



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, March 20, 2022 – Third Sunday of Lent



## 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

Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music

Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Religious Education**

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

Email: [ollfamilyclass@aol.com](mailto:ollfamilyclass@aol.com)

### **Religious Education**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

Mrs. Monica Nieves 973.325.0110 ext. 123

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### **Religious Education**

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Astrid Ramirez 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 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 of Our Lady of Lourdes,

In this Sunday's Gospel, some people expressed their sadness over the unfair punishment and death of some other people of Galilee. In our own time, we may witness the unfair taking of life by those in powerful positions. As that point in history, "Pilate was sternly suppressing any sign of civil unrest." (Note to Luke 13:1, The Navarre Bible). In our own world, in of conflict and trouble – especially in Ukraine and Russia right now – we pray that the civilized discourse – and even civilized disagreement – will be protected.

In Jesus' time, the sadness was expressed not only for the death of the Galileans but also for the way that this punishment took place.

Dr. John Bergsma, of Franciscan University, wrote: *"Jesus is rebuking a tendency among the Jews of his day, including his disciples, to see one's fate in death, whether favorable or unfavorable, as a divine assessment of the righteousness of one's life. In the kingdom of heaven, things are reversed. Those who die in persecution may in fact be 'blessed'."* (Matthew 5:10-12) (John Bergsma, *The Word of the Lord*, Steubenville, Ohio: Emmaus Road, 2021 p. 93)

The Lord gives us the supreme example of this, by accepting punishment and death on the cross, dying in an apparently sad and disgraceful way. Having died for your and my vices, we are the ones blessed with by Christ's vigilance and vigor. While his sacred head was surrounded by Roman soldiers and Pilate himself, Jesus gave up his life intentionally for our sins.

Regarding our own view of eternal life – and when it starts -- we are also invited to a "reversal". Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, asked, "what is eternal life?" (Reference: Spe Salvi, "Saved In Hope" n. 10)

Benedict XVI wrote that what we often desire is not – eternal life – but that we want our present life to continue right now. Or in an even more extreme example, I want to go back in the past and limit some previous ideal age or time.

One way we learn true freedom is to learn the Gospel teaching on both life and death, living and dying. The Lord stated: "Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted." We don't want to simply want to avoid mourning. But we also need help in order to process our own experiences of dying and physical change. Pope Benedict writes that our lives are enriched by the understanding that we are moving towards death. In this regard, the fact that we're going to die isn't simply a blind fate or a random act in the future.

This is training in true freedom, a recognition that we're not in charge and that we become a new person, by dying with Christ and rising to new life. And in this regard, we pray that for all of our loved ones, we pray that we will join them in eternal life as well.

I hope and pray that this Lenten Season helps you to know that God loves you, here and now and also for eternity, demonstrated in Jesus' gift of his life on the Cross.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - MARCH 20, 2022



**SATURDAY 19 MARCH**  
5:30 pm Luigi & Vincenza Russo

**SUNDAY 20 MARCH**  
7:30 am For The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte (25th Ann.)  
11:30 am Lorizane Pauleine

**MONDAY 21 MARCH**  
8:30 am Kyle Javier (Special Intention)

**TUESDAY 22 MARCH**  
8:30 am Margaret Christiano

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH**  
8:30 am Marcelina Sugar

**THURSDAY 24 MARCH**  
8:30 am Marie Gracie Vaccaro

**FRIDAY 25 MARCH**  
8:30 am Margaret Dangler

**SATURDAY 26 MARCH**  
5:30 pm Helen & Walter Supczynski

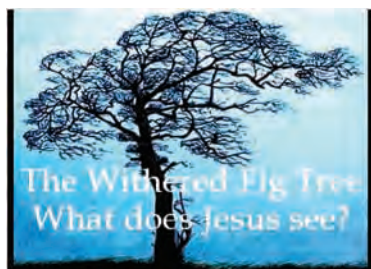
**SUNDAY 27 MARCH**  
7:30 am For the People of the Parish  
9:30 am Emil & Margaret Hensler  
11:30 am Rosalinda Rupel (In Thanksgiving)



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Gamie & Rosalinda Saniel, is in memory of **EDMUND DEZA**



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift of Carol Ford is in memory of **PATRICIA BULGER (14th Ann.)**



**Michael DiPirro**  
**Catherine Gascoyne**  
**Sherrina Navani**  
**Pat Schoeler**  
**Vir-Jean Ward**  
**Maureen Bacal-Zerna**

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



**SUNDAY 20 MARCH**  
7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am Mass in Church—Rel. Ed. M/HS  
10:30 am **Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
11:30 am Mass in Church

**MONDAY 21 MARCH**  
8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.**  
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH**  
6:30—7:30 pm **Fam. Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)**

**THURSDAY 24 MARCH**  
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for April 3rd bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.  
6:00 pm **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**SATURDAY 26 MARCH**  
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions  
5:30 pm Mass in Church

**SUNDAY 27 MARCH**  
7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
10:30 am **Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
11:30 am Mass in Church



There the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Exodus 3:2



**March 26 - March 27, 2022**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly		
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Mary Cassels		
9:30 am Choir	JoAnn Melhorn	Joe Petrillo		
11:30 am Children's Choir	Julie Okeke	Carmelita Dizon		



*Sorry...*

## YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

Due to a printing problem, delivery of your envelopes is delayed until around March 21. You may use any envelope with your name on it or the blue envelopes in Church.



Reflection by: Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., Rector/Dean, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

A hand for labor. A hand for blessing. A hand for healing. A hand to show mercy. A hand that would restore to life. A hand that would be pierced (Psalm 22:16). A hand through which so much power and such tender love had flowed. "Jesus reached out his hand ..."

To the left of the main entrance of the University Chapel is the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This image is a close-up of his pierced right hand. Each day thousands of students, faculty, priests, employees and visitors walk by this imposing marble figure, on their way to teach, to study, to work or to pray. Most would probably overlook the outstretched, wounded hand. But it is there. It remains. Open. Beckoning. Wounded. All for us. Jesus reaches out his hand to us – where we are, as we are. Because he wants us to know that he loves us and is with us. "Look at my hands ... it is really I" (Luke 24:39).

During this holy season of Lent, we remember Jesus' hands. They embraced the world as He hung upon the Cross. They reach out to us still – cradling us in our troubled time in such need of peace, of healing and of God's tender love. In His hands we remain safe and secure.

Prayer:

Jesus, through your hands, help us to receive blessing, courage and strength. By your hands, may we find the healing of all of our wounds – as individuals and as a human family. In your hands, may find comfort, peace and life in our day and into eternity. Amen.



## TRICKY TRAY

**April 23, 2022**

**Paid Reservations Now  
being accepted**

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church, on our website  
([www.lourdeswestorange.org](http://www.lourdeswestorange.org)) and from our  
reservation contacts:**

**Ann Pflug 973-325-2212**

**Annette Chiamonte 973-325-3545**



## TRICKY TRAY

We are still accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. **Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by April 1st.**

Gifts may be left in the Sacristy at Church or, at the rectory Monday-Friday 10am to 1pm or, by contacting Eileen Reilly at **973-980-4209**.



**2022**

*Thank You*

Thanks to you—the people of Our Lady of Lourdes—through the goodness of your prayers and donations, we collected **168 cans of soup** for our **Souper Bowl 2022 Soup Can drive**. Your donations were distributed to our local food pantry and greatly appreciated by so many people in need.

## First Holy Communion

**Please visit our Peace & Good Corner to  
see our selection of First Holy Communion  
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FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021	
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## Our Lady of Lourdes

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### Holy Week and Easter Services 2022



### Come Worship With Us In Church!

For Sunday Mass please see our Parish YouTube page



#### Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9, Evening Vigil  
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 10, Morning Mass  
7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am

#### Confessions

Saturday, April 9  
4:15 - 5:00 pm

#### Confessions

##### Holy Week

Monday, April 11 – Saturday, April 16  
7 am – 8 am

##### Holy Saturday, April 16

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Or any other time by appointment

#### Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Eucharistic Adoration in Church until 11:00 pm

#### Good Friday, April 15

3:00 pm Reading of Passion Veneration of Cross  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday, April 16

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses: 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am



### HOLY WEEK – Weekday Mornings in Church

8:30 am Mass + Monday + Tuesday + Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer + Thursday + Friday + Saturday





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