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### 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

#### 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.

#### <u>First Friday</u>

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. There is  $1^{\text{st}}$  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,

I hope the Easter Season to follow will be a time of peace and tranquility for you.

I share with you an article about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 30, is observed as "Good Shepherd Sunday"

(Source: https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/ articles/jesuschristthegoodshepherd)

#### JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD -THOMAS AQUINAS

I am the Good Shepherd. Surely it is fitting that Christ should be a shepherd, for just as a flock is guided and fed by a shepherd so the faithful are fed by Christ with spiritual food and with his own body and blood. The Apostle said: You were once like sheep without a shepherd, but now you have returned to the guardian and ruler of your souls. The prophet has said: As a shepherd he pastures his flock.

Christ said that the shepherd enters through the gate and that he is himself the gate as well as the shepherd. Then it is necessary that he enter through himself. By so doing, he reveals himself, and through himself he knows the Father. But we enter through him because through him we find happiness.

Take heed: no one else is the gate but Christ. Others reflect his light, but no one else is the true light. John the Baptist was not the light, but he bore witness to the light. It is said of Christ, however: He was the true light that enlightens every man. For this reason no one says that he is the gate; this title is Christ's own. However, he has made others shepherds and given that office to his members; for Peter was a shepherd, and so were the other apostles and all good bishops after them. Scripture says: I shall give you shepherds according to my own heart. Although the bishops of the Church, who are her sons, are all shepherds, nevertheless Christ refers only to one person in saying: I am the Good Shepherd, because he wants to emphasize the virtue of charity. Thus, no one can be a good shepherd unless he is one with Christ in charity. Through this we become members of the true shepherd.

The duty of a good shepherd is charity; therefore Christ said: The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep. Know the difference between a good and a bad shepherd: the good shepherd cares for the welfare of his flock, but the bad shepherd cares only for his own welfare.

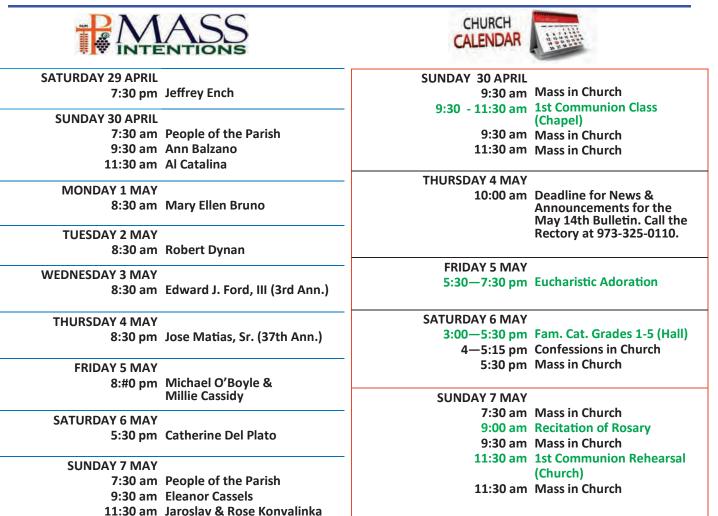
The Good Shepherd does not demand that shepherds lay down their lives for a real flock of sheep. But every spiritual shepherd must endure the loss of his bodily life for the salvation of the flock, since the spiritual good of the flock is more important than the bodily life of the shepherd, when danger threatens the salvation of the flock. This is why the Lord says: The good shepherd lays down his life, that is, his physical life, for his sheep; this he does because of his authority and love. Both, in fact, are required: that they should be ruled by him, and that he should love them. The first without the second is not enough.

Christ stands out for us as the example of this teaching: If Christ laid down his life for us, so we also ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

(Bibliography: This excerpt from St. Thomas Aquinas' Exposition on John's Gospel (Cap 10, lect. 3) is used in the R.C. Divine Office of Readings, Monday of the 21st week in Ordinary Time)

In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry







# +++ WEEKEND

# May 6 - 7, 2023

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Bill Talbot (Choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Myrna Regino	
11:30 am Choir	Julie Okeke	Wendy Sheyka (Choir)	





#### Michael Ang Msgr. Edward Bradley Marti Carlos Lorelei Gotinga Fiona Graham Cecile Leelin

Amy Lejano Mikaela Moncupa Allison Sardinha Pat Schoeler Sgt. Michael Williams

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



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH MAY 5, 2023 5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join US! Jesus is waiting for You!



## Saturday May 6—Sunday May 7

# Show your love for babies in the womb! Get a "Baby Feet" Car Magnet!

<u>Muestre su amor por los bebés en el útero!</u> <u>automóvil "Baby Feet"!</u>

Symbols are very important in successful social movements. Show your love for babies in the womb and their families by putting a "baby feet" magnet on your car. There will be volunteers at the doors of the church on <u>Saturday May 6 –Sunday</u> <u>May 7</u> giving out baby feet magnets. (There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted.)

To get a car magnet by mail, email: BabyFeetMagnet@gmail.com with your name and mailing address or call: 973-497-4500.

Let's get this symbol all over the roads of New Jersey!





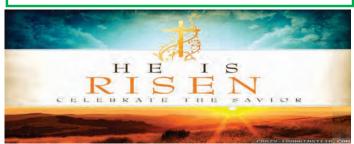
#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 FROM 7:00-8:00 pm

Please join us for an evening of conversation and tours. Meet teachers and current students to learn about what a Catholic school education for girls can do for your daughter: academic excellence, personal growth, confidence and service to others. Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls are welcome!

Be our guest! Seventh and Eighth grade girls are welcome to be a Student for a Day. Register at motherseton.org.

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### PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTIN	G JULY 2022			
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800			
Collection*: April 15-16*	\$ 3873			
Deficit:	\$ 2927			
* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit				



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.



