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**Sunday, March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**



## **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)**

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### **Religious Education**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In Christian paintings and frescoes, Mary of Magdala, also known as Mary Magdalene – is frequently portrayed as weeping and in being in tears. We read in the Gospel that Mary Magdalene “stood crying outside the tomb [of Jesus].” (John 20:11).

In addition to this visual notoriety, Mary Magdalene has also become immortalized, vocally, in everyday speech. Due to the frequent depiction of her sadness, the name and figure of “Magdalene” (French, “Madeleine”) has become associated with an emotional state. In English, the name “Magdalene” became “maudlin” and means, in everyday parlance, “overly sentimental.”

It would be cruel to condemn Mary Magdalene or any of other disciples as simply being down in the dumps after the Passion and Death of our Savior. It would be similarly harsh to reject anyone for whom grief is now overwhelming. All of us need time to process and to pray.

I point this out, not just to share the origin of “maudlin” as an adjective.

I share because Mary Magdalene is also a model of courage and conviction.

On Easter Sunday, we read from John’s Gospel (John 20:1-9) in which Mary Magdalene rises at dawn to go to the tomb of our Savior. We might say that the prerequisites -- of suffering and crucifixion— have been satisfied while the students (disciples) have been “off campus” ... in hiding. Mary Magdalene goes to them with the Good News of the Resurrection.

The darkness of suffering and crucifixion have preceded the light of resurrection.

The darkness is over – the darkness and suffering and death – have already served their purpose. Jesus is no longer in the dark.

The darkness and the light are part of the lessons – and realities of our lives.

Darkness and light are in the life of the Magdalene, of Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene represents us as a believer and as a mourner, as one who is grieving.

Isn’t it true at a time of grief – a time of death of a beloved person – that darkness is hard to overcome?

Grief – and sorrow – comprise a journey – physically or figuratively – to consider both the life and death of someone.

Grief is also the process that enables us to express great love, gratitude, while professing our faith in eternal life and in a reunion in heaven.

Mary Magdalene is one such mourner who is aware of death but is also moving closer to new life. She wakes up very early to get there, to begin this journey.

The darkness and light are part of the lessons – and realities of our lives. This is true in our studies and work.

The darkness of 11:00 pm or 5:00 am may be necessary to complete the prerequisites of pain and suffering of academics.

We may stay up late or rise early, going contrary to the patterns of others.

Sometimes, we seek out the darkness as a rare time of peace and quiet.

The darkness provides precious time to concentrate.

Yet, the darkness is meant to lead us into the light.

That is our ultimate objective – in work – it is not simply the acquisition of more gifts or even more talents for their own sake. Rather, we are acquiring money, talent, wealth ... so that these can be shared with our families, with our loved ones, or for other loving purposes.

Taken to the extreme, I think we have all witnessed what wealth, fame and power can do to some people. Wealth and power are good things which enable us to love and to give. They are not, however, our ultimate objective.

In our Catholic tradition, we learn this. Cardinal John Henry Newman reminds us that we work not only for the spotlight ... but also sometimes in darkness where only God can see us. If we only want the fame... we may not be where God wants us to be:

“[often many of us will ] measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability... It is a homage resulting from a profound faith... that with wealth [we / you and I] may do all things.” (CCC Catechism 1723, John Henry Newman)

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<b>SATURDAY, 30 MARCH</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 7:30 pm Evening Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 31 MARCH</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am People of the Parish 11:30 am People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY, 1 APRIL</b>	8:30 am Thanksgiving Abad & Matias Family
<b>TUESDAY 2 APRIL</b>	8:30 am Martin & Anne Healy
<b>WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL</b>	8:30 am Martin & Anne Healy
<b>THURSDAY, 4 APRIL</b>	8:30 am Mal & Jennie Healy
<b>FRIDAY, 5 APRIL</b>	8:30 am Millie Cassidy
<b>SATURDAY, 6 APRIL</b>	5:30 pm Robert J. Lanfrank (30th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY, 7 APRIL</b>	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte, Jr. (7th Ann.) 11:30 am Luigi Russo

<b>SUNDAY, 31 MARCH</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass
<b>MONDAY, 1 APRIL</b>	8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.
<b>THURSDAY, 4 APRIL</b>	10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Apr. 14th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6-8:00 pm Choir practice (OLLC)
<b>FRIDAY 5, APRIL</b>	5:30 -7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
<b>SATURDAY, 6 APRIL</b>	3—5:30 pm Grades 1-5 (Hall)
<b>SUNDAY, 7 APRIL</b>	7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass

 This week's Altar Candles, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**.

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**.


 This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **THOMAS, EVELYN & ROBERT CLAYTON**.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		APRIL 6-7, 2024	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (Choir)	
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Paul Hirsch	
11:30 am Choir	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (Choir)	

# HE IS RISEN!

May you feel Christ's love in your heart & be filled with his peace & Joy this Easter Day... And always!!



 **Louis Papale**

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



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We have, however, a different light and power source in our faith in Jesus -- "[teaching us] that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement -- however beneficial it may be -- such as science, technology and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love" (CCC Catechism 1723)

Easter Sunday, Jesus has risen from the tomb. He invites us into the light so that we can dwell in daylight.

Mary Magdalene, as a model, has risen early also -- at Zero Dark Thirty to discover the Risen Lord.

This gospel reading calls us to pray over, to meditate on our fears, our struggles, our hopes and joys... and our sinfulness. Bring it to the tomb -- early -- so that we might die and rise with him and come into the daylight where he also has gone ahead of us.

Blessed Easter Season to you and yours.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

APRIL 5, 2024

5:30-7:30 pm in Church

**Join Us!**

*Jesus is waiting for You!*

*Thank You*

## The Paschal Candle

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27)*

At the Easter Vigil, we burn for the first time the Easter Candle, a sign of God's light in our world. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Easter Paschal Candle donated each year by Steve and Mary Ellen Chandler in memory of the Chandler/Zimmermann Families.



## Gift for Palm Sunday

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."  
Luke 19:38*

On Palm Sunday, we welcome the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by holding up our own palm branches at Mass. Our parish family is very grateful for the gift of our Palm branches donated each year by Darren and Mellen Dangler in memory of the deceased members of the Dangler and Phillips Families.

### PARISH GIVING

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## Tricky Tray



**Saturday April 20, 2024**

8:00 am—4:00 pm  
Guest Walk-Thru & Basket Selection  
5:00 pm Drawings Begin  
Prize Pick-up Sunday, April 21  
8:00 am—3:00 pm

**Pre-Event Ticket Bundle Sales**  
**Ann Pflug 973-325-2212**  
**Annette Chiamonte 973-325-3545**

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Religious Educ. Registering \$ 100 / child. **DISCOUNT BELOW!**  
(Classes are from Sept. 2024 - June 2025)

**1<sup>st</sup> Penance - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - Confirmation** (Grade 1-12)

**DISCOUNT** Fee: \$ **60** / child (til May 31), \$ **80** / child (til June 30)

**Visit Website to register online: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG**  
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