



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, May 25, 2025 – Sixth 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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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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,

This weekend, we recall and pray for the brave women and men who have given their lives in service to our country. I share with you this excerpt of an Easter-Season homily of Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles as a remembrance of those who have laid down their lives.

[We] remember in this hour all those who have given their lives to defend the truths that our great nation holds to be self-evident. The truth that all men and women are created equal. The truth that we are all children of one God, endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights – to life, to liberty and to the pursuit of happiness.

The men and women we remember today died defending these truths. They died in fields of war for you and for me – so that we could gather on this sunny morning in peace and in freedom.

We owe them a great debt for their self-sacrifice, for their love.

Jesus said that there is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend. The men and women we remember today were people of great love.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. It is also a day to keep alive the life and memory of so many men and women, who unselfishly gave their lives for our country. They were not thinking about themselves as they went off to fight for their country. They were thinking about their families. They were thinking about the ideals of this country and their duty as faithful citizens.

These brave men and women trusted in God. They made God their refuge and fortress.

And we know that our God is the God of the living. And we know that if we have died with Christ in baptism, so we shall live with him in the resurrection. (Rom. 6:8). So we ask our good God today to raise up in joy all those who have died in our Armed Forces.

We are living in a time, my brothers and sisters, when unfortunately, our nation is at war in several places.

So we also pray for all those men and women who are serving our country and are in harm's way today. We pray for wisdom for our leaders and for integrity for our citizens. We pray for the innocent victims of war. And we pray for a just and

lasting peace – for our nation and for every other nation, through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Not everyone is called to military service.

But our Christian faith calls each one of us to be —peacemakers, to help bring harmony, justice and peace to our world. (Matt. 5:9; James 3:18)

The God we serve is the God of love and peace. Our God calls us to always seek the ways that make for peace. (1 Cor. 7:15; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9.)

We honor the memory of those who have fallen by trying to live better lives. By trying to be better peacemakers.

Let us honor their memory by trying harder with the grace of God – to love more, to be less selfish. Let us try to give more importance to God and to others than we do to ourselves. Let us resolve each day to try to make life a little better for someone else.

Let us make more time to pray or to do small works of service for someone who is close to us. Let us try with his grace to become people of forgiveness, and to rely more on God's mercy.

These little things make a big difference in the lives of others. And the more we spread peace in our own lives, the more peace is spread in the world.

One more thing, my brothers and sisters. Something that always strikes me on Memorial Day.

Let us remember today that the words we pray before every Holy Communion: —Lord, I am not worthy ...are the words of faith that a Roman soldier spoke to Jesus in the Gospel. (Matt. 8:8; Luke 7:6.)

As we remember the faith of those who have died serving our country, let us seek to grow in that same humble faith in Jesus Christ.

We go to the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace. We are always asking her to intercede for us —now and at the hour of our death.

Today we ask her for her intercession for our faithful departed and for all of us – that we continue to grow in the love of God and in our desire to serve our brothers and sisters. (Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, Santa Clara Cemetery, Oxnard, California, May 30, 2011).

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



SATURDAY, 24 MAY 5:30 pm John D. Pflug, Sr.
SUNDAY, 25 MAY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Catherine Parisi 11:30 am Louis Papale
MONDAY, 26 MAY 8:30 am Julia Coates
TUESDAY, 27 MAY 8:30 am Julia Coates
WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 8:30 am George & Trea Pugh
THURSDAY, 29 MAY 8:30 am Julia Coates
FRIDAY, 30 MAY 8:30 am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
SATURDAY, 31 MAY 5:30 pm Trinidad Sarmiento
SUNDAY, 1 JUNE 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr. 11:30 am Louis Papale

SUNDAY, 25 MAY 7:30 am Mass 8:30—11:30 am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (HALL) 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 26 May 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.
THURSDAY, 29 MAY 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the June 8th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
SATURDAY, 31 MAY 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 1 JUNE ASCENSION 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC) 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am - 12:00 noon Annual Meeting, Rosary Altar Society. 11:30 am Mass



THE EASTER OFFERING

As of May 6, 2025(*)

Easter:	\$15,911.30
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,510.62

(*) Includes Online Giving Donations

WEEKEND Ministry Schedule May 31-June 1, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Melinda Prather Judy Albore (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Myrna Regino
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Paul Hirsch Wendy Sheyka (c)



Prayers Needed

Emeka Anyanyo Judy Bernarducci James Cunningham Larry Gomes Langan Family	Beverly McAllister Jose Saeteros Robert Santangelo Pio Tortola
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If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

June 6, 2025

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!

The **Rosary Altar Society's Annual meeting** will be held on:

**Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 am
in the Rectory.**

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



CORONA SELF HELP CENTER

Will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes

**May 31—June 1
after all Masses**

Corona Self Help Center administers addiction counseling in New York, Florida and Colorado. About 200 participants receive substance abuse counseling daily in a 12 step program. Participants also receive job training in the form of on-site workshops. Participants are provided with meals, health care, hygiene, educational and sports therapy. CSHC also holds gatherings with family members. As a result, participants obtain assistance in dealing with their addiction to be able to lead a productive life and benefit their community.



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Breakfast*



Sunday, 25th of MAY 2025

8:30 am - 11:30 am

CONNOR HALL

\$10 DONATION - ADULTS AND CHILDREN 13 & OVER

\$5 CHILDREN 6-12

(No charge for any child 5 & under)

**Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee
will be served.**

**Please make plans for you and your family to attend.
All proceeds will go towards supporting local charities.**



MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL SHARES JESUS ACROSS THE WORLD

This year's appeal is on behalf of the Diocese of Gbarnga, Liberia. Members of the Diocese will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on July 12-13, 2025 to speak at all Masses about their religious community.

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Archdiocese of Newark. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the missionary work in Gbarnga.

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June 14th**

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