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Sunday, March 27, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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Religious Education

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Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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Administrative Assistant

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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 based from Crossroads Initiative about the Gospel of the Prodigal Son for the 4th Sunday of Lent.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/the-prodigal-son-and-the-golden-calf/>)

The Prodigal Son & the Golden Calf Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son and Israel's worship of the Golden Calf are some of the best known of all Bible stories. The connection? Maybe they both reveal much about the nature of sin, idolatry, grace . . . and of the Father's merciful love.

Everyone knows the bible stories of the Prodigal Son and the Golden Calf. But they don't usually put the two together as do the readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary time. So what do the two tales have in common?

SIN, IDOLATRY & THE GOLDEN CALF

Answer: they both speak volumes about the nature of sin. Think about it. God sees an enslaved people in miserable bondage to the mightiest nation on earth. He champions their cause, smashes the armies of Pharaoh, brings them out of Egypt into freedom, and makes them his own chosen people. And while he is giving to their leader a blueprint for their new life, they decide to worship what their next-door neighbors, the Canaanites, worshiped: power, virility, fertility, prosperity. The golden bull symbolizes all those things, and for this very reason, was a leading idol in the Ancient Near East.

THE PRODIGAL SON

Now let's look at the Prodigal Son. He's born into a prosperous family and receives all good things from his father. But rather than waiting for his dad to die, he demands his inheritance now, thumbs his

nose at his father, takes the money and runs. He wastes all that he has on partying and fast living, pursuing the very same idols as the Israelites did in the desert.

The food sated him. The wine exhilarated him. The carousing titillated him. But after it was all over, he found himself broke, empty, and alone.

This is the grand illusion of sin. It is dangled before our eyes as the key to fulfillment and happiness. It is all about enjoying the gifts of creation in defiance of the Creator, in a way contrary to his wise and loving design. And because those things were in fact created good by God, it seems to work at first. Sin initially tastes good. But ultimately, it always turns sour and leaves us with an empty, aching sadness. In contrast, God's will may at first sting, but later brings a profound joy that makes our hearts sing.

MERCIFUL LOVE OF THE FATHER

So how do the stories of the Golden Calf and the Prodigal Son differ? It's really the difference between the Old and New Testaments, between a preliminary, partial revelation of God and the full revelation of God in Christ. In Exodus, God Almighty reacts to sin with righteous anger, as he did in Genesis when he sweeps the world clean of sin through the flood. If not for Moses' intercession, he likewise would have destroyed the bull-worshippers and started over.

In the gospel, God, the compassionate Father, looks past the sin to focus on the sinner. The older brother of the Prodigal wants punishment. The Father insists on mercy.

REPENTANCE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

There is a very important point in the story that should not escape our attention. The motivation of the prodigal son is not sincere sorrow at how badly he has offended his father. It is not even that he misses his father. He comes back simply because he is hungry. He admits his sin and wants pardon, yes, but it is to save his skin.

(PASTOR COLUMN continued on Page 4)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 27, 2022



CHURCH CALENDAR



SATURDAY 26 MARCH 5:30 pm Helen & Walter Supczynski
SUNDAY 27 MARCH 7:30 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am Emil & Margaret Hensler 11:30 am Rosalinda Rupel (In Thanksgiving)
MONDAY 28 MARCH 8:30 am Thomas Foley
TUESDAY 29 MARCH 8:30 am Josephine DeVincentis & The Pedersen Family
WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 8:30 am Debra Casiero
THURSDAY 31 MARCH 8:30 am Marie Grace Vaccaro
FRIDAY 1 APRIL 8:30 am Margaret Jean Christiano
SATURDAY 2 APRIL 5:30 pm Gary Grasso (1st Ann.)
SUNDAY 3 APRIL 7:30 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am Michael Chiamonte, Jr. (5th Ann.) 11:30 am John A. Markey, Jr.

SUNDAY 27 MARCH  7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church—Rel. Ed. M/HS 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Mass in Church
MONDAY 28 MARCH 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass 7:00 pm Rel. Ed. M/HS (Chapel)
THURSDAY 31 MARCH 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for April 10th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY 1 APRIL 5:30—7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
SATURDAY 2 APRIL 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY 3 APRIL  7:30 am Mass in Church 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary 9:30 am Mass in Church 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Mass in Church

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Mar. 12-13*	\$ 4918
Deficit:	\$ 1882

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit


THANK YOU

For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE April 2 - April 3, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Judy Albore		
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway		
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Sonia Murphy		
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon		

 **PRAYERS Needed For...**

Michael DiPirro
Catherine Gascoyne
Sherrina Navani
Pat Schoeler
Vir-Jean Ward
Maureen Bacal-Zerna

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

(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

Does the Father care? Does he insist that the son's contrition be pure or perfect? Does he even pay attention to the son's rehearsed speech? No. He is overjoyed that the son has begun the journey home, for whatever reason. He lavishes gifts upon him before he even gets to the house.

GRACE

The elder brother insists that he does not deserve such treatment. The Father does not contest this. The Prodigal deserves nothing. But the Father, in his generous mercy, gives him everything.

God's freely given, unmerited grace precedes even our expression of sorrow. In fact, without God's grace, we can't even make the first step on the road back to him. He loves us when we were yet sinners, and seems to lavish the greatest graces on the most undeserving.

Ask St. Paul about this. Perhaps he writes more about grace than any other biblical author because he needed it so much more. Wasn't it Benjamin Franklin who said that God helps those who help themselves? Paul, the foremost of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15), understood that it is quite the opposite: God helps those who can't help themselves. That's what grace is all about.

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In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



TRICKY TRAY

We are still accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. **Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by April 1st.**

Gifts may be left in the Sacristy at Church or, at the rectory Monday-Friday 10am to 1pm or, by contacting Eileen Reilly at **973-980-4209**.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

APRIL 1, 2022

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!



The 2022 Annual Appeal
is well underway

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently at **\$12,420**. This is approximately **44.03%** of our goal of **\$28,210**. Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with faith, hope and charity. If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

If you need an envelope sent to you or cannot find one, please call the rectory at 973-325-0110. Checks are payable to "Annual Appeal 2022."

First Holy Communion

Please visit our Peace & Good Corner to see our selection of First Holy Communion merchandise and hard to find items. The gift shop is open after every weekend Mass.



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Holy Week and Easter Services 2022



Come Worship With Us In Church!

For Sunday Mass please see our Parish YouTube page



Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9, Evening Vigil
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 10, Morning Mass
7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am

Confessions

Saturday, April 9
4:15 - 5:00 pm

Confessions

Holy Week

Monday, April 11 – Saturday, April 16
7 am – 8 am

Holy Saturday, April 16

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Or any other time by appointment

Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration in Church until 11:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15

3:00 pm Reading of Passion Veneration of Cross
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 16

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses: 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am



HOLY WEEK – Weekday Mornings in Church

8:30 am Mass + Monday + Tuesday + Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer + Thursday + Friday + Saturday

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

One Eagle Rock Avenue
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March 18, 2022

Dear Parish Family,

As we journey through the holy season of Lent, the Church invites us to devote time to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we reflect more deeply on the meaning of this season, we become aware of God's blessings bestowed upon us. We are called to share those blessings with others, especially the poor, as well as the ministries of our parish and those of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Last January, the parishioners in the Archdiocese of Newark received an invitation from Cardinal Tobin to participate in the Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal is an opportunity for all of us to express our gratitude, and to consider our support of the vital ministries that are central to our Catholic mission and our beautiful Archdiocese. In doing so, we continue serving so many people in Christ's name. Your financial support of the Appeal provides our Archdiocese the resources to minister to the poor, welcome those on the margins, provide seminarian education to our future priests, and much more. Be assured that 100% of the funds collected are solely used to support the ministries in the Annual Appeal materials.

Your pledge and gift to the 2022 Appeal will also help Our Lady of Lourdes Parish receive possibly two financial incentives. Pledges made by June 30 -- that exceed the Goal of \$28,210 -- will make our parish eligible for a 100% rebate. Last year, in 2021, gifts to the appeal exceeded the goal and resulted in a rebate of \$1,939. This money will be used to invest in necessary repairs of the church. The actual rebate amount will be based on the funds collected by December 31, 2022.

Also, if we meet or exceed this goal in funds collected by June 30, Our Lady of Lourdes will receive a 2% assessment rate reduction in our "Parish Assessment" for next year. This is a potential savings of \$15,000 for our parish. Our Lady of Lourdes will use any rebate money or savings towards our parish needs such as the maintenance of our church building.

The Parish Assessment is the monthly collection with the pink envelopes. This collection is taken to pay our obligatory expenses for infrastructure, financial, and spiritual resources and departments of the Archdiocese. Every parish has such an expense. If we make our goal in funds collected by June 30, this expense will be 15,000 lower.

I have made my pledge to this year's appeal. I invite you to join me and many of your fellow parishioners to consider making a pledge as well. You may fill out the enclosed pledge card and mail it back to the Office of Development and Stewardship, place it in our collection basket or bring it to our parish office.

To make a gift online, visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Please don't forget to select our parish name when making an online gift. You are also invited to submit a prayer intention by going to www.rcan.org/submit-prayer-request. Thank you for all that you do for our parish and for the ministries of our Archdiocese. You are in my prayers. I ask you to keep me, our parish and the success of this year's Annual Appeal in yours as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Jim Ferry

Father Jim Ferry, Pastor



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2022 Progress

Pledged as of March 4, 2022



Our Lady of Lourdes in West Orange

Estimada familia parroquial:

Al recorrer el tiempo sagrado de la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos invita a dedicar tiempo a las prácticas espirituales de oración, ayuno y limosna. A medida que reflexionamos más profundamente sobre el significado de este tiempo, nos damos cuenta de las bendiciones de Dios que se nos han otorgado, estamos llamados a compartir esas bendiciones con otros, especialmente los pobres, así como los ministerios de nuestra parroquia y los de la Arquidiócesis de Newark.

En enero pasado, los feligreses de la Arquidiócesis de Newark recibieron una invitación del Cardenal Tobin para participar en La Llamada Anual. La Llamada Anual es una oportunidad para que todos expresemos nuestra gratitud y consideremos nuestro apoyo a los ministerios vitales que son centrales para nuestra misión católica y nuestra hermosa Arquidiócesis. Al hacerlo, continuamos sirviendo a tantas personas en el nombre de Cristo. Su apoyo financiero la llamada proporciona a nuestra Arquidiócesis los recursos para ministrar a los pobres, dar la bienvenida a los marginados, proporcionar educación seminarista a nuestros futuros sacerdotes, y mucho más. Tenga la seguridad de que el 100% de los fondos recaudados se utilizan únicamente para apoyar a los ministerios en los materiales de La Llamada Anual.

Su promesa y donación a la Apelación de este año también ayudarán a nuestra parroquia a recibir posiblemente dos incentivos financieros. Las promesas hechas antes del 30 de junio de 2022 que excedan nuestra Meta harán que nuestra parroquia sea elegible para un reembolso del 100 %. El monto real del reembolso se basará en los fondos recaudados antes del 31 de diciembre de 2022. Además, si cumplimos o superamos esta meta en fondos recaudados antes del 30 de junio de 2022, nuestra parroquia recibirá una reducción de la tasa de evaluación del 2 % en nuestra evaluación parroquial para el año fiscal 2023.

He hecho mi compromiso con el llamamiento de este año. Los invito a unirse a mí y a muchos de sus compañeros feligreses para considerar hacer una promesa también. Puede llenar la tarjeta de compromiso adjunta y enviarla por correo a la Oficina de Desarrollo y Administración, colocarla en nuestra canasta de recolección o llevarla a nuestra oficina parroquial.

Para hacer un regalo en línea, visite www.rcan.org/sharing. Por favor, no olvide seleccionar el nombre de nuestra parroquia al hacer un regalo en línea. También se le invita a enviar una intención de oración visitando www.rcan.org/submit-prayer-request. Gracias por todo lo que hacen por nuestra Parroquia y por los ministerios de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Estás en mis oraciones. Les pido que me mantengan a mí, a nuestra Parroquia y al éxito de La Llamada Anual de este año también en la suya.



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MARCH 27, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT /C

Mass Readings: (Gather Hymnal #915)



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have

Eternal
life

John 3:16



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Entrance Hymn

BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Psalm 34

Tom Booth



R. Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.



Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

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