



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 12, 2026 - Sunday of Divine Mercy



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

Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Religious Education

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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Religious Education

Office Manager

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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 Friends,

Divine Mercy Sunday: From Doubt to Faith

This Sunday—Divine Mercy Sunday—we reflect on the Gospel of Thomas, who struggles to believe until he encounters the risen Christ (John 20:24–29).

Thomas’ doubt is not rejected—it is met with mercy.

Jesus does not condemn him. Instead, He invites him:

“Put your finger here... do not be unbelieving but believe.”

And Thomas responds with one of the greatest professions of faith:

“My Lord and my God!”

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that Christ meets us in the same way.

He comes to us not in judgment, but in mercy—especially in the places we keep hidden.

Like Thomas, we all carry doubts.

Some are quiet and unspoken.

Some we share with no one.

Yet these doubts are not obstacles to faith if we bring them to Christ.

They can become the very place where faith deepens.

The Apostles were gathered behind locked doors in fear.

Yet Jesus entered that room—not because they were strong, but because they desired Him.

That same desire lives in each of us.

We all long for truth, for peace, for love—for friendship with God.

And Jesus comes to meet us there, often not in dramatic ways, but in quiet, personal encounters.

Faith is not built on spectacles, but on relationships.

In a world where doubt is often encouraged and even celebrated, the Gospel calls us to something deeper:

not the elimination of every question, but trust in the One who loves us.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, we are invited to respond:

- Bring our doubts to Christ
- Receive His mercy in Confession
- Spend time with Him in prayer

And like Thomas, allow your encounter with Jesus to become a profession of faith:

“My Lord and my God.”

May this Easter season strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and renew our confidence in the mercy of God.

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



OUR LADY OF LOURDES – APRIL 12, 2026

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

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| SATURDAY, 11 APRIL | 5:30 pm | David McCaffrey |
| SUNDAY, 12 APRIL | 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am | People of the Parish Michael Chiaramonte, Jr. (9 th Ann.) Loreto Aversali |
| MONDAY, 13 APRIL | 8:30 am | Robert J. Lanfrank (32 nd Ann.) |
| TUESDAY, 14 APRIL | 8:30 am | Joan McKenzie |
| WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL | 8:30 am | Bernard J. Mooney |
| THURSDAY, 16 APRIL | 8:30 am | Phyllis Gaeta |
| FRIDAY, 17 APRIL | 8:30 am | John D. Pflug, Sr. (2 nd Ann.) |
| SATURDAY, 18 APRIL | 5:30 pm | Jean Russomanno |
| SUNDAY, 19 APRIL | 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am | People of the Parish Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families John Patrick O'Malley, Jr. |



Church Calendar

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| SUNDAY, 12 APRIL | 7:30 am 9:30- 1 1:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am | Mass Gr. 6 (OLLC) (HALL) Mass Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) Mass |
| MONDAY, 13 APRIL | 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday. 5- 7:00 pm | Daily Mass will be held Mon-Fri each Week in Church. Family Catechesis (HALL) |
| TUESDAY, 14 APRIL | 5:30-6:45 pm | 1 st Comm. G7-12 (OLLC) |
| THURSDAY, 16 APRIL | 6 – 8:00 pm | Deadline for Announcements for April 26 th , Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) |
| SATURDAY, 18 APRIL | 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm | Confessions in Church Mass |
| SUNDAY, 19 APRIL | 7:30 am 9:30-11:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30-11:30 am 11:30 am | Mass G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL) Mass Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) 1 st Communion (Chapel) Mass |



Ministry Schedule

APRIL 18-19, 2026

| Mass | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 5:30 pm | Andrew Novoa | Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (c) |
| 7:30 am | MaryEllen Chandler | Mary Ellen Chandler |
| 9:30 am (Adult Choir) | Kathy Petrillo | Annette Chiaramonte Joe Petrillo (c) |
| 11:30 am | Jeryl Nalupta | Carmelita Dizon |

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

GOAL: \$6,800

COLLECTION*: Mar 28-Mar 29, 2026: \$6,150

Deficit \$ 650

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

Prayers needed

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



APRIL 4, 2026

**\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:
FRANCES DIABY**

**\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:
RAYMOND TORRES**



HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MONDAY, APRIL 20**

**Forms available In the Bulletin, In Church and
on our Parish Web Site.**

The Joys of Easter



Christ is risen. These words fill the festive celebrations of Catholic Churches throughout the world. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys in the depth of their hearts due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books to the Donation Bin(s) located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.



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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.



Please join us at Mother Seton Regional High School’s **Spring Open House at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16**, for an evening of conversation and tours.

Meet students and teachers to learn what a Catholic school education for girls can do for your daughter: academic excellence, personal growth, confidence and service to others. Fifth through eighth grade girls are welcome! Register online at www.mothersetobn.org.

Seventh and eighth grade girls are welcome to be a **Student for a Day**. Register at motherseton.org.

At Mother Seton, the future is hers.
1 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 077066



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026 ✠

St. Philomena Church, Livingston

1:15 – 1:45PM Individual Confessions

2:00PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

3:00 PM Holy Hour:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Prayer for Divine Mercy
- Benediction

4:00PM Veneration of:

- The Image of Divine Mercy
- The First Class Relics of St. Faustina (part of her bone) and
- St. John Paul II (drop of his Blood)

St. Philomena Church, 386 South Livingston Ave., Livingston, NJ

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