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Sunday, April 17, 2022 – 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:

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

Religious Education

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Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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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 Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,
I write to share with you an article by a Catholic priest who is also a medical doctor and missionary from the United Kingdom.

This is an excerpt of an article by Father James McTavish, F.M.V.D., M.D: "Suffering, Death, and Eternal Life, *Linacre Quarterly* May 2016".

Part 1. Suffering.

Doctors, their patients, and indeed every human person have, at some time, to confront the suffering. As Pope Saint John Paul II noted, suffering is "almost inseparable from man's earthly existence" (John Paul II 1984, n. 3). Why do we suffer? Is there a deeper meaning? What light does Christian faith shed on the mystery of suffering?

From a faith point of view we can say that in the initial state, in the Garden of Eden, there was no suffering. Suffering came in with sin and the fall. The Catechism explains "as a result of original sin, human nature is weakened in its powers, subject to ignorance, suffering, and the domination of death, and inclined to sin (this inclination is called concupiscence". (Catechism 1997, n. 418).

In the Light of Christ

Pope Saint John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter called *Salvifici doloris* (Christian meaning of suffering):

And even though the victory over sin and death achieved by Christ in his Cross and Resurrection does not abolish temporal suffering from human life, nor free from suffering the whole historical dimension of human existence, it nevertheless throws a new light upon this dimension and upon every suffering: the light of salvation. (John Paul II 1984, n. 15)

The Catechism for Filipino Catholics poses a much-asked question "If God is 'Father' and 'Almighty,' why does He allow so much evil and suffering?" (Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines 1997, n. 309). The answers, given by the same Catechism, are both comforting and enlightening:

1st. Much evil in the world, especially physical evil, results from the kind of limited universe in which we live.

2nd. Moral evil and much of human suffering come from man's abuse of his freedom in sin.

3rd. Courage, generosity, forgiveness, hope, and sacrifice arise from the world's sufferings and evils.

Finally, Christ's Paschal Mystery shows how God draws out of the depths of evil the victory of the Risen Christ and his transforming love.

Part 2. Death and Eternal Life

Death is an event we will all, one day (and not too soon we hope!) have to personally face. At the moment of death, our body and soul are separated. Our soul does not fly around for forty days despite rumors to the contrary. Instead the soul goes to experience the judgment of God. If in a state of perfect friendship, then heaven awaits; if imperfect, then purgatory; and somewhere hot down below if we have definitively rejected God (hard to imagine but hell is a constant teaching of our Lord and the Church). And what happens to our body? It goes to dust but does not just stay there.

We will get it back, albeit in a glorified way, at the resurrection of the dead (see 1 Cor 15:42ff).

So this life after death is not something only to look forward to later on. This eternal life has actually already begun. We received the life of God in our baptism which means we can begin this life with God in the here and now. As I often repeat in homilies on the topic, "Don't wait until after death to start living your eternal life, as it may be too late." The life of God grows in us when we pray and when we love others.

How to Live Our Eternal Life in the Here and Now?

Eternal life as relationship Jesus told us what this life is: "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ" (John 17:3). If eternal life is a relationship, then it can be lived today. This is the gift of prayer, even on a busy day, the chance to share the daily happenings with God. We can enter into this knowledge of God, this knowing him, by sharing what we live with him each day.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - APRIL 17, 2022



SATURDAY 16 APRIL Holy Saturday
 8:30 pm Morning Prayer
 7:30 pm Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

SUNDAY 17 APRIL Easter Sunday
 7:30 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 11:30 am For the People of the Parish

MONDAY 18 APRIL
 8:30 am Margaret Dangler

TUESDAY 19 APRIL
 8:30 am Sissy Spine

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL
 8:30 am John A. Markey, Sr.

THURSDAY 21 APRIL
 8:30 am Luigi Vincenzo Russo, Jr.

FRIDAY 22 APRIL
 8:30 am Romeo & Freddiz Enriquez

SATURDAY 23 APRIL
 5:30 pm Nicola Coniglio

SUNDAY 24 APRIL
 7:30 am The People of the Parish
 9:30 am Deceased Members of the
 Pflug & Napolitano Families
 11:30 am Margaret Dangler



SUNDAY 17 APRIL



7:30 am Easter Sunday Mass
9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass
11:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

MONDAY 18 APRIL

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

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY TRICKY TRAY SET-UP—Connor Hall

THURSDAY 21 APRIL

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for May 1st bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 23 APRIL

8:00 am - 4:00 pm CONNOR HALL



TRICKY TRAY

4:15—5:00 PM Confessions in Church

SUNDAY 24 APRIL

7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church

8:00 am - 3:00 pm TRICKY TRAY Gift Pickup—Connor Hall



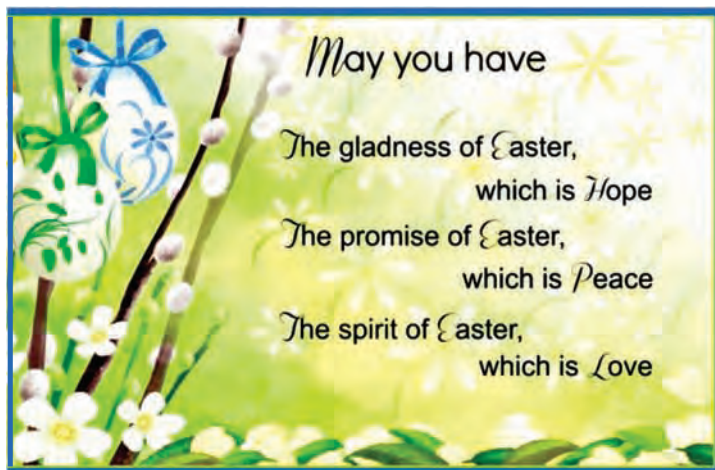
This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank, is in memory of **ARTHUR KELLER**

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021
WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800
Collection*: Apr. 2-3* \$ 4630
Deficit: \$ 2170
 * Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.



<div> April 23 - April 24, 2022 </div>				
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Sharon Rosario	Emily Kunz		
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon		
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Joann Chiaramonte		
11:30 am Choir	Julie Okeke	Wendy Sheyka		



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.

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Eternal life as new birth

On her deathbed St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "I am not dying. I am entering life." In the Mass preface often used at funerals we hear the words "life is changed, not ended." The newness of what is eternal can be experienced each day and reminds us to not get stuck in routine and monotony. St. Paul invited the Corinthians to experience this newness when he wrote "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor 2:9).

Eternal life as love

Eternal life, being a life that never ends, is also understood as love, because love is eternal. St. Paul explains,

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away ... So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Cor 13:8-13).

We do not need to wait for heaven to experience a life in God and a life in love. Each loving option allows us already to become sharers in the divine nature (see 2 Pet 1:4), the divine nature of a God who is love (1 John 4:8).

Eternal life as good choices

Choices and options can be made so that we live our eternal life here and now. The Word of God tells us: "I set before you life and death ... choose life" (see Deut 30:19). When we choose to love in the small moments of our daily lives, we are choosing to invest in eternity. We should be wise investors—do not invest only in passing things—instead invest in what will last forever.

Author: Father James McTavish, F.M.V.D., M.D., is a Scottish missionary priest with the Fraternidad Misionera Verbum Dei.

Blessed Easter to you,

Father Jim Ferry



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 and prayer for the Chandler, Chiarella, and Zimmermann families.

thank you!



Special 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services in Ukraine

A second collection for Catholic Relief Services in Ukraine will be taken at all Masses on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. You may also donate at any time by using the envelopes in church and placing a check or cash in the envelope. Checks are payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes" with a memo "CRS Ukraine".

*1st Holy Communion to be celebrated
on April 30 and May 1*

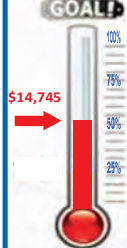
At the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, April 30 and 9:30 am Mass and 11:30 am Mass on Sunday May 1, there will be 8 children receiving First Communion at each Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Special seating and pews will be reserved ahead of time.



Thank you for your prayers for our 1st Holy Communion children.

\$28,210



The 2022 Annual Appeal is well underway

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently at **\$14,745**. This is approximately **52.27%** of our goal of **\$28,210**. Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with faith, hope and charity. If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

If you need an envelope sent to you or cannot find one, please call the rectory at 973-325-0110. Checks are payable to "Annual Appeal 2022."

Our Lady of Lourdes Connor Hall

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Lourdeswestorange.org (select About Our Parish, Parish Ministries, Tricky Tray 2022)

Tricky Tray

(A Socially Distancing Event)

Saturday, April 23, 2022

8:00 am-4:00 pm:

Guest Walk-Through & Basket Selection



5:00 pm: Drawings Begin

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY MONDAY, APRIL 18

TICKETS: Pre-Event Ticket Bundle Sales



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