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Sunday, June 15, 2025 - The Most Holy body & Blood of Christ



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

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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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

"Trinity Sunday – Is it relevant?" Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Trinity Sunday celebrates the Church's faith in the triune God, one God in three persons. This doctrine has baffled people for 2,000 years. Given that it is so hard to accept, why bother with it? What difference does the trinitarian dogma really make to how we live our Christian lives? To listen to this post read by the author, click the play icon below.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/seasons/year-c/ordinary-time-year-c/trinity-sunday-is-it-relevant/>)

Many are ready to give a polite nod of some sort to Jesus of Nazareth. Most honor him as a great moral teacher. Many even confess him as Savior. But the Incarnation of the Eternal God? Second person of the Holy Trinity? God can't be one and three at the same time. Such a notion is at worst illogical, at best meaningless. "This Trinity business was invented by the pagan Roman Emperor Constantine in 313 AD," scoff a motley crew ranging from the Jehovah's Witnesses to the Da Vinci Code.

Did Constantine invent the Trinity?

Of course this charge has no historical leg to stand on. St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote seven brief letters around 110 AD in which he called Jesus "God" 16 times, beating Constantine by over two centuries.

True, the word "trinity" is not in the bible. But everywhere the New Testament refers to three distinct persons who seem to be equally divine, yet one (e.g. 2 Cor 13:13). So over 100 years before Constantine, a Christian writer named Tertullian coined the term "Trinity" as a handy way to refer to this reality of three distinct, equal persons in one God. It stuck.

Why the Doctrine Matters

But if the doctrine of the Trinity is authentically biblical, is it relevant? Does it really matter?

If Christianity were simply a religion of keeping the law, the inner life of the lawgiver would not matter. But if Christianity is about personal relationship with God, then who God really is matters totally. Common sense tells us

that some supreme being made the universe and that we owe Him homage. But that the creator is a trinity of persons who invites us to intimate friendship with Himself — this we never could have guessed! We only know it because God has revealed it.

God is Love – a community of Three Persons

God is love, says 1 John 4:8 (see too John 3:16). If God were solitary, how could he have been love before he created the world? Who would there have been to love? Jesus reveals a God who is eternally a community of three persons pouring themselves out in love for one another. The Father does not create the Son and then, with the Son, create the Spirit. No, the Father eternally generates the Son. And with and through the Son, this Father eternally "breathes" the Spirit as a sort of personalized sigh of love. "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." That's what the conclusion of the Glory Be really means, that the self-giving of the three divine persons did not begin at a moment in time, but was, is, and is to come.

Persons made in God's Image & Likeness

If we are truly to "know" our God, we must know this. But if we are ever to understand ourselves, we must also know this. For we were made in the image and likeness of God, and God is a community of self-donating love. That means that we can never be happy isolated from others, protecting ourselves from others, holding ourselves back selfishly from others. Unless we give ourselves in love, we can never be fully human. And unless we participate in the life of God's people, we can never be truly Christian either. Because Christianity is about building up the community of divine love which is called the Church. If God is Trinity, then there really is no place for free-lance, lone-ranger Christians.

Family, an icon of the Trinity

The family, the domestic Church, is a reflection of trinitarian love – the love of husband and wife, distinct and very different persons, generates the child who is from them but is nonetheless distinct from them, indeed absolutely unique.

And that is the final point. One of the greatest treasures of Western culture is the concept of the uniqueness and dignity of the individual person. You really don't find this idea in the ancient societies of Greece and Rome or in other great world religions, such as Islam.

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SATURDAY, 14 JUNE

5:30 pm Deceased Fathers

SUNDAY, 15 JUNE **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Deceased Fathers

11:30 am Deceased Fathers

MONDAY, 16 JUNE

8:30 am Fr. Jim Ferry (Special Intention)

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE

8:30 am Ray & Millie Cassidy

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE

8:30 am Grace Gaston Sabal

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE

8:30 am Malachy & Anne Healy

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE

8:30 am Emil Russomanno

SATURDAY, 21 JUNE

5:30 pm Luigi & Vicenza Russo

SUNDAY, 22 JUNE **Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Joseph Catalano & Michael Chiaramonte

11:30 am Bernice & Bob Shiel



This week's Altar Candles, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV KONVALINKA**.



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from John & Ann Pflug is in memory of **Carmen Napolitano & George Pflug**.



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from the Seibs, Quarno & Beury Families is in honor of **JULIA COATES**.

WEEKEND June 21-22, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (C)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Patricia Saway
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Joe Petrillo
11:30 am (Choir)	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka Paul Hirsch (C)

CHURCH
CALENDAR



SUNDAY, 15 JUNE

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass



MONDAY, 16 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, 19 JUNE

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the June 29th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

SATURDAY, 21 JUNE

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 22 JUNE

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

Goal \$ 6,800

Collection*: May 24-25, 2025* \$ 4,541

Deficit: \$ 2,259

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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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)

Personhood – Dignity, individuality, freedom

The concept of the irreplaceable uniqueness of each person came into Western culture straight from the doctrine of the Trinity, three who possess the exact same divine nature but who are yet irreplaceably unique in their personhood.

The irony? As it progressively abandons the triune God, the Western world is undermining the very foundation of personal dignity, individuality, and freedom that it values so much.

So yes, the Trinity does matter.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



A New Home for Healing: The Lourdes Convent

On June 5, Family Healing Center (F.H.C.) celebrated the grand opening of its newly renovated home at 98 Valley Way, our former convent, having moved from Livingston. From F.H.C., Malik Carey (Founder), and Deidra Carey (Office Administrator) and the Center's board were joined by Mayor Susan McCartney and town officials. From Lourdes, Fr. Jim Ferry and parishioners and staff attended. Fr. Ferry highlighted the convent's legacy as a place of prayer, study, and faith. Mayor McCartney extended her own welcome at the ceremony. Guests enjoyed tours, speeches, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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This year's appeal is on behalf of the Diocese of Gbarnga, Liberia. Members of the Diocese will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on July 12-13, 2025 to speak at all Masses about their religious community.

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Archdiocese of Newark. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the missionary work in Gbarnga.



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for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)
OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



TRICKY TRAY

POST-EVENT SUMMARY

We are happy to report that 191 registered guests visited Connor Hall from 8:00 am—4:00 pm on April 26th to try their luck at winning more than 250 gift baskets, 4 Special Prizes and a Fair Share drawing.

The proceeds of the event totaled \$11,274.27. At the June 1st Annual Meeting of the Rosary Altar Society the members voted to present these monies to Fr. Jim with the request that the monies be restricted for church capital expenditures.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all of our **VOLUNTEERS** for the time and energy that was put into yet another successful Tricky Tray.
We couldn't do this without you!

THANK YOU to all of our **VENDORS & DONORS** for your extreme generosity. The Tricky Tray is our largest fundraiser and helps support the needs of our parish.

THANK YOU to our Tricky Tray **GUESTS** for coming out to support our fundraiser.

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