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Sunday, July 28, 2024 - 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

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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 & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes
We are in the season of baseball. The goal in baseball is to score by coming back to home plate, similar to how the goal in our spiritual journey is to return to God.

Hitting a home run requires the ball to have the right trajectory, going high and far.

Jesus sends His disciples out on a mission with the goal of ultimately bringing them back home to Him. The mission involves making changes, sacrifices, and aiming higher, symbolizing the need for repentance. There is a trajectory.

Raising the Bar Through Repentance Now, you and I might think that repentance is a way to keep the ball really low or the bar low, but I'm suggesting repentance is a way to raise the bar. Repentance is a positive trajectory, a way to help us be raised up. Repentance is a salutary reminder that we're all sinners in need of God's mercy.

3 Types of Repentance I'd like to touch on the fact that there are three trajectories – or “directions” of repentance, each one can get us off the ground, get a home run, and draw us closer to Jesus. But depending on the curveball you're facing in your sinfulness, or the curveball I'm facing in my sinfulness, we may need a different swing, a different type of repentance to get the ball in the air and to come home.

Repentance Right Away (Thief on the Cross) As soon as this thief is aware of the holiness of Jesus, Christ crucified with him, he repents of his sins. He doesn't demand or expect forgiveness. He just repents. He does it immediately, right away.

Sometimes we can do this too when we realize the error of our ways quickly, perhaps due to the personal holiness or virtuous example of someone around us. If we really desire someone's friendship, or love, we often repent right away.

Such repentance is a home run and leads us home to Jesus, getting the ball in the air.

Repentance Readily, Rapidly (Prodigal Son) The prodigal son didn't repent right away. It took a little while, but he did repent readily when he arrived at his father's house. He makes repentance a priority.

Is repentance a priority for me? For you? In the Gospel, Jesus says that if you or I were to come to pray at the altar and there recall that a brother or sister has something against us, we should go first to our brother or sister, then come and offer our gift and prayer. (Matthew 5:23-24)

Another example of this would be not letting the sun set on your anger or sinfulness. (Ephesians 4:26)

We are called to repent readily, which might mean putting off something else in order to repent. Maybe we put off finishing a project at work, watching TV, going out to dinner, or some other pleasure, because repentance is the priority. This kind of repentance is a home run. It gets the ball in the air and brings us home.

Repent Repeatedly (King David) Though a great king, David has multiple sins and coverups of his sins. This has to do with his affair with Bathsheba, the taking of the life of Bathsheba's husband and more!

And, David does all of this in his own home! David repents when he gets caught!

Let's face it, each of us might face sins that are very vexing, repeatable in our lives, and troublesome. We may need to repent more than once and ask God to help us amend our lives, even if it takes a while. Just as we might have to forgive 77 times, we may have to repent 77 times. Repenting 70 x 7 is a home run.

Prayer, Fasting, and Charity Jesus is asking us each day to pray, to fast/sacrifice, and to give charitably not only for our own salvation but also for that of our loved ones. And, actually, not only for those we love and know but also those we do not love and do not know, those we do not like. Jesus said to his disciples:

“For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:46-48).

Jesus reminds us that we are called to love our enemies and to pray for those who might persecute us or cause us difficulty. But, because there are so many problems in the world, we might resist doing this.

Understanding the Eucharist What is the Eucharist – what is Holy Communion? How are we to understand the effect of the Blessed Sacrament in our lives and our call to fast and pray for others?

I invite you to check the websites of Relevant Radio.com, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, and other media to watch and listen. You are also invited here to pray, especially Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and confessions will be heard.

The Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion remind us that the world is saved by the Precious Body and Blood of our Savior who proclaimed from the Cross, “Forgive them Father, they know not what they do.”



CHURCH
CALENDAR



SATURDAY, 27 JULY
5:30 pm Portia Chaves Bacal

SUNDAY, 28 JULY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am JoAnne Chiaramonte
11:30 am Angela S. Pela

MONDAY, 29 JULY
8:30 am Brendan T. Byrne

TUESDAY 30 JULY
8:30 am Mary Ellen Bruno

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY
8:30 am Antonio & Marissa Matias
(In Thanksgiving)

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST
8:30 am Sean Michael Cassels

FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST
8:30 am Sean Michael Cassels

SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST
5:30 pm Carol Ford (Special Intention)

SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Joseph Catalano (59th Ann.)
11:30 am Jeanne & Buddy Blind

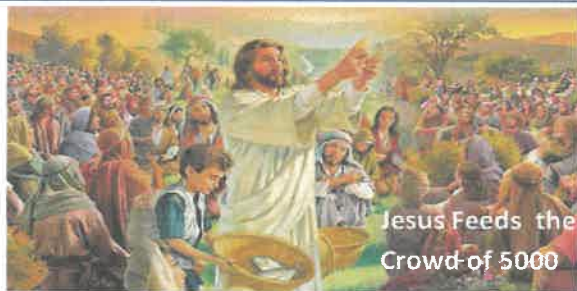
SUNDAY, 28 JULY
7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 29 JULY
8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.**
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST
10:00 am **Deadline for News, & Announcements for the August 11th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.**

SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST
7:30 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary Recitation
9:30 am Mass
11:30 am Mass



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024
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**Jerry Baresich
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**If you wish to have a friend or loved one
prayed for, please call the Rectory at
973-325-0110.**

**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 4

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (choir)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Sister James Soon
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Myrna Regino
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis

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The goodness of the Holy Spirit is poured out for me, for you, for us to see the good in ourselves and also to see the goodness in others.

In a little while, we will bring forth up the center aisle the gifts of Bread and Wine which are blessed and consecrated in the sacrament and Eucharistic prayer. These gifts of Bread and Wine also signify you and me, in a way that we are also called to be transformed:

“There is something to be done on our side. The wheat must be ground into bread, the wine must be pressed out of the grape, before we can give our Lord the opportunity to work his miracle of transubstantiation. The offertory first, man stretching out his hands to God; then the consecration, God accepting and transforming man's gift. We must come to meet him early in the morning, when sleep has smoothed away the memories of yesterday, and no cares have yet assailed us to disturb the equilibrium of our lives. We must hand over the direction of our lives to him if we are to know what it means to live an ordered life, “heart-whole” and “mind-whole” in a world like ours. Then, we can go to Communion.”

(Ronald Knox, “Peace in Ourselves”, *Pastoral and Occasional Sermons*, Part VII. The Eucharist, p. 282)

May this remind us of our upward angle, our true trajectory, our journey HOME.

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine’s Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 8/10/2024** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **8/10/2024** 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.

Vatican announces theme for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be held on JULY 28th

The Catholic Church celebrates the “World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly” each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus’ grandparents.

Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 — “Do not cast me off in my old age” — as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



In a note announcing the theme for the day, the Vatican said the choice was “meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, often the victims of the throwaway culture.”

“Our communities, with their tenderness and affectionate attention that does not forget its most fragile members, are called to manifest the love of God, who never abandons anyone,” the cardinal said.



**FRIDAYS
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Join us as **Fridays Gives Back** by partnering with **The Knights of Columbus, Council 5529**, a valuable organization in our community.

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Called to Serve

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Do you feel called to serve in our ministry of
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?
Lector / Reader?

Lectors

Lectors are called to proclaim with clarity and grace the Word of God. Through their gifts and talents of preparing the readings in advance, learning proper pronunciation of names and places, articulating well with good tone and pacing, they bring to life the stories of Scripture and give meaning to the General Intercessions. Proudly they carry in procession the Book of God's Word.

There is always a need for good Lectors. Some training is required. If interested, please contact Eileen Reilly 973-980-4209

Eucharistic Ministers

What more wonderful way is there to serve God than to share the Body and Blood of Christ with your parish community during Mass or at the home of the elderly, infirm or ill? Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion more commonly referred to as Eucharistic Ministers, clearly identifies a person as one who desires to serve God's people and continue the mission of Christ to His disciples. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, training will be provided; please contact Eileen Reilly - 973-980-4209.

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