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Sunday, June 16, 2024 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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 hope and pray the summer may be a time of rest and refreshment and peace for you and your family. I share with you this reflection on summertime and our spiritual life. (A prayer for Father's Day follows at end).

*Tackling the "Summer Problem" by Emma King,
3 June 2015*

Source: Ignitum Today Blog Part 1 of 2

When I was in college, I found that those long-awaited, blissful days of summer, however enjoyable, always caused a certain amount of spiritual angst for me. With that in mind, here are some thoughts for those college and high-school students struggling without the structure of academia to keep us all honest!

1. Play Offense, Not Defense

When I would go home, knowing that my routine was changing and worried about the harm it would cause my spiritual habits, I would switch into defense mode, which probably made the situation worse. Let me give an example.

Instead of praying at Mass like I usually do – offering up prayers of thanksgiving, intentions, meditations and the like – I would go to Mass with the sole purpose of “remaining spiritually fit.” All this accomplished was the exact opposite of what I wanted. I would be so distracted in Mass wondering the whole time about whether or not I was praying well that I wasn't praying at all. In fact, I was getting distracted and setting myself up to feel alienated from Our Lord.

The same is true for my times of contemplation, rosaries, etc. I would worry too much about maintaining my spiritual health.

However, what do the greatest saints say? If you are not moving forward, you're moving backward. I shouldn't have been focused on maintaining my spiritual life at all. I should have been focused on growing in intimacy with Christ. That's what we should all do, regardless of the situation or change in routine. That's what my focus was at school, and should have continued to be at home. My loss of focus on that disrupted my routine even more!

2. Spiritual Fitness is Like Physical Fitness

By that I mean that when people work out, often they find that they reach a plateau. They continue to lift, run, tone, and eat well, but they find that they don't move forward or get stronger in their training. This usually means that they need to mix it up. Doing the same exercises over and over again only results in your muscles becoming incredibly good at that one exercise, and not growing in strength all the way around. If you mix it up and change exercises, often you'll find that your strength increases dramatically.

The same can be said for our spiritual lives. I would spend 9 months getting to my spiritual fitness peak and then our Lord would give me an opportunity that I squandered every single time: to change my routine and grow even more. Think of summer as that change in exercise regimen that will not only prevent you from falling backward, but launch you forward into unprecedented intimacy with God! Think of prayers, books, or spiritual habits you've been interested in or wanting to form and take those 3 months to do it!

(Source: The "Ignitum Today" Blog <https://www.ignitumtoday.com/2015/06/03/tackling-the-summer-problem>)

I share with you also this Father's Day prayer from Tony Rossi of *Christopher Closeup*.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



Bless Our Fathers (Source: Tony Rossi, Christopher Closeup)

Heavenly Father, today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

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SATURDAY, 15 JUNE 5:30 pm Hilda Elizabeth McCarthy
SUNDAY, 16 JUNE 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am People of the Parish 11:30 am People of the Parish
MONDAY, 17 JUNE 8:30 am Ray & Millie Cassidy
TUESDAY 18 JUNE 8:30 am Grace Gaston Sabal
WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 8:30 am Concetta (Connie) Schuren
THURSDAY, 20 JUNE 8:30 am Concetta (Connie) Schuren
FRIDAY, 21 JUNE 8:30 am Luigi & Vincenza Russo
SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 5:30 pm Elaine Spina Petrillo
SUNDAY, 23 JUNE 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Joseph Catalano & Michael Chiamonte 11:30 am Bernice & Bob Shiel

SUNDAY, 16 JUNE FATHER'S DAY 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC) 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 17 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.
THURSDAY, 20 JUNE 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the June 30th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
FRIDAY, 21 JUNE Pre-Cana Prep
SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 23 JUNE 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of **LOUIS N. PAPALE & JOSEPH F. PETRILLO**.



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Annemarie Grasso is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG**.

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		June 22 - June 23	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	MaryEllen Chandler	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Myrna Regino	
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Virginia Dimapilis	

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

(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people - and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen.



ANNUAL 2024 APPEAL

Annual Appeal Goal Reached!



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

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection*: 6/1-2* \$ 4460

Deficit: \$ 2340

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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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

my name is

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 week-

end 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 and at all Masses on Sunday, June 16.

Nametags will be at the doors of the church.

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