



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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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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 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.*

PALM SUNDAY – March 29, 2026



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

We read in the Gospel this Palm Sunday about Jesus going into the garden of Gethsemane and doing so with Peter, James and John by his side. These three are the inner circle to Jesus, the 3 closest disciples. To them, Jesus reveals certain things that he does not show to the other disciples.

For example, Peter, James and John are the specifically brought up the mountain of the Transfiguration for the vision of Christ with Moses and Elijah.

Jesus desires their spiritual and moral support at his crisis before his arrest and passion. Peter, James and John were told in the Garden to “watch and pray”. What happened? The same thing that happens in this episode on the mountain of the Transfiguration. They were tired, exhausted. They fell asleep

I myself identify with these three apostles falling asleep at these moments because I myself was often falling asleep in class when I was in school.

I apparently come a long ancestry DNA line of “heavy sleepers”. Sleep is good, right! But, drowsiness or sleepiness is not just a physical condition. It can also be a vice and part of our human sinful condition.

And, on a positive note, wakefulness and being alert can be a virtue. Staying awake is not just about how much work you can achieve or accomplish. It is about being present and aware of God’s work in your life and my life right now.

Later in Matthew, chapter 24, we read, “Stay awake for you do not know the hour when your Lord is coming” (Matthew 24:44)

Can we not also connect drowsiness or sleepiness with a lack of wanting to see what God is doing in our lives? Perhaps, we are regretful over what we’ve done wrong or missed the mark. (The Greek/Hebrew

words for sin in the Bible can be translated as “off target” or “missing the mark.”

Yes, we do have responsibilities. But are we willing to see what God was showing us? God works in us when something goes wrong. We all need God's mercy. God's mercy is not given to us after we change. God's mercy is not given to us as part of a business transaction, like you change and then you get some mercy. It's the other way around. God gives us the mercy in order for us to change.

The disciples are asked to stay awake, to listen to Jesus our Lord, not just on this mountain but always

Right now they are beginning students of the law being fulfilled in Jesus Christ. They are shown this vision of Jesus not on a big screen but on a big mountain with Moses and Elijah to remind them of Jesus’ divinity and strength when he is weakened physically and put to death and when they would otherwise be discouraged.

It is their final exam before being sent out into the world as messengers of the good news, messengers that his death is not the end. That in general, death is not the end.

As God the Father says from the cloud in the Transfiguration in the Lord’s Baptism: “This is my beloved Son, listen to Him” (Matthew 17:5).

Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you,

Father Jim Ferry




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Saturday, March 28 5:30 pm 7 pm Spanish Mass	Rosalinda Rupel (Thanksgiving 2nd life) People of the Parish
Sunday, March 29 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Maria Cristina Fernandez Irma Chavez Gaynor
Monday, March 30 8:30 am	Ismael Irizarry
Tuesday, March 31 8:30 am	Antoinette Cecere
Wednesday, April 1 8:30 am	Maria Cristina Fernandez
Thursday, April 2 8:30 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Holy Thursday	People of the Parish
Friday, April 3 8:30 am Morning Prayer 3 pm Passion/ Prayer 7 pm Stations of the Cross	 GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday, April 4 7:30 pm Easter Vigil	People of the Parish
Sunday, April 5 - EASTER 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish

Ministry Schedule, April 4-5

Easter Vigil Mass		
	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Saturday 7:30 pm	Wendy Sheyka Patricia Saway Kathy Petrillo	Eileen Reilly Joe Petrillo (c) Emily Kunz Sister James Soon
Easter Sunday Mass		
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe Mary Ellen Chandler
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Myrna Regino Annette Chiamonte
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Melinda Prather (c) Virginia Dimapilis

Church Calendar	
Sunday, Mar. 29	7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 Choir rehearsal (loft) 11:30 am Mass
Mon. Mar. 30	Mass at 8:30 am <i>Miraculous Medal Novena Monday after 8:30 am Mass</i>
Tues Mar. 31	8:30 am Mass <i>5:30 – 6:30 pm, Confessions</i> <i>7pm – Pastoral Council (zoom)</i>
Wed. April 1	8:30 am Mass <i>6 - 8pm Choir rehearsal</i>
Thu. April 2 HOLY THURSDAY	<i>7 – 8 am, Confessions</i> 8:30 am Morning Prayer (not mass) 7 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper 8 – 11 pm, Eucharistic Adoration
Fri. April 3 GOOD FRIDAY	<i>7 – 8 am, Confessions</i> 8:30 am Morning Prayer (not mass) 3 pm, Passion/ Veneration of Cross 7 pm, Stations of the Cross
Sat. April 4 HOLY SATURDAY	8:30 am Morning Prayer (not mass) <i>4:15 – 5 pm, Confessions</i> 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sun. April 5 	EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (loft) 11:30 am Mass

Altar Candles for the week of April 5
 Gift of J.A. Konvalinka in loving memory
 of **Jaroslav and Rose Konvalinka**

Prayers Needed	
Emeka Anyanyo Jeffrey Beauzil Paul Di Francescantonio Simon Gutowitz Frances Maroon	Beverly McAllister Mary McGuiness Sister Jean Ruppel
If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.	

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Report of Sunday Offering

Parish Giving Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2025	
Goal	\$6,800
Collection: Mar 14-15, 2026 **	\$4,867
Deficit	\$1,933
** includes Online Giving Weekly Average	



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.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration Now Open
1st Penance, 1st Communion, Confirmation (Grades 1–12) included.



Scan code to register ONLINE
Paper forms available at church/rectory
Printable forms on lourdeswestorange.org
Register early -\$60 per child until May 25!

\$80/ child until June 25, \$100/ child until July 25 – Final Deadline: August 12

[Protecting God's Children and You]

To ensure child safety, all parish employees and volunteers participate in the Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) program which has 2 components with deadlines for re-certification:

Background Check: You will be notified when you are due by parish office

Training: If your VIRTUS training is due in 2026, the parish office will contact you.

New Training for 2026: Those who maintain certification by reading monthly VIRTUS articles must complete a one-hour online module, Healthy Boundaries. After completing this module, you will be certified for five years and will no longer need to read monthly articles.

Please complete this Healthy Boundaries module by May 20, 2026. All others may complete the module at any time to renew certification.

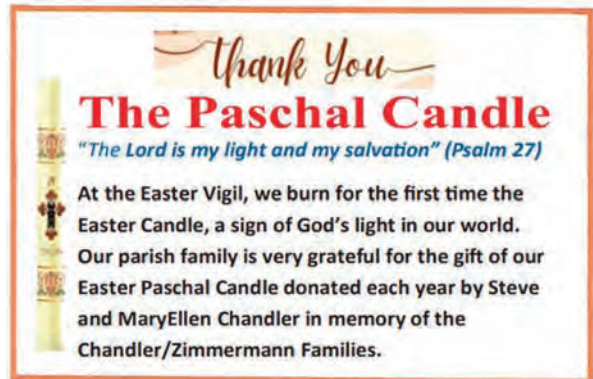
To begin, visit virtus.org. For assistance—including help with login or locating your username—contact the rectory office at 973-325-0110 or email rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org.

Thank you for helping us protect our children and strengthen our parish.



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 for the hotline and reporting link.



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.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Now available:

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

**(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.




Scan QR to sign up for Volunteer Service Hours at Lourdes Church
tinurl.com/lourdesvolunteers

PALM SUNDAY – March 29, 2026



OUR LADY OF LOURDES WEST ORANGE
HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - March 28,29

*Saturday - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sábado - 7 pm Misa en Español*

Sunday- 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Holy Thursday - April 2

*7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 11 pm*

Good Friday - April 3

*3 pm Passion, Veneration of the Cross
7 pm Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday - April 4

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - April 5

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Confession Hours

Saturday, March 28 - 4:15 - 5 pm

Tuesday, March 31 - evening, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 2 - morning, 7 - 8 am

Friday, April 3 - morning, 7 - 8 am

Saturday, April 4 - 4:15 - 5 pm

or by appt, call rectory 973-325-0110

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM
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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. *Amen*

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