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Sunday, August 9, 2026 – Nineteenth 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 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 reflection from Crossroads

Initiative. (Source:

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/walking-on-the-water/>)

Walking on the Water – Fear, Faith & Trials

By Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

One of the most famous stories of the New Testament is the one about Jesus' walking on the water. If there is any gospel story we never tire of hearing, this is it.

Jesus Walking on the Water

The lake is rough. Though several of the apostles spent most of their life in a boat, they're still worried. But when they see a phantom walking towards them on the whitecaps, they get really scared. Then the figure speaks and they recognize a familiar voice – it is the Lord! Remember the old saying "fools rush in where angels fear to tread?" Well here goes Peter: "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you across the water." The Lord takes him up on it. "Come!" he says. So Peter gives it a try. The first few steps go great and he's pumped.

Wind & Waves

But funny thing—when the Lord told him to come, he neglected to calm the wind and the waves. So Peter, far from the security of the boat and the company of his buddies, finds himself buffeted by strong gusts and swirling waves. Fear gets the best of him and he begins to sink. Remembering that Jesus is not too far off, he has the sense to cry out "Lord save me!"

The Lord fishes him out and then gently rebukes him.

Jesus doesn't say that Peter has no faith. After all, he had more faith than the other eleven – at least he stepped out of the boat! But Jesus' statement is telling: "how little faith you have! Why did you falter?"

Trials & the Storms of Life

I think we love this story because we can so easily relate to it. In various moments of pious enthusiasm, we surrender our lives, our will, and our future to God. "Just tell me Lord, what you want me to do and I'll obey."

And then He surprises us a bit by taking us up on our offer. Undaunted, we respond to the call. It could be to the sacrament of matrimony which entails lifelong fidelity and generous openness to children. It could be to

priesthood and religious life which involve celibacy and obedience to a superior. Or it could be to a degree program, or a tour of duty in the armed forces.

We often embark on our journey amidst fanfare and congratulations. Then the harsh reality of the everyday grind sets in. Next come trials and unexpected road hazards. No sooner is a child born with serious medical problems than you lose your job. A model child turns into a rebellious teen who rejects all of your values, including your faith.

If we are honest, most of us notice butterflies flying inside our stomachs amidst such circumstances. Sometimes we backtrack or even abandon the journey entirely.

Mature Faith

Does trust mean immunity from feelings of fear and discouragement? No. Jesus himself experienced anguish and dread in the Garden of Gethsemane. But notice that he was not deterred by it. He did not hesitate or falter as Peter did and as we often do.

"Little" faith means immature faith. Faith, to be mature, must be tempered with courage, also known as fortitude.

Courage only is manifested in the face of danger. If there is no danger, no threat, no trial, then there is no possibility of courage. Mature faith means believing more in what you can't see than in the terrifying things you can see. It means keeping the eyes of your heart fixed on the master of the wind and waves even as you feel the spray in your face.

Fear Not!

The most frequently repeated phrase in the gospels is "Do not be afraid!" The Lord is not speaking to our emotions here, since you can't command emotions. He is speaking to our will. We must make a conscious decision not to allow fear to paralyze us.

Peter sank because he stopped walking. Faith means to keep walking even when your knees are knocking.

This post is a reflection upon the readings for the nineteenth (19th) Sunday in Ordinary Time, liturgical cycle A (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13, Psalm 85, Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33).

(Source:

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In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – AUGUST 9, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST	
5:30 pm	Bernard J. Mooney
SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST	
7:30 am	Sean Michael Cassels (10th Ann.)
9:30 am	Matilda & Michael O'Boyle
11:30 am	Bernard J. Mooney
MONDAY, 10 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Matthew Driscoll
TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Paul Francis Donohue
WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST	
8:30 am	John Brennan
THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST	
8:30 am	John P. O'Reilly
FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Alice Schwartz
SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
5:30 pm	Bernard J. Mooney
SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am	Richard & Jeanne Blind

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass
11:30 am	Mass
MONDAY, 10 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Daily Mass will be held Mon–Fri each Week in Church
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	
WEDNESDAY, 12 AUG.	
FINAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION DEADLINE	
THURSDAY, 13 AUG.	
	Deadline for Announcements For Aug 23rd Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST	
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass
SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass
11:30 am	Mass



MINISTRY SCHEDULE	AUGUST 15-16, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
8:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Eileen Reilly
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Melinda Prather (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Mary Cassels
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Carmelita Dizon
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Wendy Sheyjka



Prayers needed

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

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July 16, 2026

Father James P. Ferry
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
1 Eagle Rock Avenue
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Dear Father Ferry:

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are able to have some rest and relaxation during these summer months. Thank you for your donation of \$1,208.02 representing the 2026 generosity of the people of Our Lady of Lourdes to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. We are so grateful for your support.

We have much to be thankful for as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country. Those people, on whose shoulders we stand, especially our Sisters, have given us a rich legacy. We invite you to join us in prayer that we may continue to grow the legacy that was given to us. As Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth we delight in moving the mission of charity into the future. "For all that has been, we give thanks. For all that is, we give thanks. For all that is yet to come, we give thanks."

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Gratefully,
Sister Judy Mertz,
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Please register as soon as possible!

CLICK HERE TO GO TO REGISTRATION PAGE

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AUGUST 12, 2026**



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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