sect. 1-b ▶ Eucharistic Adoration (Month of May) Friday 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Sect. 1-c ▶ “Saturday Afternoon” + “Sunday Morning” Prayer** *Est. 30 minutes*

**Saturday, 4:30 pm, “Afternoon prayer” and/ or**

**Sunday, 8:30 am, “Morning prayer”**

**Sect. 1-d ▶ Town Hall Meeting Monday 6:30 pm** (May 18<sup>th</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>)  
**THERE IS NO TOWN HALL MEETING ON MONDAY MAY 25, MEMORIAL DAY**

At this virtual/parish “Town Hall”, we share needs, information, prayer.

## **Section 2. Online Prayer via “TV” or “internet”**

**Sunday Mass Video from Lourdes Parish Church,  
 posted Saturday 5 pm on website & you can watch anytime!**

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| <b>TV channels</b><br>     | <p><b><u>EWTN</u></b>, FIOS Ch. 285 / Optimum “135” / Comcast “1668” / Direct TV “370”<br/> <b><u>C.F.N. Catholic Faith Network</u></b>, FIOS Ch. 296 / Optimum “137”</p>                                    |
| <b>Internet online</b><br> | <p><b>LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG</b>, “Find us on Facebook”<br/> <b>REDHAWKCATHOLIC.COM</b> (<i>Father Jim Chern @ Montclair State Univ.</i>)<br/> <b>RCAN.ORG</b>, <b>EWTN.COM</b>, <b>RELEVANTRADIO.COM</b></p> |

## **Section 3. How to help charitably à FOOD PANTRY GIFTS/Needed Items**

O.L. Lourdes accepts donations which will be given to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (“Christine’s Kitchen”) • **Ramen noodles** • **Peanut Butter** • **Spaghetti Sauce** • **48 ounce juice bottles** • **Progresso Chicken Soup** • **Instant Oatmeal** • **Snacks in individual bags as “snack packs”:** **cookies, crackers, potato chips, pretzels** • **Cleaning supplies** • “Gift Cards” also accepted. We suggest \$25 or \$50 Shop Rite Gift Cards, but accept any amount! Please call # above for drop-off.