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Sunday, May 22, 2022 - Sixth Sunday of Easter



## 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**

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 write to share with you a remembrance of a remarkable Catholic saint – Father Damien of Molokai (Hawaii) – whose statue has been at the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. since 1969. (The Statuary Hall was established by Congress in 1864. Each state has 2 statues.)

While Father Damien and his canonization was a work in progress, he has been known and revered in the Church and by the people of Hawaii for over a century. Father Damien was canonized in 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10.

**[Part 1. Early Life, Before Hawaii]** He was born Jozef de Veuster in Belgium in 1840. His early life passed on the family farm, which equipped him with a strong body, immense practical knowledge, and an industrious spirit. These endowments proved most beneficial in his later work. Jozef desired to be a priest since he was a child. He joined his older brother, Pamphile, already a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. His superiors thought Jozef (i.e., Damien) lacked sufficient education for the priesthood, however, but through hard work and his brother's help, he won their confidence. At his first vows, he received the name Damien, after an early Christian martyr. Though not yet ordained, he volunteered to go to the Hawaiian Islands in place of his brother, who fell sick with typhus.

<https://owlcation.com/humanities/St-Damien-of-Molokai-Beauty-or-Beast>

**[Part 2. Assignment to Missionary work in Hawaii]** In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii. In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Molokai, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage.

Morale improved considerably. A few years later he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope (January 23), to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa. (Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/saint-damien-of-molokai/>)

### **[Part 3. Damien's Illness, Leprosy, Death]**

From the beginning, Fr. Damien wanted the patients to understand that he was not afraid of them. As he wrote to his brother in Europe, "I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ." Indeed, he ate with them, dressed their sores, built coffins, churches, roads, a hospital, and organized their lives. He treated them with dignity and ministered to their spiritual needs until, after sixteen years, he succumbed to the disease. He died on April 15, 1889, aged 49. (<https://owlcation.com/humanities/St-Damien-of-Molokai-Beauty-or-Beast>)

### **[Part 4. Father Damien Remembered]**

The Hawaiian princess and future queen Liliuokalani arrived at Molokai in 1881, eight years after Damien.

When Damien had arrived [in 1873] at the colony, it was popularly known as "the living graveyard." The lepers suffered from almost every human need. Food, clean water, clothing, shelter, basic medical care – all were wanting on the island. They had been brought to Molokai simply to wait for death – and death's stench was all around them.

[Between 1873 – 1881], Damien's presence on the island had effected dramatic changes. A former farm boy with Martin Sheen good looks, Damian worked continuously for the lepers. He built houses, schools, and a conduit for freshwater, arranged for clothing to be delivered from the mainland, taught them to grow their own food. He advocated for them with the authorities and procured the medical supplies that would better their lives. He tended them, taught them, and, against medical advice, ate with them. All of this was accomplished even as he offered daily Mass and prayers, performed baptisms and marriages, and, of course, anointed the sick and said funerals for the dead.

[In 1881], the deformed faces of the children ... appeared before [Princess/Queen Liliuokalani] as well-fed, neatly dressed schoolgirls. They formed a choir that serenaded her with a few songs, an

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**SATURDAY 21 MAY**

5:30 pm Paul Harris & Carmeleta Harris

**SUNDAY 22 MAY**

7:30 am For The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Rosina Ialeggio  
11:30 am Lee T. Hoch

**MONDAY 23 MAY**

8:30 am James Perri

**TUESDAY 24 MAY**

8:30 am All Souls

**WEDNESDAY 25 MAY**

8:30 am Robert "Bob" Schuren

**THURSDAY 26 MAY**

8:30 am For The People of the Parish

**FRIDAY 27 MAY**

8:30 am Grace Gaston Sabal

**SATURDAY 28 MAY**

5:30 pm George & Trea Pugh

**SUNDAY 29 May**

7:30 am For the People of the Parish  
9:30 am Gary Grasso  
11:30 am Marie Stopfer



**SUNDAY 22 MAY**

7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church

**MONDAY 23 MAY**

8:30 am **Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.**

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass

**THURSDAY 26 MAY**

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Jun 5th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

6:00 pm **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**SATURDAY 28 MAY**

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

**SUNDAY 29 MAY**

7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
11:30 am Mass in Church



**Ascension  
of the  
Lord**

**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection\*: May 7-May 8\* \$ 5047

Deficit: \$ 1753

\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Espie Cain is in memory of **WILLIAM CAIN**



<b>May 28 - May 29, 2022</b>				
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm Children's Choir	Joy Hayward	Frank Refinski		
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway		
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Myra Regino		
11:30 am Choir	Doris Spivey	Nancy Lanfrank		



**Brendan Byrne**  
**Dr. Penny DeFranco**  
**Michael DiPirro**  
**Catherine Gascoyn**  
**Cathy Granger**  
**Sherrina Navani**

**Pat Schoeler**  
**George Snell**  
**Harry Vendemia**  
**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)

expression of how far Damien had brought them in that short time. That day, the princess' tears flowed freely. She praised the lepers' courage, and when she returned home, she sent a letter to Father Damien, offering him the title of Commander of the Royal Order of Kalakaua, Hawaii's highest honor.

Belgian Cardinal Godfried Daneels famously said that Damien was no "porcelain saint." But porcelain is not even a substance of which saints can be made. Since Peter ate fish on the beach with his Resurrected Master, saints have been constructed of flesh and blood only – wounded and even treacherous flesh and blood, but flesh and blood all the same. And it is by this apparent coinherence of frailty and fullness that we find ourselves transfixed.

Early on, Damien began referring in his sermons to "we lepers." In the mouth of a handsome, healthy priest, it may have sounded like an attempt to mollify his little flock, propaganda to sway his constituents. In the mouth of the man that we see in pictures at the end, covered with the scaly, black sores of the disease [of leprosy], it takes on a different cast. And to hear this same man rejoice on his deathbed – "People pity me and think me unfortunate, but I think myself the happiest of missionaries" – this takes our breath away. This is why we still need Damien de Veuster.

(<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/why-we-still-need-saint-damien-of-molokai>)

**Saint Damien of Molokai, Pray for Us !**

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting Christine's Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, 05/28/2022** 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 **05/28/2022** 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](mailto:travisb23@juno.com).



### **Worship Office**

**Archdiocese of Newark**

**Date of the Solemnity of Ascension**

**Transferred to Sunday May 29**



The Bishops of New Jersey have permanently transferred the observance of the **Ascension of the Lord** to the following Sunday which is currently listed as the "7th Sunday of Easter."

In 2022, the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29, with its vigil on the evening of Saturday, May 28. (This is U.S. Memorial Day Weekend in 2022).

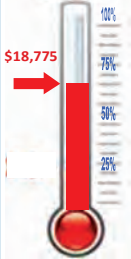
**NOTE TO LECTORS:** This means that the actual biblical readings at Sunday Mass on May 28-29 may now be found in your Lector's Workbook on pages 181-184 on the pages for "Ascension of the Lord." The Second Reading has 2 options. Please prepare both, just in case, the second option is selected. Readings for Mass, for the congregation will come from Gather #967.

On Thursday May 26, there will be 1 Morning Mass at 8:30 am celebrating the Memorial of St. Philip Neri.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Father Jim Ferry.

**\$28,210**

**GOAL!**



### **The 2022 Annual Appeal** **is well underway**

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently at **\$18,775**. This is approximately **66.55%** 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](http://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."

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**2022-2023 REGISTRATION** (Classes start September 2022)

**FAMILY CATECHESIS - GRADES 1 - 5**

Family Classes are on **Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 5:30pm** **OR** **Monday night 5:00 - 7:30pm** and selected Sunday mornings, including Sunday Mass, and meet **once a month**. Parent/Guardian must attend with child.

**GRADE 6**

Classes are on **Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:30pm** and selected Sunday mornings\*, including Sunday Mass, and meet **twice a month**.

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL - GRADES 7 - 12**

Classes are on **Monday night 7:00 - 8:30pm** and selected Sunday mornings 9:30 - 11:30am, including Sunday Mass. Classes meet **weekly**.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION - 2 year policy\***



Children should begin Religious Education in Grade 1 to help them prepare for the **Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion** in the spring of Grade 2. It is required for a child to complete 2 years of Religious Education, regardless of their age/grade, before receiving these sacraments.

Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is a 2 year process which begins in Grade 7 and celebrated in the fall of Grade 9.



**\*Estimated date for Sacraments may change due to actual attendance.**

**\*Parents in grades 6-12 are requested to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class on the schedule.**

**CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 2022 AND CONTINUE  
THROUGH MAY 2023**

**More information to follow on our website.**

Schedule will be posted in the summer and emailed to families that are registered.

**Please Register!**

You may drop off your registration Monday - Friday from 9am - 2pm  
at the rectory office or put in the Sunday collection basket.

**Registration Fee \$60 per child with no additional Sacrament fees**





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