



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I share with you an excerpt of the Homily of Pope Francis of Pentecost 2019.

(Source: Solemnity of Pentecost, Homily of Pope Francis, St Peter's Square Sunday, 9 June 2019)

Pentecost arrived, for the disciples, after fifty days of uncertainty. True, Jesus had risen. Overjoyed, they had seen him, listened to his words and even shared a meal with him. Yet they had not overcome their doubts and fears: they met behind closed doors (cf. Jn 20:19.26), uncertain about the future and not ready to proclaim the risen Lord.

Harmony within human beings. Deep down, in their hearts, the disciples needed to be changed. Their story teaches us that even seeing the Risen Lord is not enough, unless we welcome him into our hearts. It is no use knowing that the Risen One is alive, unless we too live as risen ones. It is the Spirit who makes Jesus live within us; he raises us up from within. That is why when Jesus appears to his disciples, he repeats the words, "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19.21), and bestows the Spirit. That is what peace really is, the peace bestowed on the Apostles. That peace does not have to do with resolving outward problems – God does not spare his disciples from tribulation and persecution. Rather, it has to do with receiving the Holy Spirit. The peace bestowed on the apostles, the peace that does not bring freedom from problems but in problems, is offered to each of us. Filled with his peace, our hearts are like a deep sea, which remains peaceful, even when its surface is swept by waves. It is a harmony so profound that it can even turn persecutions into blessings.

The Holy Spirit does not bring only harmony within us but also among us. He makes us Church,

building different parts into one harmonious edifice. Saint Paul explains this well when, speaking of the Church, he often repeats a single word, "variety": varieties of gifts, varieties of services, varieties of activities" (1 Cor 12:4-6). We differ in the variety of our qualities and gifts. The Holy Spirit distributes them creatively, so that they are not all identical. On the basis of this variety, he builds unity. From the beginning of creation, he has done this. Because he is a specialist in changing chaos into cosmos, in creating harmony.

To be spiritual, to savor the harmony of the Spirit, we need to adopt his way of seeing things. Then everything changes: with the Spirit, the Church is the holy People of God, mission is not proselytism but the spread of joy, as others become our brothers and sisters, all loved by the same Father. Without the Spirit, though, the Church becomes an organization, her mission becomes propaganda, her communion an exertion. Many Churches spend time making pastoral plans, discussing any number of things. That seems to be the road to unity, but it is not the way of the Spirit; it is the road to division. The Spirit is the first and last need of the Church (cf. Saint Paul VI, General Audience, 29 November 1972). He "comes where he is loved, where he is invited, where he is expected" (*Saint Bonaventure, Sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Easter*).

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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 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

MONDAY 1 JUNE

8:30 am Lorraine Solomon

TUESDAY 2 JUNE

8:30 am Christopher Buffa

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

8:30 pm Margaret Brennan (2nd Ann.)

THURSDAY 4 JUNE

8:30 am Michael Cassels

FRIDAY 5 JUNE

8:30 am Peter Cooney

SATURDAY 6 JUNE

8:30 am San Bernarolita
5:30 pm Vivian C. Petrillo

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte
11:30 am Emil Russomanno



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank, is in memory of **JACK MALLOY (1st Ann.)**



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank, is in memory of **CATHY HIGGINS**



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 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)

Video of Lourdes West Orange weekly Sunday Mass will be posted Saturday at 5 pm on our website: lourdeswestorange.org.

MONDAY 1 JUNE

6:30 pm Virtual Town Hall Meeting (See Page 5 for details)

TUESDAY 2 JUNE

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

THURSDAY 4 JUNE

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for June 14th bulletin email: lourdesbulletin@aol.com.

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

6:00 pm Choir Practice (CANCELED)

FRIDAY 5 JUNE

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

SATURDAY 6 JUNE

9 am—6:30 pm Pre-Cana Conference—(canceled)
4:30 pm Virtual Evening Prayer with Fr. Jim Ferry via Zoom video & audio. (See Page 5 for details)

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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)

9:00 am Recitation of Rosary (canceled)

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

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE JUNE 6—JUNE 7, 2020

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 pm			Thiago Lavado Jacquyanah Vincent
7:30 am			Joseph Lobo Barry Skinner
9:30 am			Briana Sampson Volunteer
11:30 am Adult Choir			Anika Fernandes Jennifer Fernandes



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.

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 31 9 - 10 am (Confession hours only)**

___ **TUESDAY June 2, evening 7—8 pm (Confession hours only)**

On **SUNDAY June 7 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

TELEPHONE: 973.325.0110

Did you know?



On the day of the Dedication of the Temple built by King Solomon, there were **120 priests** present (2 Chron 5:11); the **Ark of the Covenant** was brought into the Temple (2 Chron 5:7) and **fire came down** from heaven to consume the burnt offering (2 Chron 7:7).



On the day of Pentecost, a company of **120 disciples** was present in the Upper Room (Acts 1:15), the **Mother of Christ**, (the New **Ark of the Covenant**) was present (Acts 1:14), and the Holy Spirit came down as **tongues of fire** (Acts 2:3)

 Catholic Fortress

CELEBRATING Pentecost

Virtual Rosary + Divine Mercy with Fr. Jim Ferry Thursdays: During June 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
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.

 <p>(v.08) Date: May 26, 2020 From: Father Jim Ferry</p>	<p>Church & Confession Hours, <u>Phase 1</u> Our Lady of Lourdes Church One Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052 973.325.0110 LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG</p>
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- ___ **TUESDAY May 26, evening 7 – 8 pm (Confession hours only)**
- ___ **Sunday May 31, morning 7 am – 10 am (Confession from 9 – 10 am)**
- ___ **TUESDAY June 2, evening 7 – 8 pm (Confession hours only)**
- ___ **Sunday June 7 morning 7 am – 10 am (Confession from 9 – 10 am)**

For more Confession hours, call 973.325.0110. Father Jim Ferry will gladly meet you at a time you can arrange. The purpose of Phase 1 is to allow only for private prayer and confession. Phase 1 will continue in June with further hours to be announced. *The date for Phases 2 and 3 will be announced. Consideration will be given to state and local authorities.*

State of New Jersey Directives

In church, it is required that you bring and wear a MASK. Please maintain SOCIAL DISTANCE of 6 feet from others. Conversation outside the building is permitted with proper distancing. *Rest rooms will be locked and unavailable.*

For more information, please visit the parish and/or archdiocesan websites:

LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG

[http://www.lourdeswestorange.org/images/pdf/phase_church_hours_web .pdf](http://www.lourdeswestorange.org/images/pdf/phase_church_hours_web.pdf)

RCAN.ORG

<https://www.rcan.org/archdiocese-newark-announces-phased-reopening-churches>

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