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Sunday, August 16, 2026 - Twentieth 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

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)

Ms. Priscilla Castro 973.325.0110

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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 and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

On August 15, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption. I am sharing some additional commentary on the significance of this Feast Day and of our Blessed Mother.

(Source:

<https://oursundayreadings.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/guide-081521-assumption.pdf>)

THE FIRST READING (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab)

The ark The first reading incorporates three different parts of the Book of Revelation. The first refers to the ark of the covenant. The ark represented God's presence and was kept in an inner sanctum of the Jerusalem temple. Only the high priest could enter this most sacred of places.

In the author's vision the temple with this holy object becomes visible. God's glory is thus revealed to everyone. In the Catholic Church the ark also represents Mary because she physically held God's Son within her own body.

The woman and the dragon The author's next vision (great sign) uses imagery to express the struggle between good and evil. The woman represents the new Israel, the community that bears the truth of the gospel. Today the woman also represents Mary. The dragon recalls the serpent of Genesis 3. Over time this serpent came to represent Satan/ the devil and everything that opposes God.

Cosmic confrontation The dragon represents evil as it tries to keep the child from ruling justly over all of creation. The dragon fails, and the child enters God's realm. This imagery alludes to Jesus' resurrection and ascension into Heaven. God's people are ultimately safe, too, though they will continue to endure threats to their lives because of their faith. The desert recalls the wilderness of Sinai where God protected and provided for the Israelites after freeing them from Egypt.

The victory is ours Although people think this ancient work predicts the future, the last verse in this reading makes it clear that the confrontation between good and evil has already been won. God's people are right to hope in the power of Christ's self-giving love.

LUKE 1:39-56 THE GOSPEL READING Pregnancies old and new

The unique and startling way in which Jesus was conceived points ahead to the new era that he will bring about.

Motherhood At this point in history the primary way Jewish women contributed to their religious heritage was by having children. Mothers of important or powerful sons were regarded as having been especially favored by God, whereas women who couldn't conceive were often looked upon as having been rejected by God (see Luke 1:24-25).

By calling Mary the mother of my Lord, Elizabeth acknowledges the greatness of Mary's child and, by extension, of Mary herself. This is the first reason Mary is blessed: she bears an important child.

First disciple Elizabeth also declares Mary blessed because Mary believed what Gabriel told her (1:38). Mary is thus the first person in Luke's Gospel to accept the new era that is beginning. Mary's response also points ahead to Jesus' statement that those who hear the word of God and observe it are blessed (11:27-28 and the Gospel passage for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption). Mary is blessed both as Jesus' mother and as someone who has heard and obeyed God's word.

God's promises Mary's proclamation is drawn from the more militant song of Hannah in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. Like Hannah, Mary speaks as one of her people. Throughout the Old Testament God promises to bring his people peace and prosperity. Mary, a mere village girl, also represents the poor. God has particular concern for those in material need. In bringing about his kingdom, God overturns existing social structures. Those who take pride in their wealth and neglect the poor find no place for themselves in the reign of God. Finally, Mary's assumption into Heaven is a sign of the fulfillment of God's promise of eternal life.

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Pray for Us!

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – AUGUST 16, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

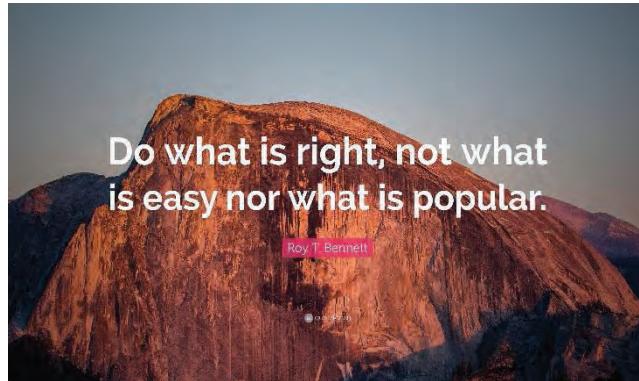
SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am	Esmeralda Loreto
5:30 pm	(14 Ann.) Bernard J. Mooney
SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am	Richard & Jeanne Blind
MONDAY, 17 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Bernard J. Mooney
TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Verilia Mary Eugene
WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Paul Francis Donohue
THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Brian Laing
FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST	
8:30 am	Geraldine Keena
SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST	
5:30 pm	Bernard J. Mooney
SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	James E. Hanrahan
11:30 am	Elizabeth Teklezgi & Tsegai Teklezgi



MINISTRY SCHEDULE	AUGUST 22-23, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (c)
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain
11:30 am	Jeryl Nalupta	Carmelita Dizon

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass
11:30 am	Mass
MONDAY, 17 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.	
THURSDAY, 20 AUG.	
	Deadline for Announcements For Aug 30 th Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST	
4:15 – 5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass
SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Mass
11:30 am	Mass



Prayers needed

Mary Sue Brittle, Frances Diaby,
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Marc Reyes, Gregory Vistica

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
West Orange, NJ 07052-5039

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."

Thank you, Blessings on you and your family. Know that you are remembered in the daily liturgy and prayers of our sisters.

Gratefully,
Sister Judy Mertz,
SC Donor Relations Coordinator

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Rain Date September 30th

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the parish office at 973-674-2052 or
Josephine Guerriero at 973-420-8519

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NEED DOCUMENTS?
Need documents emailed or sent to you?
PLEASE CALL 973-325-0110

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

**FINAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION DEADLINE.
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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