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Sunday, August 11, 2024 - Nineteenth 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 Our Lady of Lourdes
The Olympics and the Good News

Sports often take on a significance beyond the game itself, leaving lasting impacts that transcend the lifetimes of the players. The recent death of Willie Mays, an iconic American Major League Baseball player who retired in 1973, reignited debates about whether he was the greatest player of all time. Many players considered among the greatest have long since retired from the game or passed away. Our interest in sports often stems from their representation of our aspirations for mental sharpness, physical fitness, and moral integrity. We expect our sports stars to embody these qualities, even if not all manage to do so fully.

This connects to a broader spiritual context. In recent Sunday Gospel readings, Jesus has been teaching about the meaning of miracles, such as the multiplication of the loaves and the ancient miracle of providing manna in the desert during the Israelites' exodus. The people were impressed by these miracles, eager for more displays of divine power. However, Jesus urged them to seek not just material sustenance but a deeper, spiritual presence. This mirrors our relationships with others, where true loyalty and dedication often are demonstrated in unseen acts of kindness and support.

The teachings of our Savior emphasize looking beyond the immediate, material needs to focus on spiritual fulfillment. Jesus said, "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him, the Father, God, has set his seal" (John 6:26-27). This message aligns with his response to Satan's temptation: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

The Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion, therefore, is not just a meal or a memory, nor is it simply a famous painting as in Leonardo Da Vinci's *The Last Supper*. Our Holy Communion is a divine vision of God's love, initiated by Christ's words and actions: "this is my body given up for you." His word of mercy goes out to all the world internationally as the greatest victory of all time. His victory and conquest is ours as well. And we are called to take up our cross, following his commandments to participate in this win. It is not just a ceremonial formality.

Jesus' action, while depicted in painting and architecture, transcends the images themselves and any other icons. I bring this up because there was recent mockery made of Jesus and his apostles in the presentation in stage and dramatization of the Last Supper images at the Olympic opening ceremonies. Such choices might by the Olympic Committee might be dismissed or disregarded as simply the secularity of sports. We do not expect sports to be our salvation, do we?

Then again, the Body and Blood of Christ are sacred and central to Christian faith. They are our not just part of our past but also our present. Just as you would be hurt if your mother or father or grandparents were insulted, this is not simply because they are older and perhaps more "fragile" than you are. It is also because their life and blood flows through you.

And, you might be insulted if a friend or teacher or anyone who nurtured and loved you was insulted. They also form a part of you. The Last Supper, Jesus, and the Apostles remain a part of you today. This is true even for those who do not believe in Christ. Jesus death occurred amid those who were rejecting him. This is His Body, given up for you. "Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

The Last Supper and the Lord's Supper exceed in value the Arc de Triomphe or the Champs-Élysées. Neither of these icons – while recognized widely – truly unite those who see them as a family under God.

Seeing such disrespect for the Gospel message, we are called to pray for those who oppose the faith in God and remember that no worldly achievement can eclipse the beauty of God's love. True excellence in fitness, wisdom, and character is exemplified by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

The story of two athletes from the 1924 Paris Olympics, Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams, exemplified this spirit. These British runners, depicted in *Chariots of Fire*, *(1981 Academy-Award, Best Picture) displayed immense character and integrity. Liddell, a devout Christian, refused to compete in his best event, the 100-meter dash, because it was scheduled on a Sunday. He trained for and won the gold in the 400-meter event instead, demonstrating his commitment to his faith over worldly glory. Abrahams, who was Jewish, faced significant anti-Semitism but persevered to win the 100-meter gold medal.

After the Olympics, Liddell chose a life of service over fame, becoming a missionary and teacher in China. Despite the challenges, including internment during World War II, he continued to serve others, teaching and supporting his fellow captives. Liddell's selflessness and faithfulness under harsh conditions illustrated the teachings of Christ, focusing on eternal rewards over material ones.

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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
MONDAY, 12 AUGUST 8:30 am John Brennan (28th Ann.)
TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 8:30 am Richard & Nina Strattner
WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 8:30 am Robert E. LaBlanc
THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 7:00 am Andrew & Giselle Nocker 8:30 am Kenneth F. Kunzman 7:00 pm Marguerite Attanasie & Antoinette Rinaldi
FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 8:30 am Portia Chaves Bacal
SATURDAY, 17 AUGUST 5:30 pm John J. Buoye
SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am John Kunz

SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary Recitation 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 12 AUGUST 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. <i>Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.</i>
THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10:00 am Deadline for News, & Announcements for the August 18th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Masses will be held 7:00 am Mass 8:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass
SATURDAY, 18 AUGUST 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Annette & Richard Chiamonte is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
8/15/24	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
7:00 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe
8:30 am	Standing Daily Lector	Espie Cain
7:00 pm	Kathy Petrillo	Joe Petrillo

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: 7/27-28*	\$ 4253
Deficit:	\$ 2547

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 18	
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Mary Cassels	
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiamonte	
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Wendy Sheyka	

PRAYERS Needed For...

Jerry Baresich
Robert Santangelo

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

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Eric Liddell's legacy, including his birth and death in China, led some to recognize him as China's first Olympic gold medalist. A simple inscription at his alma mater, the University of Edinburgh, from Isaiah 40:31, reads, "They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary." His life and sacrifice remind us to pursue the ultimate goal of spiritual fulfillment, as symbolized in the Eucharist, leading us toward unity with God, the Father of all.

In Christ's Peace

Father Jim Ferry



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Save the Date
Sunday Nov. 10, 2024
11:30 am Mass
Cardinal Joseph Tobin
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Mass Celebrant for our
110th Parish Anniversary
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**"I had rather one day in your courts
 than a thousand elsewhere."**
84th Psalm



“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
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?
Lector / Reader?

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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READINGS: Gather #1035 † NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /B † AUGUST 11, 2024

	Entrance	Psalm
	A Place at Your Table (See Below)	Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord.
Offertory	Communion	Recessional
Blessed and Beloved (See Over)	All Who Hunger (#817)	O God Our Help in Ages Past (#588)

Entrance Hymn

A Place at Your Table Ben Walther

1. Happy the ones whom you call here to dine,
the saint and the sinner, your friends.
Now reconciled in this banquet divine,
the promise of life without end,
the promise of life without end.

Refrain

Here in your presence the greatest are least,
the burdened find rest and the hungry can feast.
By love weâ€™re invited, here mercy prevails.
God, in your goodness, we share
a place at your table, a place at your table.

2. From this communion, in one heart and mind,
out into mission we go.
No greater love shall the world ever find,
and none shall we ever know,
and none shall we ever know.

Bridge

To bring liberty to the captives
and sight to all who are blind,
we are sent in love,
empowered by your Bread of Life.

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Offertory

Blessed and Beloved

1. Blessed and beloved, you, the poor and lowly,
you are blessed and holy in the sight of our God.
Blessed and beloved, you who mourn in sorrow.
You shall dance tomorrow in the joy of the Lord.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad, for you are not forgotten.
Great will be the treasure that awaits you now in heaven.
Rejoice and be glad, for you are not forgotten.
Blessed and beloved are you.

2. Blessed and beloved, you, the lost and hopeless,
Christ will be your solace and your light in the dark.
Walk beside your neighbor, welcome in the stranger,
then you'll find your brother, Jesus Christ the Lord.

To Refrain

3. Blessed and beloved, you who work for justice,
standing as a witness to the mercy of God.
Shine your light for others, sisters, friends, and brothers,
so your deeds will glorify the Lord, our God.

To Refrain

Text: Based on Matthew 5:3-12, Lourdes C. Montgomery,
b.1956; tr. by Diana Macalintal

Tune: Lourdes C. Montgomery, b.1956

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