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Sunday, July 26, 2026 – Seventeenth 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

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

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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,

Is the Kingdom of God Liberal or Conservative, Old or New?

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/liberal-vs-conservative-old-vs-new/>)

Liberal or conservative? Progressive or traditional? The definitions of these terms are seldom stated. Usually they are just presumed. Often people label “conservative” those who like old-fashioned values and “liberal” those who favor the latest and most progressive trends.

Kingdom of God – Liberal or Conservative?

But for the Christian, the ultimate question is not personal preferences of style, or whether something is old or avant garde. It is rather whether or not it fits into the Kingdom of God.

To discern what fits with the Kingdom, we need to know what that Kingdom is all about.

First of all, we know that God is truth. So the kingdom of God is where God’s truth reigns and his commands are observed. As the Lord’s Prayer says, “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.” To be a good “fit” with the Kingdom, things must be in accord with God’s word expressed in Scripture and Tradition and interpreted authoritatively by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

Truth = Life, Joy & Freedom

We also know that God’s will is for our good. Jesus said in the Gospel of John 10:10 “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” In John 15:12 Jesus says that he has come “that your joy may be full.” The Kingdom of God then is where there is intense life, freedom and joy because a loving Father is in control.

In the early Church, there was a lot of debate about whether Christians could eat certain things, particularly meat sacrificed to pagan idols. Paul’s

response was clear: “The kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). If he were speaking today, he might instead say that the Kingdom is not a matter of Latin or the vernacular, novenas or prayer meetings, organ or guitar music.

Both New and Old

The person who understands the Kingdom of God, says the Lord Jesus, “is like the head of a household who can bring from his store both the new and the old.” (Matthew 14:46).

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was a great example of this. He loved the traditional faith and piety of the Church (old), but proclaimed it by means of television (new). Another great example was St. John Paul II. He was devoted to the rosary (old) but enriched it with the luminous mysteries (new). He defended the sexual morality of the church (old) but expressed that morality in a fresh and intriguing way through his “theology of the body” (new).

Pearl of Great Price

There are some old things that just can’t fit into the kingdom. Polygamy. Gladiators. Emperor worship. There are also some “new” things that can’t fit into the kingdom either. Elective abortion. Artificial contraception. Gender ideology.

The Kingdom is the pearl of great price. If we recognize just how much it’s worth, it makes sense to “sell” such things in order to purchase this treasure of surpassing value.

The Pearl and its Setting

But there are also many things both old and new that are not incompatible with the kingdom at all and actually can be wonderful expressions of it in certain times and places: Gregorian chant, the Papal tiara, the Extraordinary Form Latin liturgy on the old side, exuberant Life Teen Masses and charismatic prayer meetings on the new.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES – JULY 26, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 25 JULY	5:30 pm	Bernie Mooney
SUNDAY, 26 JULY	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Edgar O. Bury, Jr. Evelyn Spero
MONDAY, 27 JULY	8:30 am	Portia Chaves Bacal
TUESDAY, 28 JULY	8:30 am	Dominick & Treas Paradiso
WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY	8:30 am	John O'Reilly
THURSDAY, 30 JULY	8:30 am	Maria Stela Briones
FRIDAY, 31 JULY	8:30 am	Mary Ellen Bruno
SATURDAY, 1 AUGUST	5:30 pm	Emeka Anyanyo
SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Joseph Catalano (61st Ann.) Dr. Ignacio A. Chaves

Altar Candles for the week of July 26th : Offering of
Ann & John Pflug for DENISE & BEN DE CAVITO 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Sanctuary Candles for the week of July 26th : Offering
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE	AUGUST 1-2, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore (c)
7:30 am	Patricia Saway	Sister James Soon
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Bill Talbot
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 26 JULY 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Mass
MONDAY, 27 JULY 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, 30 JULY	Deadline for Announcements For Aug 9th Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110.
FRIDAY 31, JULY 1:30 – 3:30 pm	Soup Kitchen set-up (HALL)
SATURDAY, 1 AUGUST 9am – 12 noon 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Soup Kitchen (HALL) Confessions in Church Mass
SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST 7:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Rosary Recitation (OLLC) Mass Mass

Bread & Wine for the week of July 26th :
Offering of Annette Chiaramonte in memory
of MICHAEL CHIARAMONTE.



Prayers needed

Sue Britte, Mary McGuiness

Please Note: Our Prayer List
is now being renewed.

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

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If devotion to these expressions, based on personal preference, causes strife and tension, there is something wrong.

We must learn to distinguish between the Pearl of great price and its setting. The Pearl always comes in some setting. But if we love a particular setting so much that in clutching it we let go of the pearl, it doesn't matter if we are liberal or conservative, progressive or traditionalist – we're being just plain foolish.

Together with Solomon, let us pray for the wisdom needed in every situation to correctly identify the Kingdom of God and hold fast to it.

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In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



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St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 8/1/2026** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Now the soup kitchen is operating on a go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **8/1/2026** 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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GOAL:	\$6,800
COLLECTION*: July 11-12, 2026:	\$4,260
Deficit	\$2,540

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After July 31, 2026, registration increases to **\$150.**

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 12, 2026

VARIOUS OPTIONS TO PAY

- Pay Online
- Pay at the Rectory

NEED DOCUMENTS?
Need documents emailed or sent to you?
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
MONDAY – FRIDAY
or call for an appointment

Please register as soon as possible!

CLICK HERE TO GO TO REGISTRATION PAGE



Safe Environment Corner

Keeping Children Safe Away from Home

As children grow, parents may begin dropping them off for activities and returning later to pick them up. Before taking this step, families are encouraged to ask a few important safety questions:

- Are at least two adults present to supervise children at all times?
- Does the organization conduct background checks for adults who work with children?
- Does the organization provide appropriate training for adults who supervise children?
- Are there separate restroom facilities or clear restroom policies for adults and minors?
- Are isolated areas locked, restricted, or monitored?

Together, guided by our faith and our shared responsibility, we can help create safe and welcoming environments where every child is protected and cherished.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.

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