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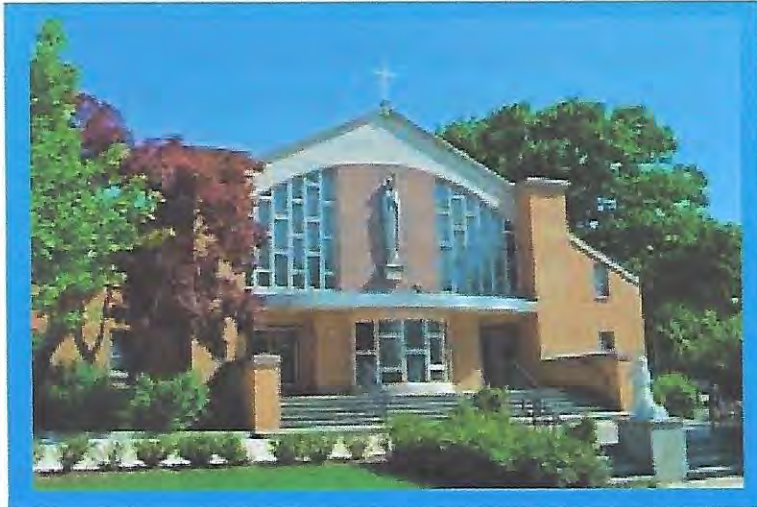
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Sunday, June 2, 2024 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



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

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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 Brothers & Sisters of Christ of Our Lady of Lourdes

I share with you a message for Corpus Christi Sunday.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that Eucharistic Adoration is meant to inform and enrich our relationships. At the end of Mass on June 1 -2, we will have about 15 minutes of adoration after Communion if you can stay. '

***Pope Benedict XVI:** "At the moment of Adoration, we are all equal, kneeling before the Sacrament of Love. The common priesthood and the ministerial priesthood are brought together in Eucharistic worship. It is clear to all that these moments of Eucharistic Vigil prepare for the celebration of the Holy Mass, they prepare hearts for the encounter so that it will be more fruitful.*

To be all together in prolonged silence before the Lord present in his Sacrament is one of the most genuine experiences of our being in Church, which is accompanied complementarily by the celebration of the Eucharist, by listening to the word of God, by singing and by approaching the table of the Bread of Life together. Communion and contemplation cannot be separated, they go hand in hand. If I am truly to communicate with another person I must know him, I must be able to be in silence close to him, to listen to him and look at him lovingly. True love and true friendship are always nourished by the reciprocity of looks, of intense, eloquent silences full of respect and veneration, so that the encounter may be lived profoundly and personally rather than superficially. " (Benedict XVI, Basilica of Saint John Lateran, Thursday, 7 June 2012)

This is my reflection for Corpus Christi based on an Easter Season homily about "The Vine and the Branches" (John 15:1-8)

#Text Messages and Communication

Do you like text messages? I do, because they often convey what I need to know quickly. Here's an ancient example of a "text message" from the mid-1990s. My parents had agreed to host a Japanese exchange student for two weeks at our home in New Jersey. Upon her arrival, there was an immediate language barrier – my parents spoke no Japanese, and the 14-year-old girl was quite shy and jet-lagged after a long flight.

When I visited my parents' house later that day, I noticed evidence of their attempts to communicate. A note lay on the living room floor: "Can I go and unpack my suitcase now?" This young girl preferred writing notes to speaking aloud. This was one of several notes she passed to my parents, feeling more comfortable writing than speaking.

Understanding What We Need to Know

Sometimes, we use the phrase "just tell me what I need to know" when someone talks for too long. This demand for essential information is sharpest in unfamiliar situations. In the Gospel, the apostles asked Jesus what they needed to know when He told them He would be leaving. Jesus responded, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." They wanted specifics, but Jesus emphasized, "Follow me and you will get there."

Central Message of the Gospel

Jesus tried to be specific by translating commandments into concepts. The central commandment in today's Gospel is, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me" (John 15:4). This commandment, which sits at the heart of the reading, is crucial. Do we sometimes overlook what's said in the middle of a conversation, focusing only on the beginning or end?

Welcoming the Exchange Student

When our Japanese homestay friend arrived, I can imagine my parents greeted her warmly, asking many questions: "Hi, how are you? How was your trip? Would you like something to eat or drink?" Such pleasantries, though well-intentioned, likely overwhelmed her. All she wanted was to take a nap and unpack her suitcase. My parents were trying to make her feel at home and connected, but she wasn't ready for that level of interaction.

Readiness for Jesus' Message

Are we ready for the translated message of Jesus in the Gospel today? To remain in Jesus Christ and be His disciple means being branches on His extended vine, the Body of Christ, the Church. We are connected to each other through this vine. Think of the branches as the lamps and light bulbs in your house. No matter how good the bulbs or wiring, they need an energy source. The light bulbs represent us, and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the power source. God is what we need to know.



- SATURDAY, 1 JUNE**
5:30 pm Barbara Zinno
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- SUNDAY, 2 JUNE**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte
11:30 am Carmen Napolitano & George Pflug
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- MONDAY, 3 JUNE**
8:30 am Margaret Brennan (6th Ann.)
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- TUESDAY 4 JUNE**
8:30 am Vivian Petrillo
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- WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE**
8:30 am Joy Nzegwu
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- THURSDAY, 6 JUNE**
8:30 am Michael Cassels
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- FRIDAY, 7 JUNE**
8:30 am Arthur Rupel (3rd Ann.)
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- SATURDAY, 8 JUNE**
5:30 pm Rosalinda Rupel (Special Intention)
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- SUNDAY, 9 JUNE**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Elsie Ford (28th Ann.)
11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka

- SUNDAY, 2 JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI**
7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
10:30 am **Childrens Choir (OLLC)**
11:30 am Mass
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- MONDAY, 3 JUNE**
8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.**
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.
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- THURSDAY, 6 JUNE**
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the June 16th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
6-8:00 pm **Choir practice**
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- SATURDAY, 8 JUNE**
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass
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- SUNDAY, 9 JUNE**
7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
10:30 am **Children's Choir (OLLC)**
11:30 am Mass

This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy Lanfrank is in memory of JACK MALLOY (Anniversary).

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: May 18-May 19*	\$ 4785
Deficit:	\$ 2015

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit

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ANNUAL 2024 APPEAL

Annual Appeal Goal Reached!

Thank you!

As of May 16, we have reached our \$28,210 goal. Doing so in accord with the "June 30" deadline enables us to save \$12,000 in assessment expenses.

Thanks,
Father James Ferry

++ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		June 8 - June 9	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (Choir)	
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Bless Bernardo	
9:30 am	Andrew Novoa	Joe Petrillo	
11:30 am (Choir)	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis Wendy Sheyka (Choir)	

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

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Pruning for Growth

The Gospel teaches that branches require pruning to produce more fruit. This symbolizes gaining true strength by recognizing God's power rather than our own. To love, we must be loved; to be honest, we must experience honesty; to nourish, we must be nourished. God embodies all these qualities—He is love, honesty, and nourishment. The process of pruning is akin to repentance, turning back to God, praying, fasting, and giving charitably.

Motivation and Authenticity

What motivates us in life? Do we rely on our power, popularity, pleasure, or profitability? In our relationships, do we allow others to see our true selves, or do we focus on appearances? Repentance can be painful as we recognize our wrongdoings and what we can do without. Confession allows us to leave behind our sins. In the confessional, sins are absolved. We unpack and leave these burdens not for a temporary visit but to remain with Jesus, speaking His language of love and receiving the life that flows through the vine of the Church.

By embracing this message, we truly move in and remain at home with Jesus, our Savior and brother, living in His love and light.

Blessed Corpus Christi Sunday to you,

Father Jim Ferry



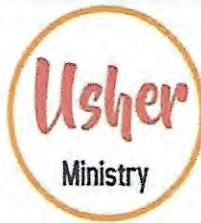
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

JUNE 2, 2024

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!



CHURCH USHERS'

MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

at 6:30 pm

All church ushers are invited to this meeting "in church" with Father Jim Ferry. The purpose is to acknowledge all you are doing for hospitality, safety, and security of our parishioners and visitors. We also want to share ideas with you for the coming year.

Regards,

Father Jim

HELLO

**NAME TAG
SUNDAY**

June 8-9, June 15-16

In order for me to know each other better- in person- you are invited to fill in a nametag and wear this before, during, and after all the Masses on the weekend of June 8-9. We also would like you to wear your nametag

at the Parish Picnic on Saturday June 15 after 5:30 pm Mass. Nametags will be at the doors of the church.

Regards,
Father Jim

The Rosary Altar Society's Annual Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, June 4th, at 1:00 pm
in the Rectory.**

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Carol Ford, President



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



will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in the basement of

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall
Saturday, June 8th
from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm**

**Pasta-Meatballs-Salad-Soda-Coffee-Dessert
will be served**

The cost is \$10 for anyone 13 & over, \$5 for children 5-12 years old, and free for any child 4 years old and younger.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish BBQ Picnic, 2024 / West Orange
Saturday June 15th • 6:30 pm (after 5:30 Mass)

RSVP BY Friday June 7 COME & EAT WITH US

BBQ Price "All Inclusive": Burgers, Hot Dogs, Italian Sausage, Chicken, Salads, Grilled Vegetables, Watermelon, Sodas, Juice, Beverage

+ Your Desserts (if you can bring - please!)

 <p>Small mini-soccer goal provided. Bring your soccer ball!</p>		
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JOIN US IN FUN & GAMES **Get your game on!**

ADULTS: \$20 / CHILDREN: \$10

SPECIAL FAMILY RATE: \$ 35 / family of every size!

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Please bring chairs and/or blankets for outdoors
WHAT IF IT RAINS??? COME TO CONNOR HALL FOR FOOD AND FUN

[-----]

[Yes, I will be @ Sat. June 15 picnic /RETURN TO RECTORY BY: Fri. June 7th]

Name: _____ # of People _____ Amount Enclosed ▶ \$ _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

[OPTIONAL*] I will bring this dessert or sweet: _____

Do you want to give to the "Parish Picnic", to sponsor a person or family? Your Gift ▶ \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed ▶ :\$ _____

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