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Sunday, July 20, 2025 – Sixteenth 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

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Religious Education

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,
I share with you this article / reflection from Catholic Digest.

Martha & Mary: it's not that simple.
By Christopher M. Bellitto [Abridged]

(Source: <https://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/martha-mary-its-not-that-simple/>)

"Martha and Mary" is a famous episode. There is the Martha who organizes, fixes, and does the heavy emotional lifting. And then there [is] Mary who is the first to tell everyone else about faith but rarely does the dishes or even puts the coffee on.

Looking at Martha and Mary with a bit more depth reveals that it's not so easy to separate their two ways, then or now.

Curiously, this famous story appears in only one Gospel: Luke 10:38-42. Jesus says that Mary chose the better way. It's interesting to note that the Latin Vulgate version of the Bible, which is the one used for centuries by commentators like the ones we will meet shortly, has Jesus saying that Mary had chosen the best way (*Maria optimam partem elegit*).

What does the story mean?

In fact, we don't have to choose between Martha and Mary. Lots of ancient and medieval sermons and other writings presented the sisters as two halves of a whole — action based on contemplation, one not possible without the other — as ideal. The early Greek fathers in today's Middle East clearly favored Mary's contemplative path, as seen in writers and leaders such as Origen, Evagrius, and John Cassian.

For them, action did not necessarily mean an outward task but could include an inner spiritual fight against vice. Still, Origen, commenting on this passage from Luke's Gospel, said: "Action and contemplation do not exist one without the other."

Some female and male ascetics in the Church's first few centuries were able to live a harsh, solitary life away from society. Larger numbers may have lived alone in a hut or cave in that first era after Jesus, but they also came together for liturgy, fellowship, and conversation. Contemplative while alone, they were active in sharing time, thoughts, and likely physical help if needed. Basil the Great, a fourth-century bishop, described the twins of action and contemplation as being in a relationship the way the sea needs the land and the land needs the sea.

Other early Church thinkers writing in Latin described Mary's choice not as the best way but as a better way. (Maybe they were anticipating the later translation from best to better.) As Ambrose, the fourth-century bishop of Milan, explained in his homily on this passage,

It's not so easy to separate their two ways, then or now.

Martha acted because she heard Jesus' words, while Mary listened and then acted by anointing Jesus' feet. Ambrose's protégé, Augustine of Hippo in modern-day Algeria, in 2 sermons described Martha as the pilgrim Church working toward perfection in the world at the moment. Mary is the heavenly Church to come. "What Martha did is what we are," Augustine preached. "What Mary did is what we hope for."

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SATURDAY, 19 JULY

5:30 pm Gabriela Miller

SUNDAY, 20 JULY

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Deceased members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families

11:30 am Peter Caste

MONDAY, 21 JULY

8:30 am Maria Matias (22nd Ann.)

TUESDAY, 22 JULY

8:30 am In Memory of Frances Lanfrank (31st Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY

8:30 am John Sharkey

THURSDAY, 24 JULY

8:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr.

FRIDAY, 25 JULY

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family

SATURDAY, 26 JULY

5:30 pm Julia Coates

SUNDAY, 27 JULY

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Portia Chaves Bacal

11:30 am Joseph Dextra



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Ann Pflug is in memory of **PHYLIS ASILO**.



SUNDAY, 20 JULY

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 21 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, 24 JULY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Aug 3rd Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

SATURDAY, 26 JULY

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

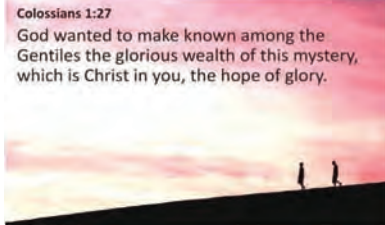
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 27 JULY

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

Goal \$ 6,800

Collection*: July 5-6, 2025* \$ 4,612

Deficit: \$2,188

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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WEEKEND July 26-27 2025

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore (C)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Sister James Soon
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Annette Chiaramonte
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis

Prayers Needed

Maria Colon
Pierre Ferrus

Mary McGuiness

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

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Gregory the Great's interpretation was particularly influential. Pope from 590 to 604, Gregory offered his own example of a busy secular administrator escaping the world to become a monk only to be pulled into the papacy.

Through the Middle Ages, the mixed way as a practical model took hold, even tipping in Martha's favor. In the 12th century, Bruno of Segni wrote in unexpected language that Martha's way was more fitting for parishes: "Martha is more useful than Mary in churches and congregations of many people. Martha [helps] everyone; Mary helps herself."

"What Martha did is what we are," Augustine preached, "what Mary did is what we hope for."

What can we learn?

What is the lesson for today? Marthas resent what they see as sanctimony in the Marys. They stand exasperated and rely on the fact that thoughts and prayers just don't get the job done sometimes. Meanwhile, the Marys can't understand how prayer can be criticized.

Maybe this medieval heritage of being ambidextrous — being Martha and Mary, not Martha or Mary — can be a good lesson for modern believers. We can be both prayers and doers following good Church models.

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, lived at a time of great change in the 1500's. Ignatius offered the phrase contemplative in action. Angela Merici, who with her circle established the Ursulines, also saw the need for prayer and action. As we walk into the third millennium of Christianity, let's not pit Martha against Mary, but instead embrace them both.

Christopher M. Bellitto, Ph.D., is a professor of history at Kean University in Union, New Jersey. His latest book is "Ageless Wisdom: Lifetime Lessons from the Bible" (Paulist Press, 2016).

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 8/2/2025** 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 **8/2/2025** 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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We encourage you to register your child early to receive a discount and ensure a place in our program.

What is the Tuition? Note the Discount!

- **\$60 / child** if registered by **May 31**
- **\$80 / child** if registered by **June 30**
- **\$100 / child** after July 1.

Final Registration Deadline: September 10, 2025

Checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes." Cash payments must be made in person at the Rectory.

What You Need to Register:

1. Baptism certificate
2. First Holy Communion certificate (if completed)
3. Completed registration form
4. Tuition payment. If you have questions, need to make a partial payment or you are in need of financial assistance, please call. No student or child will be turned away!

We also gratefully accept your monetary donations to sponsor a child or children. You may donate at rectory or via Sunday Collection by placing cash or check payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes" in in any **envelope marked** "Rel. Ed. Gift".

☎ **Call the Rectory Office: 973-325-0110**

Email: fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org or rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org

Where You Can Register

► **Online:** Visit Website: **LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG**
Click "Faith Formation" → "Religious Ed. Registration"

► **In Person:** Rectory Office Hours, 9 am – 2 pm, Monday-Friday. Forms also available for pickup in church.

What is the 2025-2026 Calendar: Visit Website: **LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG**
Click "Faith Formation" → "2025-2026 Religious Ed. Calendar"

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