



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

St. Teresa and Mother Teresa of Calcutta  
(Feast Day: September 4)

Known for her strenuous effort, Mother Teresa was tireless in her work and prayer for the last of our brothers and sisters. St. Luke writes to remind us that we are called to this same charity and compassion, asking always what we can do for another: In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Regarding Mother Teresa, Pope Francis preached:

*"Who can learn the counsel of God?" (Wisdom 9:13). This question from the Book of Wisdom that we have just heard in the first reading suggests that our life is a mystery and that we do not possess the key to understanding it ... Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help, and we visit the Son of God (cf. Matthew 25:40). In a word, we touch the flesh of Christ.*

*We are thus called to translate into concrete acts that which we invoke in prayer and profess in faith ... Following Jesus is a serious task, and, at the same time, one filled with joy; it takes a certain daring and courage to recognize the divine Master in the poorest of the poor and those who are cast aside, and to give oneself in their service. In order to do so, volunteers, who out of love of Jesus serve the poor and the needy, do not expect any thanks or recompense; rather they renounce all this because they have discovered true love.*

*Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable". She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that*

*they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the "salt" which gave flavor to her work, it was the "light" which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering.*

*Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor. Today, I pass on this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life to the whole world of volunteers: may she be your model of holiness! I think, perhaps, we may have some difficulty in calling her "Saint Teresa": her holiness is so near to us, so tender and so fruitful that we continually spontaneously call her "Mother Teresa". May this tireless worker of mercy help us increasingly to understand that our only criterion for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion. Mother Teresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile". Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness. (Pope Francis, 4 September 2016, Mass of Canonization, St. Peter's Square).*

(Source: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160904\\_omelia-canonizzazione-madre-teresa.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20160904_omelia-canonizzazione-madre-teresa.html))

We pray for the intercession also of Saint Teresa of Calcutta for all workers and families who struggle to build lives for themselves, for all refugees and those who need refuge due to health or isolation.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry





**SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER**

5:30 pm John D. Pflug, Sr.

**SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Deceased Members of the  
Pflug & Napolitano Families  
11:30 am Peter Caste

**MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Gina Planas –Ubas  
(Special Intention)

**TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Nestor Matias (6th Ann.)

**WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am John O'Connor

**THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Ryan O'Donnell

**FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER**

8:30 am Richard Salvatore Chiaramonte

**SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER**

5:30 pm Julia Coates

**SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Catherine Catalano  
11:30 am Ernest, Richard, Miriam Jules

**SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Rosary Recitation OLLC  
9:30 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass

**MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER**

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. 8:30 am Mass—Nativity of Mary  
(church)  
9:00 am Breakfast—(Hall) for  
Nativity of Mary.  
5:00—7:00 pm Family Catechesis (HALL)

**TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER**

1:00 pm Rosary Altar Society Mtg. at  
Rectory

**WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER**

6:30—10:00 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.  
(HALL)

**THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER**

10:00 am  
Deadline for News &  
Announcements for the  
Sept. 21st Bulletin. Call the  
Rectory at 973-325-0110.

**SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER**

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER**

7:30 am Mass  
9:30—11:30 am G6 (OLLC / HALL)  
9:30 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass



This week, September 7th, Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy  
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This week, September 7th, Sanctuary Candle, a gift from  
Nancy & Michael Lanfrank is in memory of  
**PETER MONTEVERDE (19TH ANNIV.)**.

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 13-14, 2025**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly ( c )	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Mary Cassels	
9:30 am Choir	JoAnn Melhorn	Paul Hirsch Joe Petrillo ( c )	
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Virginia Dimapilis	

**Prayers Needed**

Maria Colon Reynaldo Rapada  
Pierre Ferrus Sister Jean Ruppel  
Beverly McAllister Sonny Tiongson  
Mary McGuiness

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



**Monday, September 8 at 8:30 am**  
**Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of Mary**

Mass will include Miraculous Medal Novena and Procession at end of Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother.

**Monday, September 8 at 9 am**  
**Festive Breakfast in Connor Hall**  
**hosted by the Legion of Mary.**

All are Welcome to the Breakfast.

The Rosary Altar Society's September Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, September 9, at 1:00 pm**  
**in the Rectory.**

**All Rosarians:** Looking forward to seeing you there. Carol Ford, President



### PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025	Goal
	\$ 6,800
<b>Collection*: August 23-24, 2025*</b>	<b>\$ 3,945</b>
Deficit:	\$2,855

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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**(973) 325-0110 [LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG)**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Penance – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org) or [rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org](mailto:rosa.cruz@lourdeswestorange.org)

#### **Where You Can Register**

► **Online:** Visit Website: [LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG](http://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](http://LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG)  
Click "Faith Formation" → "2025-2026 Religious Ed. Calendar"