



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, April 19, 2026 – Third 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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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 Friends,

This past Sunday– also Divine Mercy Sunday – is one in which we also meditate explicitly on Jesus’ appearance at a moment of great uncertainty. I’d like to touch on this in two ways: (1) Secrecy of Doubt; (2) Similarity of Desire

**SECRECY** A person going to confession often tells God – through the priest – what he or she has told no one else. This takes courage and trust, but it also healing and healthy and reconciling, and healthy and reconciling to be close to God in this way At first Thomas is alone in his doubt. He is courageous to bring his doubts into the light. Jesus’ appearance says something about the secrecy of doubt.

**SIMILARITY** We all have a similarity of desire. That is, we all have the desire for the friendship of love of both God and neighbor. Right now, being unable to come to church and attend Mass, we feel cut off from both.

And, the disciples, locked in the Upper Room, also had this desire. I suggest it is notable that Jesus appears to them while they are cut off from the larger community.

Jesus appears to them because they all have – we all have the same desire.

Jesus appears to us – in small ways – in out-of-the-way places, in small crowds.

We might wish at times that God would appear with the strength of professional-sports-halftime-show ... or something to make others believe.

John Henry Newman, writing about “Witnesses to the Resurrection” points out such large-scale appearances would have produced more doubt than faith.

People would have said they could not see him, or hear him. Faith is based on a personal relationship, one-on-one.

Jesus wishes to visit you also, please make time for Him where you are.

Doubt or doubting has become fashionable. We often tune into TV or internet news channels not because we want the truth, but because we want to know what their doubts are. What are doubters saying? People get paid big bucks to tell you their doubts. Check your local listings.

What is the cause of doubt? Essentially, the cause of doubt, the reason for doubt is a lack of evidence. Is it better to believe or to doubt? I suggest it is better to believe, but it is certainly very enticing and entertaining to doubt. We may even entertain secret doubts about those around us, simply because we may be more comfortable there. There is a familiar consolation in skepticism and doubt.

Yet are not our real and true loving relationships based on something other than the elimination of all doubt? Are they not based on something other than empirical DNA evidence?

Perhaps, you remember the movie – *Meet the Parents* – in which a young man is introduced to his future father-in-law played by Robert DeNiro. DeNiro plays the suspicious father who even gives his future son-in-law a lie detector test. Of course, this an extreme, but it just shows that love is something revealed in a relationship over time, not proven in an experiment once and for all.

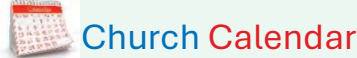
For example, if I trust what you say – or you trust what I say – it’s not just based on a proposition but a person. This is the lesson to Thomas, to all the apostles, to all of us, behind locked doors, to recall not only that Jesus has appeared but that he will talk with us about the secrecy of our doubts, loves us because we all have similar desires for his friendship. And Jesus demonstrated “There is no greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13)

“[Thomas...] Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” (John 20: 29)


In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES – APRIL 19, 2026**

	
<b>SATURDAY, 18 APRIL</b>	
5:30 pm	Jean Russomanno
<b>SUNDAY, 19 APRIL</b>	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am	John Patrick O'Malley, Jr.
<b>MONDAY, 20 APRIL</b>	
8:30 am	Thomas Oates
<b>TUESDAY, 21 APRIL</b>	
8:30 am	Robert Papale
<b>WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL</b>	
8:30 am	Richard Henry Shanter
<b>THURSDAY, 23 APRIL</b>	
8:30 am	Dolores Brown Miles
<b>FRIDAY, 24 APRIL</b>	
8:30 am	Emilio & Fidelina Saniel
<b>SATURDAY, 25 APRIL</b>	
5:30 pm	David McCaffrey
<b>SUNDAY, 26 APRIL</b>	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Victor Carrion
11:30 am	Cecilia Fernandes (25 <sup>th</sup> Ann.)

	
<b>SUNDAY, 19 APRIL</b>	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30- 1 1:45 am	Gr. 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)
9:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
10:30 – 11:30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion (Chapel)
11:30 am	Mass
<b>MONDAY, 20 APRIL</b>	
8:30 am	Daily Mass will be held Mon-Fri each Week in Church.
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	
<b>THURSDAY, 23 APRIL</b>	
	Deadline for Announcements for May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
6 – 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
<b>FRIDAY, 24 APRIL</b>	
6:00 pm	TRICKY TRAY (HALL)
<b>SATURDAY, 25 APRIL</b>	
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 26 APRIL</b>	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
11:30 am	Mass

**Bread & Wine for the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>:** A gift from Nancy Lanfrank in memory of **ARTHUR KELLER.**

		APRIL 25-26, 2026
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore ( c )
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Patricia Saway
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Annette Chiamonte
11:30 am (Adult Choir)	Lynda Clement	Wendy Sheyka Paul Hirsch ( c )

PARISH GIVING	
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025	
GOAL:	\$6,800
<b>COLLECTION*: Mar 28-Mar 29, 2026:</b>	<b>\$6,150</b>
Deficit	\$ 650
<i>*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average</i>	

*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**

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RAYMOND TORRES**



## OPEN HOUSE SAINT PETER'S PREP

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*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.

*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.

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## Annual Appeal 2026

# ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL

30 March 2026, Holy Week

Dear Friends,

The Easter Gospel is that Christ has conquered suffering and brings us new life and hope. This hope is lived through generosity and care for one another.

I invite you to join me in supporting the 2026 Annual Appeal. Your gift supports future priests, strengthens Catholic Charities, serves those in need, and sustains our parish through endowment grants we have received due to our Appeal participation. I have made my gift and ask you to prayerfully consider yours.

For more information, click here for [[letter from me](#)] and/or [[6 minute video](#)]. The video includes both Father Jim Ferry and the Archdiocesan video.

[[Click Here to give online](#)] or call (973) 325-0110 rectory if you need the envelope to send in. Please select “Our Lady of Lourdes West Orange” as your parish.

Together, we continue to be a light for others. Thank you! Father Jim Ferry

# LLAMADA <sup>2026</sup> ANUAL

*La Pascua nos recuerda que Cristo ha vencido el sufrimiento y nos trae nueva vida y esperanza. Esa esperanza se vive a través de la generosidad y el cuidado mutuo.*

*Te invito a unirme a mí para apoyar la Campaña Anual 2026. Su donativo apoya a los futuros sacerdotes, fortalece a las Caridades Católicas, sirve a los necesitados y sostiene a nuestra parroquia mediante subvenciones de fondos patrimoniales que hemos recibido gracias a nuestra participación. Yo ya he realizado mi donativo y le pido que considere el suyo en oración.*

*Para más información, haga clic aquí para ver [[mi carta](#)] y/o [[un video de 6 minutos](#)]. El video incluye tanto la intervención del Padre Jim Ferry como el video de la Arquidiócesis.*

*[[Haga clic aquí para donar en línea](#)] o llame a la rectoría al (973) 325-0110 si necesita el sobre para enviar su donativo. Por favor elegir “Our Lady of Lourdes West Orange” como su parroquia.*

*Juntos, seguimos siendo una luz para los demás. Gracias! Padre Jim Ferry.*

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