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Sunday, July 19, 2026 – 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

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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 Friends:

True Freedom: Living Intentionally

Introduction

I am reprinting here my July 5 homily (Matthew 11:25-30), the 14th Sunday which coincided with our nation's **250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence**.

As we thank God for the blessings of our country, I invite you to continue praying for the United States, for all who serve in public office, and for peace throughout our world. May God help us use our freedoms wisely and become ever more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

1. Some Things Are Automatic. Faith Isn't.

We live in an amazing moment in the quest for knowledge. A Google search can finish our sentence before we do, and artificial intelligence can organize information and answer questions in seconds.

These are remarkable tools, but they invite us to ask a deeper question:

As life becomes more automated, am I becoming more automated? And is that really a good thing?

The Christian life calls us to something different. Faith is often a struggle against doubt. Love is often a struggle against selfishness. Forgiveness is often a struggle against revenge. Repentance is often a struggle against hiding our sins.

These virtues do not happen automatically. They grow through God's grace and our willing response. That is why Jesus never asks for an automatic response. He simply says, **"Come to me."**

2. The King Who Comes in Humility

The prophet Zechariah gives us an unexpected picture of a king. Instead of arriving on a mighty war horse, God's King comes riding on a humble donkey. Jesus fulfills this prophecy when He enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Then He says: **"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."**

Jesus never forces anyone to follow Him. He simply invites.

A friend once told me that early in his marriage he had to admit to his wife that they did not have enough money to pay the mortgage. He feared her reaction. Instead, she simply said, *"We'll get through this together."* The problem remained, but the burden became lighter because he was no longer carrying it alone.

That is Christ's promise. He does not remove every burden, but He never asks us to carry them alone.

3. The Commitments That Shape Our Lives

The most important things in life are renewed by daily choices. A wedding ring does not create a marriage; it reminds a husband and wife of the commitment they choose each day. Parents, citizens, and Christians all renew their commitments in ordinary acts of fidelity.

One simple way we live that commitment is by making Sunday Mass part of our lives, even when we are traveling or on vacation. I remember my parents doing that whenever we were away from home. Today, one of the easiest Google searches we can make is simply: **"Catholic Mass near me."** Christ is already there waiting for you.

4. Ordinary Afternoons Shape Our Lives

A few months after I was ordained a priest, I met former coworkers for lunch in Manhattan. As lunch ended, I caught myself automatically thinking,

"Well... now it's time to go back to work." Then I caught myself. I was not going back to my old office anymore. I was returning to parish life, where Christ had called me to serve.

That afternoon taught me something important. The friendship around that table was real, but it was not confined to that restaurant. At the same time, I realized Christ was inviting me into another friendship—a daily friendship with Him, lived out in the ordinary work of being a priest.

Our lives are much the same. Fireworks, parades, and anniversaries are wonderful, especially as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary. But our lives are shaped far more by ordinary afternoons than by extraordinary celebrations. Character is formed through countless faithful choices. (Pastor column continued on Page 4)

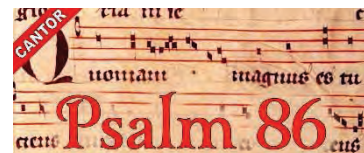
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Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 18 JULY	5:30 pm	Gabriella Miller
SUNDAY, 19 JULY	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families Nell Roxborough & Norbert Roxborough
MONDAY, 20 JULY	8:30 am	Andrea Toloso
TUESDAY, 21 JULY	8:30 am	Cecilia Pane
WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY	8:30 am	Frances Lanfrank (32nd Ann.)
THURSDAY, 23 JULY	8:30 am	Cecilia Pane
FRIDAY, 24 JULY	8:30 am	Timothy F. Harrington, Jr. MD
SATURDAY, 25 JULY	5:30 pm	Bernie Mooney
SUNDAY, 26 JULY	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Edgar O. Bury, Jr. Evelyn Spero

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 19 JULY 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Mass
MONDAY, 20 JULY 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	Daily Mass will be held Mon–Fri each Week in Church
THURSDAY, 23 JULY	Deadline for Announcements For Aug 2nd Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 25 JULY 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions in Church Mass
SUNDAY, 26 JULY 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Mass Mass Mass



Lord, You are good and forgiving.

(Based on "Quoniam magnus es tu")

**Bread & Wine for the week of July 19th : Rosanne
Bruno in memory of ALEXANDER STEVEN
BARDZINSKI.**

Prayers needed

Mary McGuiness

**Please Note: Our Prayer List
is now being renewed.**

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	JULY 25-26, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (c)
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Patricia Saway
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Espie Cain
11:30 am	Jeryl Nalupta	Virginia Dimapilis

(Pastor Column continued from Page 2)

5. The Greatest Freedom

The Declaration of Independence has inspired our nation with its affirmation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Every generation has been called not only to admire those words but to live them faithfully.

As Christians, we recognize an even deeper freedom: the freedom to worship God, to repent of our sins, to forgive those who have wronged us, and to become the people God created us to be.

Every day technology asks us, *"What would you like me to do?"* Jesus asks something very different: **"Will you come to me?"**

That question cannot be answered automatically. It cannot be answered by artificial intelligence

It can only be answered by each one of us— one act of faith, one response to God's grace, one ordinary afternoon, at a time. May we hear Christ's invitation again this week: **"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."**

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



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St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 8/1/2026** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Now the soup kitchen is operating on a go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **8/1/2026** 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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