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Sunday, August 25, 2024 - Twenty-first 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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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

### **Religious Education**

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

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### **Religious Education**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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### **Religious Education**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 my homily for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)

**Normandy: A Journey of Witness** Recently, a friend of mine shared his plans to travel with his family to visit London and Paris. He hopes to visit Normandy Beach in northern France, the site of the Allied invasion during World War II, a pivotal battle that helped bring an end to the war.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy invasion. It was during the 40th anniversary of this event that journalist Tom Brokaw was inspired to write his book *\*The Greatest Generation\**. This book chronicles the heroic sacrifices of not only the soldiers who fought at Normandy but also the civilians and military personnel who contributed to the war effort on many fronts.

It is logical for my friend – or any of us – to want to visit Normandy, to see it firsthand, and to pray for those who lost their lives there, hoping they have received the crown of righteousness and a heavenly reward. The monuments and cemetery at Normandy serve as a solemn reminder of the over 100,000 soldiers – both Allied and German – who died and are buried there.

Normandy is just one example of places that have become sacred due to the heroic sacrifices. Similar memorials exist for the victims of the wildfires in Maui, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and more.

**Mary's Heroic Journey: The Gospel on the Feast of the Assumption**

In the Gospel for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we read about Mary's heroic journey to the hill country of Judea to be with her cousin Elizabeth. Both women are expecting children. Mary is to be the mother of Jesus, our Savior, and Elizabeth is the mother of John the Baptist, who would later proclaim, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29, 1:36).

**Facing Danger with Faith** Both Elizabeth and Mary were facing danger and uncertainty, yet they both met their situations with faith in Almighty God. Mary was

found to be with child through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, a miraculous event that was initially kept secret. Some biblical commentators suggest that Mary's betrothal to Joseph served not only to provide Jesus with a father figure but also to conceal His miraculous birth.

The revelation of Jesus' divine nature was delayed, for if Satan had known early on, he would have sought to destroy the child. Herod did, in fact, attempt to kill Him, leading to the martyrdom of innocent children. The Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – was hard to find; they appeared as ordinary people.

From the very beginning, Mary, along with Joseph, had to fight, keep moving, and turn to God for counsel and strength. In this regard, the Holy Family was unlike any other.

**The Assumption: Mary as the New Temple** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – body and soul – into heaven recognizes her unique connection to Jesus, the Son of God and the Word of God. Mary, in her body and person, is the new Temple and tabernacle of the covenant.

The ancient people of Israel built a Temple to signify that they had reached the Promised Land and could rest from carrying the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark, containing God's word, was placed in the Temple. Mary is the new Temple, nurturing Jesus, the Word of God, and allowing Him to be sent out into the world.

Just as God's word was not confined to the Temple, the Word of God is not confined to Mary, though she is the first disciple and "parishioner" of God's new one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Pope Benedict XVI on Preaching and Human Power

Pope Benedict XVI, in an article on preaching and proclaiming the greatness of God, warns against the "absolutizing" or "absoluteness" of human power. He cautions against the temptation to consider ourselves morally upright based on what is possible rather than what is real. (<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/philosophy/the-absolutization-of-man.html>)

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**SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST**

5:30 pm John Mooney

**SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Gloria Werner  
11:30 am Keith Hari

**MONDAY, 26 AUGUST**

8:30 am John & Veronica Grabowski

**TUESDAY 27 AUGUST**

8:30 am Antoinette Cecere

**WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST**

8:30 am Michael Strollo

**THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST**

8:30 am Ann Strollo

**FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST**

8:30 am Anthony Strollo

**SATURDAY, 31 AUGUST**

5:30 pm Raymond William Hopkins

**SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Catherine Catalano  
11:30 am Jaroslav Konvalinka (25th Ann.)

**SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST**

7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass

**MONDAY, 26 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, 29 AUGUST**

10:00 am Deadline for News, & Announcements for the Sept. 8 Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-011

**SATURDAY, 31 AUGUST**

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Rosary Recitation  
9:30 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass



**PARISH GIVING**

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**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1**

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (choir)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	MaryEllen Chandler
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Carmelita Dizon



**Jerry Baresich  
Judy Bernarducci  
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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**Living in an Uncertain World with Faith** We live in an uncertain world and may have fears about what lies ahead – whether it's a medical appointment or a political debate. We might imagine that earlier generations had it easier than we do or that there were times in our own lives that were less challenging. However, taking Normandy Beach as an example, the battle was far from easy.

Mary's life of heroic virtue may seem simple in hindsight, but it was not easy. She was called to be aware of unfolding mysteries – the Annunciation, Visitation, and Nativity – yet she was not entangled by them. She had to look beyond even the Crucifixion of her Son and continue to say Yes.

Her life gives us a reason to say YES as well, so that God's word might be nurtured and born from us too. We are called to recognize that, like Mary, we are not the Saviors of the world, but witnesses to Him.

We are to recognize Jesus even if others ignore Him, to repent of our sins even if others ignore His mercy, so that we too may join Him in heaven, body and soul. Let us give thanks that the Lord continues to look with favor on His lowly servants, for the Almighty has done great things for us, and holy is His name (cf. Luke 1:39-56).

Our Lady of the Assumption, Pray for Us!

In Christ's Peace,

The Rosary Altar Society's Meeting will be held on:  
**Tuesday, September 3, at 1:00 pm  
in the Rectory.**

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



Join us as **Fridays Gives Back** by partnering with **The Knights of Columbus, Council 5529**, a valuable organization in our community.

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**September 20-22, 2024**

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***“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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