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Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter



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

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Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

Sacrament of the Sick

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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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about the Gospel of the "Peter, Do you Love Me?" for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/origins-papacy-peter-love/>)

Origins of the Papacy – Peter do you Love Me?

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

The origins of the Papacy can be found in the dialogue between Jesus and Simon Peter in John 21, a gospel traditionally read during Eastertide. The question, "Peter, do you love me?" is followed by the command "Feed my sheep." The pope, shepherd and successor of Peter, has a role that has not to do with privilege but with sacrifice. For the 3rd Sunday of Easter, cycle C.

On many occasions I've heard people object to the papacy. Often, they say something like this: "I just can't believe that one man on earth, the Pope, is holier than everyone else."

So who ever said that being sinless is either a prerequisite or a consequence of being named Pope?

POPE & PAPACY

The Pope, the bishop of Rome, is the successor of Peter, who spent the last years of his life leading the Christians of the eternal city. And here is an interesting fact. None of the four canonical gospels (not to mention Acts and Galatians) try to hide the fact that Peter sinned often and sinned big.

By the way, if the "patriarchal, controlling" leaders of the early Catholic Church altered the story about Jesus as some suggest, don't you think they would have "fixed" these embarrassing stories?

Yet while all agree Peter was weak and imperfect, they all also agree that he was given a unique responsibility. Only Peter got a name-change from Jesus himself (from Simon to "Peter" meaning rock). Only Peter was told by Christ on Holy Thursday night "I have prayed for you that your faith never fail and when you've repented, go and strengthen your brethren" (Luke 22: 31-32). And when Jesus, after the resurrection, cooked a fish breakfast for the apostles (John 21), it was only to Peter that Jesus put the question "do you love me?"

THE DIALOGUE OF PETER WITH THE RISEN CHRIST

But why did Jesus ask him the same question three times? Perhaps Peter needed to atone for his three-fold denial of Christ by a three-fold profession of love. Perhaps, given Peter's track record of getting it wrong, the Lord really wanted to be sure he got his point across. Here's the point –

"Peter, your way of expressing penance for your sin and love for me will be to feed my sheep. Remember, they are not your sheep, but mine. Take care of them for me. Do for them what I did for them. Don't just feed them. Protect them. Lay down your life for them if necessary."

FROM FISHERMAN TO UNIVERSAL SHEPHERD

Peter's role as a shepherd is, in a way, unique because it is universal. Despite his human frailty, he is given care of all the Churches. And, if we take Luke 22:31-32 seriously, he is called to be the shepherd of all the shepherds. That's a big responsibility. In fact, it is a crushing burden which he and his successors could never fulfill by human power alone.

That's why we pray for the Pope (meaning "Papa" or (father) in every Catholic Eucharist across the globe – He needs the grace of the Holy Spirit to fulfill his role. The bit about Peter stretching out his hands so that others could lead him where he does not want to go – this does not just refer to his crucifixion under Nero, but to the daily laying his life down for his flock, the "white martyrdom" that we saw so clearly in the weary but relentless witness of St. John Paul II in his final years.

SHEPHERD OF MANY SHEPHERDS

In another way, though, Peter's role of a shepherd is not unique. It is exemplary for all of us sheep who are called to become ourselves shepherds and leaders, despite our own frailty and sinfulness. Some are called to be bishops, successors of the apostles, entrusted with pastoral care of a portion of Christ's flock. Some are called to be priests and deacons, who assist a bishop in his apostolic mission. Some are called to be catechists, youth ministers and teachers, who also play a role in the feeding of the sheep.

And most of us are called to be parents, shepherds of what the Second Vatican Council calls "the domestic church." Parents, say St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Paul II, have a pastoral role much like that of a parish priest. In fact John Paul II, in his letter *Familiaris Consortio*, says that Christian parents exercise "a true ministry of the Church."

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SATURDAY, 3 MAY

5:30 pm Edward J. Ford III (5th Ann.)

SUNDAY, 4 MAY

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Del Plato
11:30 am Millie Cassidy & Michael O'Boyle

MONDAY, 5 MAY

8:30 am Maurice Ferrus

TUESDAY, 6 MAY

8:30 am Jose Matias, Sr. (39th Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY

8:30 am Thomas DeRosa

THURSDAY, 8 MAY

8:30 am Michael Strollo

FRIDAY, 9 MAY

8:30 am Blessed Virgin Mary

SATURDAY, 10 MAY

5:30 pm Deceased Mothers

SUNDAY, 11 MAY

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Mothers
11:30 am Deceased Mothers

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*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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SUNDAY, 4 MAY

7:30 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC)
9:30 am Mass
9:30 am—12:30 pm G. 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)
Confirmation Retreat
"Only for 2025 Class"
11:30 am Mass

Catholic Cemeteries At All Masses



MONDAY, 5 May

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.

5:00—7:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)

TUESDAY, 6 MAY

6:30 pm 1st Communion Rehearsal
(OLLC)

THURSDAY, 8 MAY

10:00 am Deadline for News &
Announcements for the
May 18th Bulletin. Call the
Rectory at 973-325-0110

SATURDAY, 10 MAY



11:30 am 1st HOLY COMMUNION
(OLLC)

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

SUNDAY, 11 MAY



7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass
11:30 am May Crowning & Flower
Procession

WEEKEND MAY 10-11, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm (Adult Choir)	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore (C)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Bless Bernardo
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Espie Cain
11:30 am (Children's Choir)	Carmelita Dizon	Wendy Sheyka Carmelita Dizon (C)



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Robert Santangelo
Pio Tortola

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



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JOHN 21 – CALL TO FEED THE SHEEP

On whatever level, the call to feed and care for the sheep is a call to sacrifice, not privilege. It has its moments of exaltation and profound satisfaction, and it has its moments of agony as well. Yet if we've learned anything from the passion, it's that suffering is the true and necessary test of love, as well as love's most authentic and powerful expression.

So let us not be afraid to be shepherds. The Good Shepherd will empower us with His Spirit. And let's pray with gratitude and compassion for those who shepherd us.

This post on Peter as shepherd and the Papacy is offered as a reflection on the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, cycle C (Acts 5:27b-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21 1-19).

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Blessed Easter Season to you and yours.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 5/17/2025** 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 **5/17/2025** 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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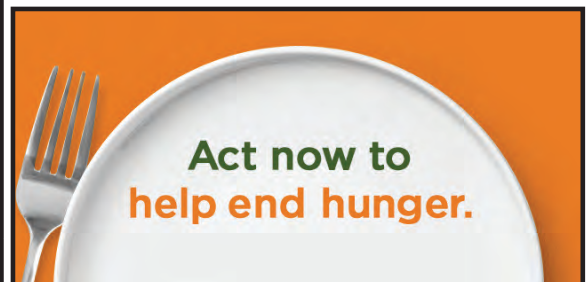


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