



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter



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)

Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

Email: ollfamilyclass@aol.com

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mrs. Monica Nieves 973.325.0110 ext. 123

Email: ollconfirmationclass@gmail.com

Religious Education

Administrative Assistant

Astrid Ramirez 973.325.0110 ext. 102

Email: astrid.ramirez@lourdeswestorange.org

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,

This Sunday (April 24) – also Divine Mercy Sunday – one in which we also meditate explicitly on Jesus’ appearance at a moment of great uncertainty. I’d like to touch on this in two ways: (1) Secrecy of Doubt; (2) Similarity of Desire

SECRECY A person going to confession often tells God – through the priest – what he or she has told no one else. This takes courage and trust, but it also healing and healthy and reconciling, and healthy and reconciling to be close to God in this way. At first Thomas is alone in his doubt. He is courageous to bring his doubts into the light. Jesus’ appearance says something about the secrecy of doubt.

SIMILARITY We all have a similarity of desire. That is, we all have the desire for the friendship of love of both God and neighbor. And, the disciples, locked in the Upper Room, also had this desire. I suggest it is notable that Jesus appears to them while they are cut off, while they are sheltering in place, and practicing social distancing. Jesus appears to them because they all have – we all have the same desire.

Jesus appears to us – in small ways – in out-of-the-way places, in small crowds.

We might wish at times that God appear with the strength of professional-sports-halftime-show ... or something to make others believe.

John Henry Newman, writing about “Witnesses to the Resurrection” points out such

large-scale appearances would have produced more doubt than faith.

People would have said they could not see him, or hear him. Faith is based on a personal relationship, one-on-one.

Jesus wishes to visit you also, please make time for Him where you are.

At times, we may behave similarly to the disciples who are locked behind doors in fear and anxiety. The Apostles were doing this more for hiding (to avoid detention by the authorities) rather than for hygiene (to avoid disease or illness).

For you and me, is it better to believe or to doubt in such circumstances?

Doubt or doubting has become fashionable. We often tune into TV or internet news channels not because we want the truth but we want to know what the doubts are. What are doubters saying? People get paid big bucks to tell you their doubts. Check your local listings.

What is the cause of doubt? Essentially would, the cause of doubt, the reason for doubt is a lack of evidence. Is it better to believe or to doubt? I suggest it is better to believe, but it is certainly very enticing and entertaining to doubt. We may even entertain secret doubts about those around us, simply because we may be more comfortable there. There is a familiar consolation in skepticism and doubt.

Yet, are not our real and true loving relationships based on something other than the elimination of all doubt? Are they not based on something other than empirical DNA evidence?

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - APRIL 24, 2022



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
11:30 am Pflug & Napolitano Families
Margaret Dangler

MONDAY 25 APRIL
8:30 am Richard Delnevo

TUESDAY 26 APRIL
8:30 am Paul Lennie

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL
8:30 am Deacon Ernest Abad III (8th Ann.)

THURSDAY 28 APRIL
8:30 am Matilda O'Boyle

FRIDAY 29 APRIL
8:30 am Dr. Zal Velez (1st Ann.)

SATURDAY 30 APRIL
5:30 pm John Gaeta (3rd Ann.)

SUNDAY 1 May
7:30 am For The People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Catalano &
Louise Chiaramonte
11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka



SUNDAY 24 APRIL



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

MONDAY 25 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

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

6:30—7:30 pm **Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)**

THURSDAY 28 APRIL

10:00 am **Deadline for News & Announcements for May 8th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.**

6:00 pm **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

SATURDAY 30 APRIL

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



1st Holy Communion to be celebrated

SUNDAY 1 MAY



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

1st Holy Communion to be celebrated

11:30 am **Mass in Church**

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Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection*: Apr. 9-10* \$ 5572

Deficit: \$ 1228

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



*For Your Stewardship of
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Brendan Byrne	Pat Schoeler
Dr. Penny DeFranco	George Snell
Michael DiPirro	Harry Vendemia
Catherine Gascoyne	Vir-Jean Ward
Sherrina Navani	Maureen Bacal-Zerna

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



**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

April 30 - May 1, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Frank Refinski		
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Hermie Santos		
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Sonia Murphy		
11:30 am Choir	Doris Spivey	Nancy Lanfrank		

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For example, if I trust what you say – or you trust what I say – it's not just based on a proposition but a person. This is the lesson to Thomas, to all the apostles, to all of us, behind locked doors, to recall not only that Jesus has appeared but that he will talk with us about the secrecy of our doubts, loves us because we all have similar desires for his friendship. And, Jesus demonstrated "There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

"[Thomas...] Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20: 29)

I pray that the Easter Season and God's Mercy may strengthen our connection to God and to each other.

[PLEASE NOTE: First Holy Communion will be celebrated at each of these Masses next weekend: 5:30 pm on Saturday April 30, 9:30 am on Sunday May 1, 11:30 am on Sunday May 1.]

In Christ's Peace
Father Jim Ferry

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.



WINDCREEK CASINO BUS TRIP - SUNDAY, MAY 1

The WO Knights of Columbus are planning a bus trip to the Windcreek Casino, Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, May 1, 2022. We will be leaving, as usual, from the upper parking lot of Our Lady of Lourdes at 10 am. Cost: \$30

Because of Covid regulations, we are going to limit the number of passengers on the bus and request that everyone wears their mask while on the bus. In addition, everyone attending is asked to provide proof (a copy) that they have been vaccinated prior to the trip for the safety of everyone. If you were on our trip in November, there is no need to provide proof of vaccination. We have it on file.

Space is limited and tickets are selling quickly.

Contact: Annette Chiamonte—973-325-3545



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".



Saint Peter's Prep Jersey City

SUNDAY, May 1st 1:00—3:00 PM

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, May 1 from 1:00—3:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City.

Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Currently celebrating its 150th anniversary, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389.

\$28,210



The 2022 Annual Appeal is well underway

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently at **\$15,540**. This is approximately **55.09%** 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."

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2022-2023 REGISTRATION (Classes start September 2022)

FAMILY CATECHESIS - GRADES 1 - 5

Family Classes are on **Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 5:30pm** OR **Monday night 5:00 - 7:30pm** and selected Sunday mornings, including Sunday Mass, and meet **once a month**. Parent/Guardian must attend with child.

GRADE 6

Classes are on **Monday night 6:30 - 7:30pm** and selected Sunday mornings, including Sunday Mass, and meet **twice a month**.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 7 - 12

Classes are on **Monday night 7:00 - 8:30pm** and selected Sunday mornings 9:30 - 11:30am, including Sunday Mass. Classes meet **weekly**.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION - 2 year policy*



Children should begin Religious Education in Grade 1 to help them prepare for the **Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion** in the spring of Grade 2. It is required for a child to complete 2 years of Religious Education, regardless of their age/grade, before receiving these sacraments.

Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is a 2 year process which begins in Grade 7 and celebrated in the fall of Grade 9.



***Estimated date for Sacraments may change due to actual attendance.**

***Parents in grades 6-12 are requested to attend the 1st and 2nd class on the schedule.**

**CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 2022 AND CONTINUE
THROUGH MAY 2023**

More information to follow on our website.

Schedule will be posted in the summer and emailed to families that are registered.

Please Register!

You may drop off your registration Monday - Friday from 9am - 2pm
at the rectory office or put in the Sunday collection basket.

Registration Fee \$60 per child with no additional Sacrament fees



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