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Sunday, August 31, 2025 - Twenty-second 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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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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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,

The setting of the Gospel this Sunday is a banquet to which Jesus is invited. His message is also about our calling to the Lord's banquet. Your willingness and my willingness to give up a personal seat demonstrates not only cordiality but commitment to Jesus who laid down his life for us.

St. Paul wrote: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard yourselves as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

The banquet (party) is not only a place of celebration but of sacrifice.

I share with you this article about why the banquet (party) is important in the Gospel:

What Does A Party Symbolize In The Bible?

by Father Gaetano Piccolo

"Allow me to do the best that I can." – Babette's Feast by K. Blixen

Organizing a party is a serious matter. It says a lot about us and many times it is a symbol of our lives. There are those that love to take care of every detail themselves and those that leave everything to others. There are those who would throw a party in poor taste, in which everything is mixed and not so much matched, and there are those who want everything just right. There are people who, either out of laziness or just tiredness, don't bother to let anyone know that it's their birthday and there are those who seek to be a celebrity for the day.

There is little left of all this in the way we host our parties: they are all so standardized that some mothers have explained to me that even small children's birthday parties must all be carried out as if following a procedure! It seems we've lost the joy of sharing our true selves and have fallen into simply sharing what others expect of us.

A party is a way in which we give a little of ourselves. You can even give everything that you have, like the protagonist of Babette's Feast, who organizes a dinner for her friends in order to express her gratitude using every cent of her newfound fortune, though she could have used it to make a better life for herself.

In the Bible, God uses the symbol of the party to express His desire to give Himself completely. God does not think twice about spending everything He has on a party for His friends, much like the widow who gives everything she has and like the Son who gives Himself so that we may celebrate the peace between God and humanity.

Inviting someone to a party simultaneously implies exposing oneself to rejection: someone could choose to not be interested in our lives. In [the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 22], Jesus brings up this experience of rejection: the son who doesn't want to work in the vineyard, the laborers who don't accept the son sent by the landowner, and now the guests who don't go to the feast.

One of the guests doesn't wear the proper attire to the feast. Saint Augustine notes that this must refer to a spiritual garment, otherwise the servants would have realized also. Augustine calls it "the habit of charity." It is, in fact, only the king who notices: one needs a deeper gaze to realize that sometimes even those who are present in our lives are not really there at all, covering over their disinterest with a graceful superficiality.

The experience of rejection is one of those painful, difficult experiences that open our eyes and help us better understand the truth about how we are living our lives. It is an experience that encourages us to ask ourselves who we would want to throw a party with.

It would seem that God has asked Himself the same question. He prefers those who would be last, the small, those whom no one wants. And in this way He redirects the question to us: whom do you want to host a party for in your life? How do you choose the guests at your banquet? How we choose the people with whom we wish to share the feast of our lives says a lot about us. It tells us who we are.

In any case, while we are deciding whom to send our invitations to, let us not forget that we have been invited to the feast God has prepared for us. Perhaps, by participating in that feast, we can take some useful notes for the celebration of our life!

(Source: <https://catholic-link.org/guests-banquet-gospel-reflection-mt22/>)

Blessings to you and yours.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - AUGUST 31, 2025



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.)
MONDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Cocoy Matias (5th Ann.)
TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Maxine Nzegwu (Special Intention)
WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Baby Andie Ang (11th Ann.)
THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Julia Coates
SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm John D. Pflug, Sr.
SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Peter Caste

SUNDAY, 31 AUGUST 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 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.  Rectory office will be closed
THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Sept. 14th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 5—6:00 pm Local 68 Union mtg (HALL)
FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 5:30—7:30 pm 1st Friday Adoration
SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 3—5:30 pm Family Catechesis (HALL) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass
SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary Recitation OLLC 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass

 This week, August 31st Altar Candles, a gift from John & Lena Manginelli is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.**

 This week, August 31st Bread & Wine, a gift from John & Lena Manginelli is in memory of **JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.**

<i>PARISH GIVING</i>	
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025	Goal \$ 6,800
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*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average	
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 WEEKEND September 6-7, 2025 MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Melinda Prather (c)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Bless Bernardo	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Annette Chiamonte	
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Carmelita Dizon	



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.






*The Nativity Of
The Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Monday, September 8 at 8:30 am
Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of Mary

Mass will include Miraculous Medal Novena and Procession at end of Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Monday, September 8 at 9 am
Festive Breakfast in Connor Hall
hosted by the Legion of Mary.

All are Welcome to the Breakfast.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
September 5, 2025
5:30–7:30 pm in Church

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Sunday, **September 28, 2025** from 1-3 pm and
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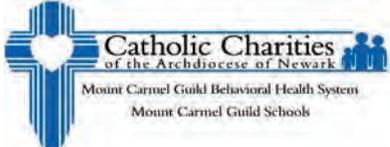
The Rosary Altar Society's September Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, September 9, at 1:00 pm
in the Rectory.



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

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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