

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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# 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 Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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,

I hope and pray the summer may be a time of rest and refreshment and peace for you and your family. I share with you this reflection on summertime and our spiritual life.

# Tackling the "Summer Problem" by Emma King, 3 June 2015 Source: Ignitum Today Blog Part 1 of 2

When I was in college, I found that those long-awaited, blissful days of summer, however enjoyable, always caused a certain amount of spiritual angst for me. With that in mind, here are some thoughts for those college and high-school students struggling without the structure of academia to keep us all honest!

# 1. Play Offense, Not Defense

When I would go home, knowing that my routine was changing and worried about the harm it would cause my spiritual habits, I would switch into defense mode, which probably made the situation worse. Let me give an example.

Instead of praying at Mass like I usually do – offering up prayers of thanksgiving, intentions, meditations and the like – I would go to Mass with the sole purpose of "remaining spiritually fit." All this accomplished was the exact opposite of what I wanted. I would be so distracted in Mass wondering the whole

time about whether or not I was praying well that I wasn't praying at all. In fact, I was getting distracted and setting myself up to feel alienated from Our Lord.

The same is true for my times of contemplation, rosaries, etc. I would worry too much about maintaining my spiritual health.

However, what do the greatest saints say? If you are not moving forward, you're moving backward. I shouldn't have been focused on maintaining my spiritual life at all. I should have been focused on growing in intimacy with Christ. That's what we should all do, regardless of the situation or change in routine. That's what my focus was at school, and should have continued to be at home. My loss of focus on that disrupted my routine even more!

# 2. Spiritual Fitness is Like Physical Fitness

By that I mean that when people work out, often they find that they reach a plateau. They continue to lift, run, tone, and eat well, but they find that they don't move forward or get stronger in their training. This usually means that they need to mix it up. Doing the same exercises over and over again only results in your muscles becoming incredibly good at that one exercise, and not growing in strength all the way around. If you mix it up and change exercises, often you'll find that your strength increases dramatically.

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**SATURDAY 25 JUNE** 

5:30 pm Gladys Strauch

**SUNDAY 26 JUNE** 

7:30 am The People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families

11:30 am Mary Alice Torres

**MONDAY 27 JUNE** 

8:30 am Denise Flammia

**TUESDAY 28 JUNE** 

8:30 am Virgen del Carmen

**WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE** 

8:30 am Daniel O'Leary

**THURSDAY 30 JUNE** 

8:30 am Millie Hooper

**FRIDAY 1 JULY** 

8:30 am Edward J. Ford, Jr. (15th Ann.)

**SATURDAY 2 JULY** 

5:30 pm Barbara Zinno

**SUNDAY 3 JULY** 

7:30 am The People of the Parish

9:30 am Margaret Dangler

11:30 am Mary Alice Torres



On July 15, we will be updating the Prayer List. Please let us know which names to keep on.



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



**SUNDAY 26 JUNE** 

7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church

**MONDAY 27 JUNE** 

8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday

thru Friday of each week in

church.

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass

**THURSDAY 30 JUNE** 

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announce-

ments for July 10th bulletin—call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY 2 JULY** 

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass in Church

**SUNDAY 3 JULY** 

7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church

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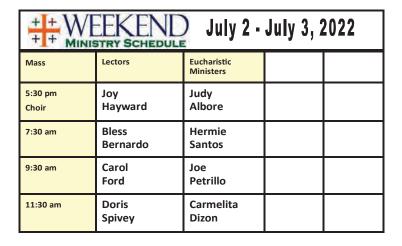
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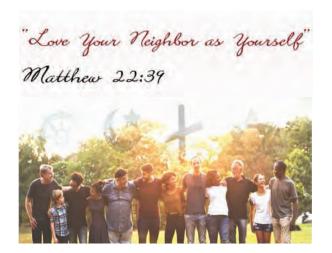
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The same can be said for our spiritual lives. I would spend 9 months getting to my spiritual fitness peak and then our Lord would give me an opportunity that I squandered every single time: to change my routine and grow even more. Think of summer as that change in exercise regimen that will not only prevent you from falling backward, but launch you forward into unprecedented intimacy with God! Think of prayers, books, or spiritual habits you've been interested in or wanting to form and take those 3 months to do it!

(Source: The "Ignitum Today" Blog <a href="https://">https://</a>

www.ignitumtoday.com/2015/06/03/ tackling-the-summer-problem)

In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry



# Ordinary Time, Extraordinary Possibilities

BY MARY ANN STEUTERMANN JULY 20, 2020

If I was to ask anyone at my school what season of the year it is, I'd hear the same loud, joyful response: "It's summer!" Students, faculty, and staff alike long for a break from the intensity of the school year's demands, the opportunity to spend more time with friends and family, and the warm sunshine throughout the long days and firefly decorated evenings. But as Catholics, we know that it's more than just summertime. It's also the season of "Ordinary Time" in the liturgical year.

Ordinary Time for the Church is actually one season that has two parts. The first part runs from the day after we celebrate Jesus' Baptism to the day before Ash Wednesday. The second part, the time period we are celebrating now, runs from the day after Pentecost until the day before the first Sunday of Advent. And despite all the wonderful things about the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, I have to say that Ordinary Time is my favorite of all.

How Can We Make Ordinary Time Less Ordinary? One thing I love about it is how sneaky and clever it is. The term itself can be misleading. Usually, we think something is *ordinary* if it's dull, mundane, not terribly special. Unfortunately, we often apply this faulty logic to the Church calendar by reasoning that since this season doesn't commemorate the big-time events like Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, then it must be "ordinary" in the sense that it's a time when we just need to patiently wait for the good stuff.

Boy, did we get that wrong! The term ordinary, in the Church sense, refers to following a numbered sequence, not a time that's uninteresting or nondescript. The Latin word ordinalis means items in a series. Ordinal numbers are the numerals we use to organize things in a sequence: first, second, third. So, Ordinary Time in the Church year doesn't mean the ho-hum weeks in between the exciting events of our faith. Instead, it's the time when we celebrate the ordered passage of time. It's when we can deepen our faith in the midst of everyday life. At moments when we experience chaos and confusion, life at its essence is somehow still rooted in meaning and order and wisdom, even if we don't completely get it. Put another way, it's when we remember that the Incarnation wasn't just something that happened between God the Father and Jesus of Nazareth more than 2,000 years ago; it's the continual invitation to share in God's love and creativity day after day, week after week, season after season.



# The 2022 Annual Appeal

June 16, 2022

# Dear Friends,

The excellent news is that your Annual Appeal 2022 gifts have positioned Lourdes parish ahead of our \$28,210 goal in cash received, 2 weeks before the June 30 deadline. This means that Lourdes parish will receive both:

# **REDUCTION IN ASSESSMENT EXPENSE**, estimated at \$15,000.

**REBATE** (check). This rebate is based on the 12/31/22 total of gifts to the Annual Appeal for Lourdes. As of June 16, this rebate is \$1,073. If you are completing a 2022 pledge or making a gift, your gift will count toward the rebate to Lourdes. Our rebate will be invested in the Lourdes parish fund for Capital Expenditure/Major Repairs.

Thank you for your prayers, your support and your efforts for your Lourdes parish family this year and always.

Father Jim Ferry, Pastor





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