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Sunday, September 21, 2025 – Twenty-fifth 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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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Religious Education

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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 Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

It is the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 11:30 am Mass (Sept. 21). Please pray for our young people and their continued growth in our Catholic faith.

Being a disciple means continuing our education in the faith. That applies to our young candidates for Confirmation and all of us. We read this question from Jesus: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)

I share with you my homily for August 28, the feast of St. Augustine, a role model for our young people being confirmed and all of us. We are reminded through the life of Augustine that we are all "works in progress". We are also reminded of this through the life of St. Monica (mother of Augustine) who prayed fervently for his conversion:

Today, the 28th of August, is the memorial feast day of Saint Augustine, one of the greatest intellectual and theological minds of the Church. Augustine has influenced countless souls through his works, such as "The City of God", his sermons, "The Confessions", and many others.

Augustine is remembered not only for his contemplation and spirituality but also for his dramatic conversion to God. Early in his life, Augustine resisted the Gospel, much to the distress of his mother, Saint Monica. Yet, through her persistent prayers and encouragement, he eventually opened his heart to God's grace. Augustine's life reminds us to pray for our own conversions, as well as for the conversions of our loved ones. His story teaches us that it is never too late to embrace the Gospel. Augustine and Monica are remembered on adjacent saints days – August 27 and August 28 – the only time in the church calendar that a parent and child are consecutive in this way.

After his conversion, Augustine desired a life of study, reflection, and teaching. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of Augustine as someone who exemplifies the reality that becoming a Christian is not just a one-time event, but an ongoing process of conversion.

Augustine's journey also speaks to the importance of conversion in every aspect of our lives. Just as Augustine pursued truth and unity through faith, we too are called to seek continual renewal – both spiritually and within our relationships.

His legacy encourages us to strive for holiness in the everyday aspects of life. Augustine believed that conversion was not only about intellectual assent but about transforming our hearts, relationships, and communities through God's grace.

Augustine was a man of God's word, dedicating his life to studying and teaching the Gospel. His faithfulness serves as a model for us, reminding us that Christian life is a constant call to conversion – a turning of our hearts towards God and one another.

Augustine also reminds us that conversion involves action. His dedication to living out his faith in practical ways, through his writings, teachings, and pastoral care, invites us to do the same. We are called to embody the Gospel in our daily lives, continually striving to love and serve others.

Like Augustine, we are invited to be people of our word – faithful to our commitments, trustworthy in our relationships, and dedicated to the work God has placed before us. Whether it's through the simple tasks of daily life or the greater projects that require our time and energy, we are called to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us.

In our own homes and communities, we can take inspiration from Augustine's pursuit of truth and love, knowing that our own efforts, however small, can contribute to the building up of God's kingdom here on earth.

All of us are called to holiness, not because of our own greatness, but because of the greatness of God who works through us. As we seek to follow Christ, we recognize that holiness is not about extraordinary talents or achievements, but about obedience to God's will, openness to His grace, and a willingness to serve others.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, "Christian holiness is simply the obedience that makes us available where God calls us to be, the obedience that does not rely on our own greatness but allows God to bestow His greatness on us." (Sermon for the Feast of St. Augustine, Dogma and Preaching book)

Augustine's life reminds us that conversion is a lifelong journey. It is not about perfection but about perseverance. We are continually called to grow in our love for God and others, allowing God's word to transform us day by day.

Let us give thanks for the example of Saint Augustine and ask for his intercession as we seek to follow Christ with renewed hearts. May his life inspire us to pursue truth, unity, and love in all that we do.

God loves us both body and soul, and desires to unite us with Him in heaven. This is made possible through Jesus, the Word made flesh, who dwells among us. His word transforms, heals, and renews us, and through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ in a profound and mysterious way.

As we continue to walk this path of conversion, let us trust in God's love and mercy, knowing that He is always calling us closer to Himself.

Please pray for our young people being confirmed today!

Thank you to Bishop Manuel Cruz for being our celebrant and always inspiring us and challenging us with this message.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

5:30 pm Matilda O'Boyle & Josephine DeVincentis

SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Mauroso Chiovaro Anniversary "Robert"
11:30 am Rose Konvalinka (35th Ann.)

MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Julia Coates

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Patrick Lynch

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am Hugo Russo

SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER

5:30 pm Crystal Nzegwu (Special Intention)

SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr.
11:30 am Dextra Family

This week, September 21st, Altar Candles, a gift from Rosa Cruz, is in memory of **JUDIT BARAHONA**

This week, September 21st, Bread & Wine a gift from Rosa Cruz, is in memory of **JUDIT BARAHONA**.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 27-28, 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm (Adult Choir)	Michael Lanfrank	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (C)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	MaryEllen Chandler	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Bill Talbot	
11:30 am (Children's Choir)	Carmelita Dizon	Michelle Gizzi Wendy Sheyka (C)	



SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER



7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)
11:30 am Confirmation (OLLC)
Bishop Manuel Cruz

MONDAY, 22 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.
6:45 pm G 7-12 parent +child mtg (OLLC)

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct. 5th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am Mass
9:30—11:45 am G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)
10:30—11:30 am 1st Penance (Chapel)
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025 Goal \$ 6,800
Collection*: Sept. 6-7, 2025* \$ 4,605
Deficit: \$2,195
*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



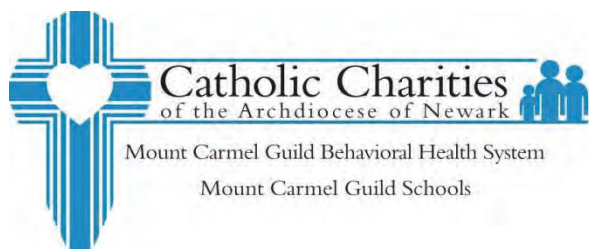
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Prayers Needed

Maria Colon	Reynaldo Rapada
Pierre Ferrus	Sister Jean Ruppel
Beverly McAllister	Adan Solsol
Mary McGuinness	Sonny Tionson
Amante Organo	

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

School Bells Signal a New Start



The sound of the school bell is a welcomed sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to work up to their potential. Many students will not be able to work up to their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities clothing bin. We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

October 3, 2025

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

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Mother Seton Regional High School Open House

Please join us for an afternoon of conversation and tours at Mother Seton Regional High School:

**Sunday, October 5 at 1 p.m. and
Wednesday, October 29 at 7 p.m.**

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Dylan Joel Dominic Fernandez

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