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Sunday, June 28, 2026 - Thirteenth 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

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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:

I share with you this [abridged] 2012 sermon of the late Pope Benedict XVI on the Solemnity we observe tomorrow: Saints Peter and Paul

(Source: https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2012/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20120629_pallio.html)

In the Gospel of Matthew, Peter makes his confession of faith, acknowledging Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. He does so in the name of the 12 Apostles. In reply, Peter's mission is revealed that of being the "rock", the visible foundation on which the entire spiritual edifice of the Church is built (cf. *Mt* 16:16-19). But in what sense is Peter the rock?

The Symbol of the Rock The account given by the evangelist Matthew tells us [that Peter came to know this] through a particular revelation from God the Father. By contrast, immediately afterwards, as Jesus foretells his passion, death and resurrection, Simon Peter reacts on the basis of "flesh and blood": he "began to rebuke him, saying, this shall never happen to you" (16:22). And Jesus in turn replied: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me ..." (16:23). The disciple who, through God's gift, was able to become a solid rock, here shows himself for what he is in his human weakness: a stone along the path, a stone on which men can stumble – in Greek, *skandalon*. There is tension between the gift of the Lord and human capacities. This scene anticipated the drama of the history of the papacy itself, characterized by the joint presence of these two elements: (1) light and the strength from on high that enables the papacy to constitute the foundation of the Church; and (2) human weakness which can only be transformed through openness to God's action.

In truth, the promise of Jesus to Peter is greater than those made to the prophets of old: they, indeed, were threatened only by human enemies, whereas Peter will have to be defended from the "gates of the underworld", from the destructive power of evil. Jeremiah receives a promise that affects him as a person and his prophetic ministry; Peter receives

assurances concerning the future of the Church, the new community founded by Jesus Christ, which extends to all of history, far beyond the personal existence of Peter himself.


The Symbol of the Keys. This echoes the prophet Isaiah concerning the steward Eliakim, of whom it was said: "And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open" (*Is* 22:22). The key represents authority over the house of David. And in the Gospel Jesus addressed the scribes and the Pharisees and reproached them for shutting off the kingdom of heaven from people (cf. *Mt* 23:13). This saying helps us to understand the responsibility of Peter to open the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to judge whether to admit or to refuse (cf. *Rev* 3:7). Hence the two images – that of the keys and that of binding and loosing – express similar meanings which reinforce one another. The expression "binding and loosing" forms part of rabbinical language and refers on the one hand to doctrinal decisions, and on the other hand to disciplinary power, that is, the faculty to impose and to lift excommunication. The parallelism "on earth ... in the heavens" guarantees that Peter's decisions in the exercise of this ecclesial function are valid in the eyes of God.

The Binding and Loosing (Matthew 18) Jesus said to the disciples: "Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (*Mt* 18:18). Saint John, in his account of the appearance of the risen Christ in the midst of the Apostles on Easter evening, recounts these words of the Lord: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven: if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (*Jn* 20:22-23). In the light of these parallels, it appears clear that the authority of loosing and binding consists in the power to remit sins. And this grace, which defuses the powers of chaos and evil, is at the heart of the Church's mystery and ministry. The Church is not a community of the perfect, but a community of sinners, obliged to recognize their need for God's love, their need to be purified through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Jesus' sayings concerning the authority of Peter and the Apostles make it clear that God's power is love, the love that shines forth from Calvary. Hence, we can also understand why, in the

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES – JUNE 28, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions	
SATURDAY, 27 JUNE 5:30 pm	Kathy Buonopane
SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Luigi & Vincenza Russo Robert & Bernice Shiel
MONDAY, 29 JUNE 8:30 am	Ignacio A. Chaves
TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 8:30 am	Delfina Greco
WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 8:30 am	Edward J. Ford, Jr. (19 th Ann.)
THURSDAY, 2 JULY 8:30 am	Donna Proscia
FRIDAY, 3 JULY 8:30 am	William C. Ditmer
SATURDAY, 4 JULY 5:30 pm	Bernie Mooney
SUNDAY, 5 JULY 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Robert Papale James Friel

Church Calendar	
SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Mass
MONDAY, 29 JUNE 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	Daily Mass will be held Mon–Fri each Week in Church
THURSDAY, 2 JULY	Deadline for Announcements For July 12 th Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110.
FRIDAY, 3 JULY	HOLIDAY RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
SATURDAY, 4 JULY 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions in Church Mass 
SUNDAY, 5 JULY 7:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Rosary Recitation (OLLC) Mass Mass

Bread & Wine for the week of June 28th :
Offering of Ann Pflug in memory of ALEXANDER STEVEN BARDZINSKI.



Prayers needed

Emeka Anyanyo, Jeffrey Beauzil,
 Paul Di Francesscantonio, Simon Gutowitz,
 Antonio Matias, Beverly McAllister,
 Mary McGuinness, Marc Reyes.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	JULY 4-5, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Mary Cassels
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Annette Chiaramonte
11:30 am	Jeryl Nalupta	Wendy Sheyka

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Gospel account, Peter's confession of faith is immediately followed by the first prediction of the Passion: through his death, Jesus conquered the powers of the underworld, with his blood he poured out over the world an immense flood of mercy, which cleanses the whole of humanity in its healing waters.

The artistic and iconographic tradition represents Saint Paul with a sword, and we know that this was the instrument with which he was killed. Yet as we read the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles, we discover that the image of the sword refers to his entire mission of evangelization. For example, when he felt death approaching, he wrote to Timothy: "I have fought the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7). This was certainly not the battle of a military commander but that of a herald of the Word of God, faithful to Christ and to his Church, to which he gave himself completely. And that is why the Lord gave him the crown of glory and placed him, together with Peter, as a pillar in the spiritual edifice of the Church.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

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Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

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We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

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