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Sunday, March 17, 2024 - Fifth 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

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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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### **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,

I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about Lent and repentance

#### PATHS OF REPENTANCE - JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

St. John Chrysostom's five paths of repentance show that conversion is a continuous journey of healing and transformation that involves contrition, prayer, forgiveness, almsgiving and humility.

Would you like me to list also the paths of repentance? They are numerous and quite varied, and all lead to heaven.

#### 1st PATH OF REPENTANCE

A first path of repentance is the condemnation of your own sins: Be the first to admit your sins and you will be justified. For this reason, too, the prophet wrote: I said: I will accuse myself of my sins to the Lord, and you forgave the wickedness of my heart. Therefore, you too should condemn your own sins; that will be enough reason for the Lord to forgive you, for a man who condemns his own sins is slower to commit them again. Rouse your conscience to accuse you within your own house, lest it become your accuser before the judgment seat of the Lord.

#### 2nd PATH: FORGIVENESS

That, then, is one very good path of repentance. Another and no less valuable one is to put out of our minds the harm done us by our enemies, in order to master our anger, and to forgive our fellow servants' sins against us. Then our own sins against the Lord will be forgiven us. Thus you have another way to atone for sin: For if you forgive your debtors, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

#### 3rd and 4th PATH: PRAYER & ALMSGIVING

Do you want to know of a third path? It consists of prayer that is fervent, careful and comes from the heart.

If you want to hear of a fourth, I will mention almsgiving, whose power is great and far-reaching.

#### 5th PATH: HUMILITY

If, moreover, a man lives a modest, humble life, that, no less than the other things I have mentioned, takes sin away. Proof of this is the tax-collector who had no good deeds to mention, but offered his humility instead and was relieved of a heavy burden of sins.

Thus I have shown you five paths of repentance; condemnation of your own sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving and humility.

#### DAILY WALK

Do not be idle, then, but walk daily in all these paths; they are easy, and you cannot plead your poverty. For, though you live out your life amid great need, you can always set aside your wrath, be humble, pray diligently and condemn your own sins; poverty is no hindrance. Poverty is not an obstacle to our carrying out the Lord's bidding, even when it comes to that path of repentance which involves giving money (almsgiving, I mean). The widow proved that when she put her two mites into the box!

#### SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Now that we have learned how to heal these wounds of ours, let us apply the cures. Then, when we have regained genuine health, we can approach the holy table with confidence, go gloriously to meet Christ, the king of glory, and attain the eternal blessings through the grace, mercy and kindness of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

St. John Chrysostom's outline of the five paths of repentance comes from one of his homilies (Hom. De diabolo tentatore 2, 6: PG 49, 263-264). This excerpt appears in the Roman Catholic Office of Readings for Tuesday of the 21<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time with the accompanying biblical reading being the call of the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 1: 1-19) though it is a very appropriate read during the penitential season of Lent.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/five-paths-of-repentance-john-chrysostom/>)

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

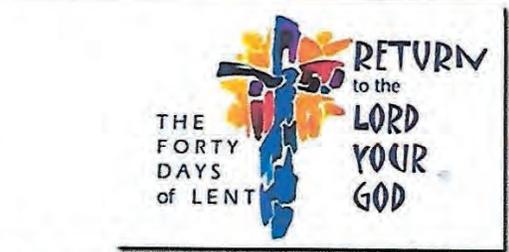


<b>SATURDAY, 16 MARCH</b> 5:30 pm JoAnne Chiamonte
<b>SUNDAY, 17 MARCH</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Kenneth F. Kunzman 11:30 am Antoinette Cecere
<b>MONDAY, 18 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Ed Fairchild
<b>TUESDAY, 19 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Luigi & Vincenza Russo
<b>WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Lorizane Paulecime
<b>THURSDAY, 21 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Patricia Bulger (16th Ann.)
<b>FRIDAY, 22 MARCH</b> 8:30 am Ed Fairchild
<b>SATURDAY, 23 MARCH</b> 5:30 pm Helen & Walter Supczynski
<b>SUNDAY, 24 MARCH</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiamonte (27th Ann.) 11:30 am Emily Cupelli

<b>SUNDAY, 17 MARCH 5th SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass 7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)
<b>MONDAY, 18 MARCH</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. 7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)
<b>TUESDAY, 19 MARCH</b> 7:00 pm ST. JOSEPH'S NOVENA (OLLC)
<b>WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH</b> 6—9:00 pm Confirmation Retreat (Hall, OLLC) 6:30—7:30 pm Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)
<b>THURSDAY, 21 MARCH</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Mar. 31st Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 6—6:45 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)
<b>SATURDAY, 23 MARCH</b> 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY, 24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Espie Cain is in memory of **GRACIANO & BENITA BUNDAN**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Readings: Carmelita Dizon Narrator: Pat Sigalas Voice: Bill Talbot	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)
7:30 am	Readings: Mary Cassels Narrator: MaryEllen Chandler Voice: Bless Bernardo	Sister James Soon
9:30 am	Readings: Andrew Novoa Narrator: Michael Lanfrank Voice: Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiamonte Joe Petrillo
11:30 am Choir	Readings: Rachele Brown Narrator: Lynda Clement Voice: Julie Okeke	Paul Hirsch Wendy Sheyka (Choir)
<b>Holy Thursday—March 28</b> 7:00 pm Choir	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon Myrna Regino (Choir)
<b>Good Friday—March 29</b> 3:00 pm Choir	Readings: Carol Ford Narrator: Joy Hayward Voice: Pat Sigalas	Annette Chiamonte Eileen Reilly (Choir)



**PRAYERS Needed For...**  
**Louis Papale**  
If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

*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.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are excited to announce that we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart (89 Ridge St., Newark) as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the 12 noon Mass this year.

**5th & 25th:** Sunday May 5, 12:00 pm Mass

**50th:** Sunday June 2, 12:00pm Mass

### OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM:

Forms may be obtained either by calling the Lourdes rectory at 973.325.0110 or contacting The Family Life Office via email [familylife@rcan.org](mailto:familylife@rcan.org).

Deadline for reservations is April 29th for 5th & 25th Anniversary, and May 24th for 50th Anniversary.

If you missed the celebration in 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023, you may participate this year.

## PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection\*: March 2-3 \$ 4665

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\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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## Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle

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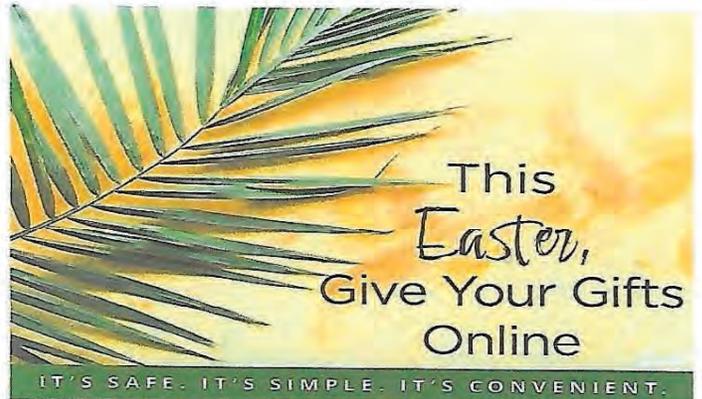
Tricia A. Shelly



## 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.



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# Tricky Tray

The Rosary Altar Society will again hold a socially distant Tricky Tray on: **Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
In Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Sunday, April 7th.**

Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the rectory on weekdays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. For pick up contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or email at [trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org)

(PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.)

Your gift may also be as a monetary donor:

- Gold Donor                      \$100.00
- Silver Donor                    \$ 50.00
- Bronze Donor                  \$ 25.00

(Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes")



Join us for our major fund raiser to help support the needs of our parish.  
Eileen Reilly, Chairperson.

### St. Joseph Novena "This Week's Dates"

<b>Sunday March 17</b> <b>7 pm Prayer Service</b> <i>FATHER TOM BLIND</i> <i>ST. ALOYSIUS, CALDWELL</i>	<b>Monday March 18</b> <b>7 pm Prayer Service</b> <i>FATHER LITO EBRON</i> <i>ST. RAPHAEL, LIVINGSTON</i>
<b>St. Joseph's Day Tuesday March 19</b> 8:30 am Morning Mass (Father Jim Ferry, O.L. Lourdes)	
<b>7 pm Evening Mass</b> <b>Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D.</b> <b>Auxiliary Bishop for Essex County</b>	
<i>St. Joseph Zeppole Pastries "for take home" on 3/19</i> <i>Generous Gift of C&amp;C Catering</i> <i>(formerly F&amp;B Catering) of Bloomfield,</i> <i>In Loving Memory of John Gaeta</i>	

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