



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 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

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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**

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

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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 & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Religious Education / Confirmation teachers and volunteers for their dedication in guiding our young people through the **Living Stations of the Cross on Friday March 14**. The efforts of both our leaders and students were an act of Lenten faith, hope and love.

**To Our Teachers and Volunteers:** It was inspiring to witness how attentively you guided our youth – not only during rehearsals but also backstage and throughout the live performance. Your patience, encouragement, and steadfast leadership were reflected in the focus and sincerity of each student. It is not easy to keep such a large group engaged in a solemn and dramatic endeavor. Your commitment helped shape a meaningful and reverent experience for all of us in church.

**To Our Young People and Performers:** You worked together as a team. It was especially moving to see how you – our students - supported and encouraged each other. You embodied the Gospel truth that "the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you.'" You reminded us that we are all interconnected and mutually dependent, just as we are within the Body of Christ.

Moreover, through these Living Stations, you showed us an understanding of personal connection to Jesus' sacrifice. You helped us see that Christ's love is not just for all of humanity in general but for each of us personally. Every one of you played a role in showing us that, even today, we each have a role and part in walking alongside our Savior.

Thank you for your perseverance, your faith, and your dedication in presenting the Living Stations of 2025 to Our Lady of Lourdes. Your work on this endeavor made this blessing possible.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

### **Lenten Reflection on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Exodus Chapter 3**

**1. Moses and the Burning Bush** In Exodus, chapter 3, Moses is in the desert, alone and accustomed to his independent ways. He is probably used to building his own fires, navigating the wilderness as a resident-shepherd. Yet now, he encounters a fire he did not build – a fire within a bush that is not consumed by flames. As an experienced wanderer, Moses is curious about this unusual sight. His curiosity draws him closer to the mystery.

**2. Curiosity During Lent** In our 40 days of Lent, we are similarly invited into curiosity and exploration. While repentance and humility are core aspects of our journey, so too are imagination and creativity about where God is present. Like Moses, who relied on his creative instincts to survive the desert, we are called to examine the deeper meaning of the moments we encounter. What is happening at the fire scene? What is God revealing to us through our experiences?

**3. Moses' Struggle with His Calling** This fire becomes the place from which Moses desires to escape. God calls him to confront Pharaoh and rescue the Hebrew people from slavery, but Moses resists. During this divine "interview," Moses voices his doubts:

Pharaoh won't believe me (therefore... escape the fire).

Pharaoh's army is too strong (therefore... escape the fire).

I am not eloquent; I struggle to speak publicly (therefore... escape the fire).

Moses initially hesitates to believe in his mission. He would likely question the message of the Psalm: "Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). His journey to embrace his calling is gradual, reflecting the human struggle to accept God's purpose.

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<b>SATURDAY, 22 MARCH</b>
5:30 pm Joseph & Clare McCrink
<b>SUNDAY, 23 MARCH</b>
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte (28th Ann.)
11:30 am Clever Ruiz
<b>MONDAY, 24 MARCH</b>
8:30 am Gail Marie Conrad
<b>TUESDAY, 25 MARCH</b>
8:30 am Frank Dowd
<b>WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH</b>
8:30 am Susan "Inday" Carmona
<b>THURSDAY, 27 MARCH</b>
8:30 am Rosalinda Rupel (In Thanksgiving)
<b>FRIDAY, 28 MARCH</b>
8:30 am Deceased Members of the O'Boyle, DeVincentis, & Pedersen Families
<b>SATURDAY, 29 MARCH</b>
5:30 pm Helen & Walter Supczynski
<b>SUNDAY, 30 MARCH</b>
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Catalana
11:30 am John O'Connor

<b>SUNDAY, 23 MARCH</b>
7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
9:30—11:45am Grade 7—(OLLC) (HALL)
10:30—11:30am 1st Communion Class (Chapel)
11:30 am Mass
<b>MONDAY, 24 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.
<b>THURSDAY, 27 MARCH</b>
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Apr. 6th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
<b>SATURDAY, 29 MARCH</b>
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 30 MARCH</b>
7:30 am Mass
9:30—11:45 am Grade 6—(OLLC) (HALL)
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Rosalinda Rupel is in memory of **ARTHUR RUPEL**.



<b>WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 29-30 2025</b>					
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Judy Albore ©			
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Sister James Soon			
9:30 am (Choir)	JoAnn Melhorn	Myrna Regino Joe Petrillo ©			
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis			

## PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024  
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**4. The Fire of Self-Examination** Fires invite investigation, but in this case, Moses himself is the subject of investigation. Likewise, during Lent, we are called into a period of examination. It is not a time to fear what we might uncover, but a time to discover deeper truths within ourselves. Lent is an opportunity to ask: What is God igniting within me? What transformation is unfolding?

**5. Encountering God in Stillness** One of our spiritual practices is to sit before the Lord, just as Moses encountered God at the burning bush. We can enter this encounter by sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, imitating Moses and Jesus in Gethsemane. In this sacred stillness, we open ourselves to prayer and listening, allowing God to speak and kindle a fire within us. Through these personal moments of reflection, we deepen our relationship with Christ and invite His transformative presence into our lives.

In Christ's Peace  
Father Jim Ferry



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

**April 4, 2025**

**5:30–7:30 pm in Church**

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# SC 5K

## St. Cassian 5K Run & Kids Fun Run Saturday, April 12, 2025

Brookdale Park, Bloomfield NJ 07003

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**Wednesday | April 2 | 6:30 PM**

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## Saturday April 26, 2025

Guests are invited to walk through & select baskets between

### 8:00am and 4:00pm

The pre-event program will be posted on our "website by April 21st.

### Drawing of Baskets will begin at 5:00pm

Drawing will be posted by 7:30pm on our \*website

**Please make reservations by Monday, April 21st**  
(complete registration & ticket order form on back)

**Tickets will be sold in Bundles (see below)**

**Reservation Contacts: Ann Pflug 973-325-2212**

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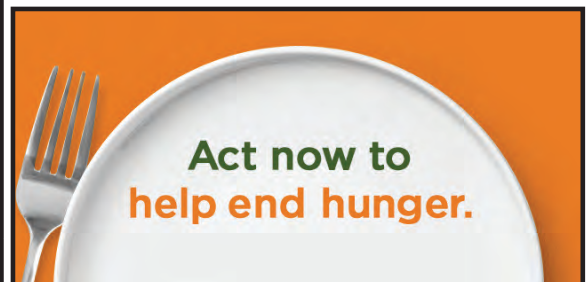


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