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Sunday, August 4, 2024 - Eighteenth 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

Rev. Robert K. Suszko, Weekend Assistant

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

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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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 Our Lady of Lourdes
I share with you this article / reflection based from this Catholic site: LinkToLiturgy.Com which offers lessons based on our biblical readings. This Tuesday, August 6, is the Feast of the Transfiguration.

(Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/the-cross-hope-not-scandal>)

**THE CROSS: HOPE NOT SCANDAL
 (Abridged Version)**

“Rise, and do not be afraid”

Jesus brings Peter, James and John up a high mountain to teach them a lesson. The lesson is simple, “that it was impossible – for Him as well as for them – to reach the glory of the Transfiguration without passing through suffering.” [1] Jesus does not want the Apostles or us to be paralyzed by fear when we see suffering and the cross, but to instead see the full picture, and to rise and be not afraid. If we think there can be glory without suffering, gain without pain, we are mistaken. The cross does not make sense if it stands alone. When the Christian looks at the cross, we know that what appears to be a loss is a gain.

Why is it helpful to keep the end in mind? Jesus reminds us to always keep the end in mind. The book of Sirach reminds us to remember our death, so that we will not sin. “In all you do, remember the end of your life, and then you will never sin.” [6] We are reminded of our end on Ash Wednesday, when we are told, “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Blessed Junipero Serra, the apostle of California, said, “Always go forward, never turn back.”

What are the different kinds of ends? There are three ends: the end of a current event, the end of our life and our ultimate end, heaven. When we are going through tough times at the current moment, we remind our self that things will get better. The marathon runner is training, and he or she doesn’t just get up and run a marathon in a day. It takes months of preparation, with many sore muscles, blisters, calluses, and pains. This pain doesn’t deter the runner because he knows the end – crossing the finish line – will be worth it. During the marathon, the runner does not think of the mile they are currently running but rather the finish line.

The golfer does not think about the middle of the hole he is on, which might include water or sand traps, but rather the green, where he is going.

We also know that death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the eternal life. Ultimately, we keep our eyes fixed on heaven, our final end. In the Transfiguration, Jesus gives his Apostles a glimpse of the glory of heaven. “The disciples experienced during the Transfiguration... ahead of time something that will constitute the happiness of paradise. In general, it is brief experiences that God grants on occasions, especially in anticipation of harsh trials.” [9]

What are some experiences God has given us to prepare us to endure harsh trials?

In the motion picture, *Life is Beautiful*, German Nazis arrest Guido and his son, Joshua, and transfer them to a concentration camp. Protecting his son from the vile truth, Guido tells Joshua that they are just on a big holiday. To keep up Joshua's spirits, he tells him it's a big game for Joshua, claiming they must obtain 1,000 points to win a real tank and leave.

The cross of Christ was such a scandal that only 1 of the 12 Apostles, Saint John, was present at the Cross. It was not something that any of the Apostles wanted to witness or see. In the midst of horror, we need hope. We need a promise – a way out. In the midst of the great horror of a concentration camp, a father gave hope to his son. He gave his son a goal, a game, a focus. In the end, his son does get the “tank” when the allied forces roll into the camp in a big tank. In the end, he does win. Even though “the game” the dad makes up is not true, the reality is that Guido gave his son hope and it saved him from despair. How much more powerful is the promise and hope that God gives us?

The Transfiguration is not only the truth of Christ’s glory, but the promise of our future glory. The Transfiguration increases in us the virtue of hope, which “makes a person desire eternal life, which is the heavenly vision of God, and gives us the confidence of receiving the grace necessary to reach heaven.”[10]

Sources / Notes: [1] Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D; *Divine Intimacy*; page 310 [6] Sirach 7:36 [9] Pope Benedict XVI [10] Fr. John Hardon, S.J., *Modern Catholic Dictionary*; page 257

(Source: <https://linktoliturgy.com/the-cross-hope-not-scandal>)

In Christ’s Peace,
 Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - AUGUST 4, 2024



SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST
5:30 pm Carol Ford (Special Intention)

SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Joseph Catalano (59th Ann.)
11:30 am Jeanne & Buddy Blind

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST
8:30 am Caesar Michael Silvestro & Pauline Silvestro

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST
8:30 am John J. Lucca & Mary Ann Lucca

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST
8:30 am Norma B. Maderazo

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST
8:30 am Joseph Lang

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST
8:30 am Michael & Matilda O'Boyle & Raymond Cassidy

SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST
5:30 pm Crispo Bunoan, Sr.

SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Penny Mariani
11:30 am James Flaherty

SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST
7:30 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary Recitation
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST
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, 8 AUGUST
10:00 am Deadline for News, & Announcements for the August 18th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST
1:30—3:30 pm Soup Kitchen Setup (Hall)

SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST
9:00 am—12:00 noon Soup Kitchen, Holy Trinity Church
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church Mass

SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST
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 **VIVIAN PETRILLO**

Jesus answered and said:
"This is the work of God,
that you believe in the one
he sent."

PARISH GIVING

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Collection*: 7/20-21* \$ 3703
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AUGUST 10 - AUGUST 11

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (choir)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Bill Talbot
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Carmelita Dizon



**Jerry Baresich
Robert Santangelo**

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



Taylor McGee, Summer Projects Specialist at focus, is currently building a support team of mission partners and will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes on the weekend of August 3/4. At the end of each Mass he will speak briefly about his upcoming mission and invite parishioners to join him in the mission through prayers and financial support.



Focus' Mission is inspired by Christ's directive in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 8/10/2024** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **8/10/2024** so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at travisb23@juno.com.



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The logo features the text "Called To Serve" in a serif font. The word "To" is written in a smaller, red font and is positioned between the words "Called" and "Serve". A large, stylized red cross is positioned behind the word "To". Below the text, there is a decorative graphic consisting of several curved, parallel lines in shades of yellow and orange, resembling a stylized flame or a banner.

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Do you feel called to serve in our ministry of
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Lectors

Lectors are called to proclaim with clarity and grace the Word of God. Through their gifts and talents of preparing the readings in advance, learning proper pronunciation of names and places, articulating well with good tone and pacing, they bring to life the stories of Scripture and give meaning to the General Intercessions. Proudly they carry in procession the Book of God’s Word.

There is always a need for good Lectors. Some training is required. If interested, please contact Eileen Reilly 973-980-4209

Eucharistic Ministers

What more wonderful way is there to serve God than to share the Body and Blood of Christ with your parish community during Mass or at the home of the elderly, infirm or ill? Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion more commonly referred to as Eucharistic Ministers, clearly identifies a person as one who desires to serve God’s people and continue the mission of Christ to His disciples. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, training will be provided; please contact Eileen Reilly - 973-980-4209.

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