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Sunday, July 27, 2025 – 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

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)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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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 News Service about the Catholic World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, declared by Pope Francis to be observed on the 4th Sunday of July. This is an article about the message of Pope Leo XIV for 2025:

(Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/265301/pope-leo-xiv-urges-hope-and-care-for-elderly-on-world-day-for-grandparents>)

Pope Leo XIV urges hope and care for elderly on World Day for Grandparents

By Almudena Martínez-Bordiú

(Catholic News Agency, July 10, 2025) - For the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly established by Pope Francis and celebrated this year on July 27, Pope Leo XIV has issued a message of hope to the elderly.

At the beginning of his message, the Holy Father evoked the Jubilee Year to remind the faithful that "hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age."

He cited some elderly biblical figures, such as Abraham and Sarah, Moses, and Zechariah, whom the Lord surprised in "an act of saving power": "God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years," he explained.

The pontiff noted that by making these choices, "God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope."

Life is more than the present moment

He then emphasized that the increasing number of elderly people "is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to properly interpret this moment of history."

The Holy Father noted that "embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the

present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future."

He also emphasized that "if it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom."

"How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance," he said.

In the context of the Jubilee Year, he invited the faithful to "to break through the barriers of indifference ..." and to give of themselves to prevent feelings of loneliness and abandonment among the elderly.

"Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten," he lamented.

Protagonists of the "revolution" of gratitude and care

The pope emphasized that every parish, association, or church group is called to be "protagonists in a 'revolution' of gratitude and care," and that this must be done "by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten."

"Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are ... [and] to work for a change that can restore esteem and affection," he explained.

The Holy Father recalled that Pope Francis wanted the faithful, and especially young people, to reach out to those who are alone. He noted that those who cannot make the pilgrimage to Rome this year will be able to obtain the Jubilee indulgence if they visit the elderly alone for an appropriate amount of time.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JULY 27, 2025



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

MONDAY, 28 JULY

8:30 am Rose Wyckoff

TUESDAY, 29 JULY

8:30 am Vertus Massena

WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY

8:30 am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THURSDAY, 31 JULY

8:30 am Mary Ellen Bruno

FRIDAY, 1 AUGUST

8:30 am Tony & Marissa Matias (Thanksgiving)

SATURDAY, 2 AUGUST

5:30 pm Sean Cassels (9th Ann.)

SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Carol Ford (Special Intention)

11:30 am Margaret Van Eyken



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Ann Pflug is in memory of **BERNARD J. MOONEY**.



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in honor of **VIVIAN PETRILLO**.



CHURCH
CALENDAR



SUNDAY, 27 JULY

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 28 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, 31 JULY

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

FRIDAY, 1 AUGUST

1:30—3:30 pm Soup Kitchen Setup (HALL)

SATURDAY, 2 AUGUST

9am—12 Noon Soup Kitchen (HALL)

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST

7:30 am Mass

9:00 am Recitation of Rosary OLLC

9:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

Goal \$ 6,800

Collection*: July 12-13, 2025* \$ 4,046

Deficit: \$2,754

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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WEEKEND August 2-3 2025
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Melinda Prather Eileen Reilly (C)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Joe Petrillo
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Wendy Sheyka

Prayers Needed

Maria Colon Mary McGuiness
Pierre Ferrus Reynaldo Rapada

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

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Addressing grandparents and the elderly, Pope Leo XIV encouraged them not to lose hope, even in those moments when they are tempted "to look not to the future but to the past."

"We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray," he emphasized

The pope also recalled Pope Francis's words during his last hospitalization: "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope."

Pope Leo XIV also indicated that "affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes."

"Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort," he added.

Therefore, the pontiff continued, "especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass."

"Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age," the pope concluded.

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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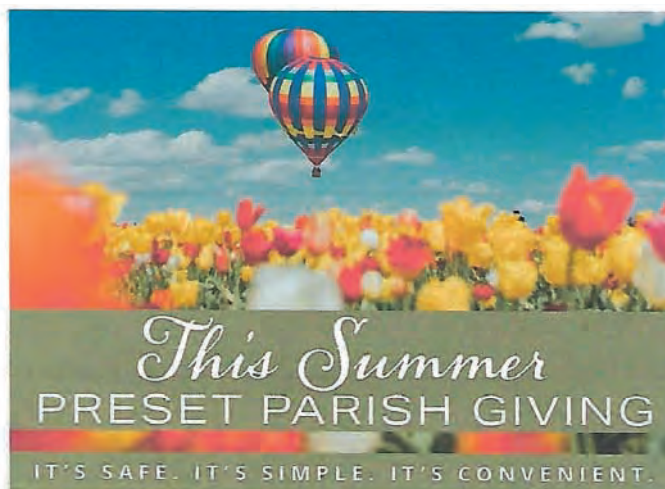
9am-1pm

Our Lady of the Lake School will be hosting two sessions of our Vacation Bible School. Week 1 will be held from August 4-8, and Week 2 will be held from August 11-15.

The program is open to children in grades K-4 and will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm each day.

Our Vacation Bible School welcomes children from all parishes in our community, and we believe this is a wonderful opportunity for children to deepen their faith while enjoying fun activities during the summer break.

For more information contact tconroy@myoll.org.



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Religious Education Registration for 2025-2026 is Open!



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1st Penance – 1st Communion – Confirmation – Grades 1-12

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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