



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, July 13, 2025 - Fifteenth 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

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Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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Administrative Assistant

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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,

I share with you this article / reflection from Crossroads Initiative about Trinity Sunday

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/parable-of-the-good-samaritan/>)

Parable of the Good Samaritan Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

The famous parable of the Good Samaritan shows that mercy and compassion are not always convenient, and that love of neighbor can't be limited to those like us.

\To this day, the road from Jericho to Jerusalem is long, winding, and desolate. The two travelers could have been heading back home after weeks on temple duty. Or they could have been on their way to the Temple for their shift (Luke 1:8). In either case, the priest and the Levite were in a hurry to get where they were going. The pious duty of liturgical prayer in one direction. Family who needed them in the other. It was too bad about the half-dead man in the road. But someone else would have to attend to it. Touching this bleeding man would make them ritually impure. Plus, they just did not have time.

The Good Samaritan Parable

Then came the Samaritan. Belonging, as he did, to a heretical sect, his theology was all wrong. Ethnically he was not even a pure Jew, but a Jew/Gentile mongrel. Many Jews would have welcomed an "ethnic cleansing" campaign to purge the holy land of such half-breeds. The Samaritan, of course, knew this. As he saw his bloodied enemy lying there in the road, he could have smugly said "serves him right" and continued walking.

But he couldn't. Compassion for the suffering of a fellow human being won out over partisan theology, ethnicity, and the demands of his schedule. His duty was clear. If this had happened to his dad, he would want a passing Jew to stop and help. So he went way out of his way, blowing his schedule to bits, spending money that he perhaps couldn't afford to spend. He even made plans to follow up later, on his way back from his trip.

Mercy & Judgment

This parable is a tale told by Jesus to illustrate a point. But it reflects a curious phenomenon observable in every age. Good, religious people, who you'd figure to be most likely to help, are often the very ones who use piety and family obligations as an excuse. "Someone else will have to do it - I don't have time." "We gave at the office." "I'd like to help, but my budget is already maxed out."

On the other hand, it is often those you'd least expect who actually go out of their way to lend a helping hand.

Jesus said: "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father (Matthew 7:21). And the will of the Father is not just that we abstain from doing bad things (sins of commission) but that we actually fulfill our obligation to do justice and works of mercy.

There is only sneak preview of the last judgment given us in the four gospels. And its stunning that it shows people condemned not for murder and adultery, but for failing to do works of mercy (sins of omission). (Mat. 25:36ff).

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SATURDAY, 12 JULY

5:30 pm Hugo Russo

SUNDAY, 13 JULY

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte (45th Ann.)

11:30 am Ann Strollo

MONDAY, 14 JULY

8:30 am Margaret Whelan

TUESDAY, 15 JULY

8:30 am Julia Coates

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY

8:30 am Julia Coates

THURSDAY, 17 JULY

8:30 am Edward Bogart

FRIDAY, 18 JULY

8:30 am Julia Coates

SATURDAY, 19 JULY

5:30 pm Gabriela Miller

SUNDAY, 20 JULY

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Deceased members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families

11:30 am Peter Caste



SUNDAY, 13 JULY

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

Missionary Appeal visiting priest will be at all Masses.

MONDAY, 14 JULY

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, 17 JULY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the July 27th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

SATURDAY, 19 JULY

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 20 JULY

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Jim & Eileen Reilly is in memory of **ANDREA TOLOSO**.



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

Goal \$ 6,800

Collection*: June 28-29, 2025* \$ 4,648

Deficit: \$2,152

*Includes

Online Giving Weekly Average

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE July 19-20 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Judy Albore Melinda Prather (C)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Patricia Saway
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka

Prayers Needed

Emeka Anyanyo
Judy Bernarducci
James Cunningham
Langan Family
Beverly McAllister

Mary McGuiness
Reynaldo Rapada
Julio Saeteros
Robert Santangelo
Pio Tortola

Please Note: Our Prayer List will be renewed on July 15th.

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

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Love of Neighbor is Costly

Yes, good judgment must be exercised. We are limited human beings. We can't possibly meet all the needs of every suffering person in our own neighborhood, let alone all over the world. There have been some who have busied themselves with saving the world to the neglect of their own family.

This is where the virtue of prudence comes in and perhaps, in some cases, a good spiritual director.

But if every new request for help elicits from us the same knee-jerk reaction that we are just too busy or have already given enough, it is time for an examination of conscience.

Charity not always convenient

Love is often inconvenient. It means giving not just out of our abundance, but at times, out of our substance. True charity can really hurt.

That's what the cross is about, in fact. The Divine Samaritan saw the entire human race bloodied on a desolate road to nowhere. He got involved. And to rescue us, it cost him more than a two coins and a few hours delay. What he asks of us who wish to be known as Christians, "little Christs," is to love with his love and so be true to His Name.

The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us much about mercy, compassion, charity and love of neighbor.

A reflection on the readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle C (Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69; Colossians:15-20; parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-37).

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In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 8/2/2025** 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 **8/2/2025** 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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The program is open to children in grades K-4 and will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm each day.

Our Vacation Bible School welcomes children from all parishes in our community, and we believe this is a wonderful opportunity for children to deepen their faith while enjoying fun activities during the summer break.

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Religious Education Registration for 2025–2026 is Open!



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1st Penance – 1st Communion – Confirmation – Grades 1-12

We encourage you to register your child early to receive a discount and ensure a place in our program.

What is the Tuition? Note the Discount!

- **\$60 / child** if registered **by May 31**
- **\$80 / child** if registered **by June 30**
- **\$100 / child** after July 1.

Final Registration Deadline: September 10, 2025

Checks payable to “Our Lady of Lourdes.” Cash payments must be made in person at the Rectory.

What You Need to Register:

1. Baptism certificate
2. First Holy Communion certificate (if completed)
3. Completed registration form
4. Tuition payment. If you have questions, need to make a deposit now and pay later, or have unique circumstances—please reach out!

☎ **Call the Rectory Office: 973-325-0110**

Email: fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org or rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org

Where You Can Register

► **Online: Visit Website: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG**
Click “Faith Formation” → “Religious Ed. Registration”

► **In Person:** Rectory Office Hours, 9 am – 2 pm, Monday-Friday. Forms also available for pickup in church.

What is the 2025-2026 Calendar: Visit Website: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG
Click “Faith Formation” → “2025-2026 Religious Ed. Calendar”

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