



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 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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#### **Religious Education**

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

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#### **Religious Education**

#### **Office Manager**

Rosa Cruz 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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 Friends,

The Gospel this Sunday is about the raising of Lazarus and the devotion of Jesus Christ to Lazarus for whom Jesus is also petitioned by Martha. Martha recognizes that Jesus has power over life and death.

Josef Pieper – a scholar writing about Thomas Aquinas shared this: “true love makes us realize that the [person we love] cannot simply drop out of reality, and even – this to be sure will be evident only to the believer – the [person we love] will be physically resurrected and live forever – through death and beyond it.” (Josef Pieper, Faith Hope Love (Section 2 of “On Love”), San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1997, p. 169)

**Pope Benedict XVI Homily 2008,  
The Raising of Lazarus**

*In our Lenten journey we have reached the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, characterized by the Gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus (John 11: 1-45). It concerns the last “sign” fulfilled by Jesus, after which the chief priests convened the Sanhedrin and deliberated killing him, and decided to kill the same Lazarus who was living proof of the divinity of Christ, the Lord of life and death. Actually, this Gospel passage shows Jesus as true Man and true God. First of all, the Evangelist insists on his friendship with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. He emphasizes that “Jesus loved” them, and this is why he wanted to accomplish the great wonder. “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him out of sleep”, he tells his disciples, expressing God’s viewpoint on physical death with the metaphor of sleep. God sees it exactly as sleep, from which he can awaken us. Jesus has shown an absolute power regarding this death, seen when he gives life back to the widow of Nain’s young son (cf. Lk 7: 11-17) and to the 12 year-old girl*

*(cf. Mk 5: 35-43). Precisely concerning her he said: “The child is not dead but sleeping” (Mk 5: 39), attracting the derision of those present. But in truth it is exactly like this: bodily death is a sleep from which God can awaken us at any moment.*

*This lordship over death does not impede Jesus from feeling sincere “compassion” for the sorrow of detachment. Seeing Martha and Mary and those who had come to console them weeping, Jesus “was deeply moved in spirit and troubled”, and lastly, “wept”. Christ’s heart is divine-human: in him God and man meet perfectly, without separation and without confusion. He is the image, or rather, the incarnation of God who is love, mercy, paternal and maternal tenderness, of God who is Life. Therefore, he solemnly declared to Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die”. And he adds, “Do you believe this?” (Jn 11: 25-26). It is a question that Jesus addresses to each one of us: a question that certainly rises above us, rises above our capacity to understand, and it asks us to entrust ourselves to him as he entrusted himself to the Father. Martha’s response is exemplary: “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world”. Yes, O Lord! We also believe, notwithstanding our doubts and darkness; we believe in you because you have the words of eternal life. We want to believe in you, who give us a trustworthy hope of life beyond life, of authentic and full life in your Kingdom of light and peace. We entrust this prayer to Mary Most Holy. May her intercession strengthen our faith and hope in Jesus, especially in moments of greater trial and difficulty.*

**(SOURCE:** <https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/pope-francis-and-pope-benedict-xvi-on-the-resurrection-of-lazarus>)


In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry


OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MARCH 22, 2026



<b>SATURDAY, 21 MARCH</b>	5:30 pm Patricia Bulger (18th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY, 22 MARCH</b>	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte (29th Ann.) 11:30 am Robert Roxborough
<b>MONDAY, 23 MARCH</b>	8:30 am John J. Greene IV (5th Ann.)
<b>TUESDAY, 24 MARCH</b>	8:30 am Alfie Sharkey
<b>WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH</b>	8:30 am Malachy & Anne Healey
<b>THURSDAY, 26 MARCH</b>	8:30 am Robert Cao
<b>FRIDAY, 27 MARCH</b>	8:30 am Alfie Sharkey
<b>SATURDAY, 28 MARCH</b>	5:30 pm Rosalinda Rupel (Thanks given 2nd Life) 7:00 pm Mass in Spanish People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY, 29 MARCH</b>	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Maria Cristina Fernandez 11:30 am Irma Chaves Gaynor

<b>SUNDAY, 22 MARCH</b>	7:30 am Mass 9:30—11:45 am G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL) 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) 10:30—11:30 am 1st Communion (CHAPEL) 11:30 am Mass
<b>MONDAY, 23 MARCH</b>	Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday. 8:30 am <b>DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD MONDAY THRU FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK IN CHURCH</b> 6:30 pm Rel. Ed Parent Meeting (OLLC)
<b>TUESDAY, 24 MARCH</b>	6:45 pm OCIA ZOOM
<b>THURSDAY, 26 MARCH</b>	Deadline for News & Announcements for the April 5th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 . 6—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
<b>SATURDAY, 28 MARCH</b>	4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass in Spanish People of the Parish 6:00—9:00 pm Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner. (HALL)
<b>SUNDAY, 29 MARCH</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) 11:30am Mass


 Bread & Wine for the week of March 22: a gift from the Romeo Santos Family, is in memory of **RICARDO SANTOS**.

 <b>WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAR 28-29, 2026</b>		
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	<b>Readings:</b> Pat Sigalas <b>Narrator:</b> Michael Lanfrank <b>Voice:</b> Andrew Novoa	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly ( c )
7:30am	<b>Readings:</b> Bless Bernardo <b>Narrator:</b> MaryEllen Chandler <b>Voice:</b> Bless Bernardo	Sister James Soon
9:30 am (Adult Choir)	<b>Readings:</b> Kathy Petrillo <b>Narrator:</b> JoAnn Melhorn <b>Voice:</b> Carol Ford	Myrna Regino Joe Petrillo ( c )
11:30 am	<b>Readings:</b> Jeryl Nalupta <b>Narrator:</b> Carmelita Dizon <b>Voice :</b> Lynda Clement	Paul Hirsch

**PARISH GIVING**  
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

Goal	\$6800
<b>Collection*: Mar. 1-Mar. 8, 2026*</b>	<b>\$3,694</b>
Deficit:	\$3,106

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

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 **Prayers Needed**

Emeka Anyanyo	Beverly McAllister
Jeffrey Beauzil	Mary McGuiness
Paul Di Francescantonio	Sister Jean Ruppel
Simon Gutowitz	
Frances Maroon	

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

Thank you!



The pastries for our St. Joseph Table on March 19 were a gift from Bob and Carol Gaeta in loving memory of John and Phyllis Gaeta.

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 MaryEllen Chandler in memory of the Chandler/Zimmermann Families.

## Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle



MARCH 7, 2026

\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:

**ROSANNE BRUNO**

\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:

**ANTHONY FRUSTACI**

Thank You

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.



### REGISTRATION FORMS

Now available:

- \* In the Bulletin
- \* In Church and on our Parish Web Site

([www.lourdeswestorange.org](http://www.lourdeswestorange.org)) —  
About Our Parish—Tricky Tray 2026



\* **Registration Deadline, Monday April 20**

We are still accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Monday, April 13th.**



### REPORT FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT CONFIDENTIALLY

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) for the hotline and reporting link.

 <b>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</b> 		
MARCH 28, 2026	PALM SUNDAY	5:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass in Spanish
MARCH 29, 2026	PALM SUNDAY	7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
APRIL 2, 2026	HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8—11:00 pm Adoration
APRIL 3, 2026	GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Easter Décor—Church
APRIL 4, 2026	HOLY SATURDAY	7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL MASS ***No Saturday 5:30 pm Mass***
APRIL 5, 2026	EASTER SUNDAY	7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass



**\*\*\* Please see Bulletin Insert for Holy Week Confession Hours \*\*\***

*Prayer for Holy Week*

Lord God, as we go through this Holy Week, grant us humility to see our sins. Grant us a grateful heart for the redemption that Your Son has won for us. Bestow on us the grace to remember the goodness You have shown us by redeeming us. Through Christ our Lord.



**Knights of Columbus—  
West Orange Council #5519**



The West Orange Knights of Columbus will host a **Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser** in the lower level of Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall on:

**Saturday, 28th of March 2026**

**6:00 pm until 9:00 pm**

pasta—meatballs—salad - soda—coffee—dessert

Cost is \$12 for anyone 13 or older and \$5 for children 5-12 years old (There is no charge for any child 4 and under)

Proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.

Save the Date!!!

**Building a Culture of Life in NJ**  
seminar



Sat. March 28, 2026  
9:45 AM-1:30 PM

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