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Sunday, August 24, 2025 - 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)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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Religious Education

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 Friends,

Our biblical readings this Sunday remind us that the message of the Gospel is not just for us in church but for us wherever we are and for the whole world..

Saint Augustine wrote: "Seek what is better than you are so that you can be made better by it. If you desire gold, you may or may not obtain it. But you can always possess God whenever you wish." - *Commentary on Psalm 32, 16.*

I share with you some of the lessons from the readings of this Sunday, in these ideas from each reading: **POPULARITY, PRAISE, PRACTICE, PROVIDENCE.**

[POPULARITY] 1st Reading. Isaiah 66:18-21 "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations." Is being contagious or having a virus ever a good thing? Having experienced the effects of COVID-19 locally and globally, we would respond negatively to this question. However, do we not speak of trends in the economy and society as being "viral"? The Harvard Business Review (Feb. 17, 2014) noted: "There are scores of books written about how to make your content 'go viral' ... [but we] overlook the role of the person delivering the idea: the carrier." Isaiah's prophecy is pointing us toward both Israel and Christ as the servants and carriers of God's message to us, making it known popularly. Isaiah also reported on people bringing offerings to Jerusalem. Isaiah is not simply saying that we must give money to the Temple, to the Church, or to various charities. Rather, the message is that we are to give ourselves -- as we learn in family and friendship - to sacrifice ourselves for others. St. Paul summarized / wrote: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you,

so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

[PRAISE] Psalm 117. "Praise the Lord all you nations." Imagine you are on the game show *Jeopardy!*. The category is THE BIBLE. The clue is: "This is the shortest chapter in the Bible with 2 verses and 17 words." You answered. "What is Psalm 117?" You got it right. Good job!

[PRACTICE] Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13. "Those whom the Lord loves he disciplines" St. John Henry Newman wrote about the practice of discipline which is certainly extolled as necessary by Jesus himself who said that we are to take up our cross daily. Yet, the practice of discipline is not an end in itself, but a means to the greater purpose of love. Newman described the importance of combining discipline and love: "A man may be most austere in his life and by that austerity learn to be cruel to others, not tender ... self-discipline is a necessary condition but not a sure sign of holiness. It may leave a man worldly or make him a tyrant." (John Henry Newman, "Affliction: A School of Comfort," *Parochial and Plain Sermons*, Book V, Sermon 21)

[PROVIDENCE] Luke 13:22-30. "They will come from east and west and recline at table in the kingdom of God" Dominican Father Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, defined "Providence" as God's loving care for men and the need for confidence in Almighty God. At times, we may lose focus on God as the provider (i.e., "Providence") and focus more on what we must do to provide for ourselves and gain God's favor.

I share these points with you from Catholic Answers (catholic.com) on what the Catholic Church teaches:

GRACE -- God's grace from beginning to end ... justifies, sanctifies, and saves us. As Paul explains in Philippians 2:13, "God is the one, who, for his

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SATURDAY, 23 AUGUST 5:30 pm Teresa Buena
SUNDAY 24 AUGUST, 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr. 11:30 am Grace Catalano
MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte
TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte
WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 8:30 am Armando Sampaga
THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 8:30 am Patrick Joseph Lynch
FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte
SATURDAY, 30 AUGUST 5:30 pm Julia Coates
SUNDAY, 31 AUGUST 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr. 11:30 am Jaroslav Konvalinka (26th Ann.)

SUNDAY, 24 AUGUST 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Teacher's Meeting Grades 1-5 with Ms. Priscilla Castro (HALL) 11:30 am Mass 12:30 pm Parents Meeting Grades 1-5 with Ms. Priscilla Castro (HALL)
MONDAY, 25 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, 28 AUGUST 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Sept. 7th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
SATURDAY, 30 AUGUST 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 31 AUGUST 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass



This week, August 24th Bread & Wine, a gift from Rosanne Bruno is in memory of **BERNARD J. MOONEY.**

Proverbs 3 : 11, 12 (NIV)
¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke,
¹² because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
Proverbs 3 : 11 to 12

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

Goal	\$ 6,800
Collection*: August 9-10, 2025*	\$ 4,424
Deficit:	\$2,376

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

WEEKEND August 30-31 2025			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Melinda Prather (c)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Myrna Regina	
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka	

Prayers Needed

Maria Colon	Mary McGuiness
Pierre Ferrus	Reynaldo Rapada
Beverly McAllister	

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

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good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work.”

FAITH + WORKS -- James 2:17 reminds us that “faith of itself, if it does not have work, is dead.” In verse 24 James says, “See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.” And later: “For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead” (2:26).

So, far from teaching a doctrine of “works righteousness” (that would be Pelagianism, which was condemned at the Council of Carthage in A.D. 418), the Catholic Church teaches the true, biblical doctrine of justification.

(Source: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/why-does-the-church-teach-that-works-can-obtain-salvation>)

Blessings to you and yours.

In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

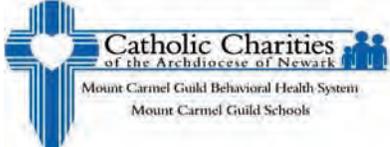


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A Time to Relax



Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes which served you so well during the winter season? We also need small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children’s books. Please donate them to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the Church ground. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.



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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 partial payment or you are in need of financial assistance, please call. No student or child will be turned away!

We also gratefully accept your monetary donations to sponsor a child or children. You may donate at rectory or via Sunday Collection by placing cash or check payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes" in any **envelope marked** "Rel. Ed. Gift".

☎ **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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