



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,
 St. Teresa of Calcutta and Mother Teresa of Calcutta
 (Feast Day: September 4)

The Feast Day of Mother Teresa and St. Teresa of Calcutta falls close to our own U.S. Labor Day holiday in the United States. 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?" (Wis 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. Mt 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 defense 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 flavour 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 continue to 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)

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



**"GOD
 has not called
 me to be
 SUCCESSFUL.
 He called
 me to be
 FAITHFUL."**





CHURCH CALENDAR



SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Mary & Joseph Crines
SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am The People of the Parish 9:30 am Catherine Catalano 11:30 am Marcy Sugar
MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Richard & Colleen Blasi
TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Claire Dillon
WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Deceased Members of the English & Leslie Families
THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Baby Andie Ang (7th Ann.)
FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Nestor Matias (12th Ann.)
SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Robert Schuren
SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am The People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Debra Casiero


SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church
MONDAY 5 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 RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED
THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Sep 18th bulletin—call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church 6:30 pm 9/11 Memorial Rosary at the Grotto
SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church Meeting for Family Catechesis Grades 1 –6 to follow the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy & Michael Lanfrank is in memory of **PETER MONTEVERDE (16th Ann.)**

 This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Nancy Lanfrank is in memory of **BESSIE CORCORAN**



PRAYERS Needed For...



Brendan Byrne	Pat Schoeler
Michael DiPirro	George Snell
Catherine Gascoyn	Harry Vendemia
John Mooney	Maureen Bacal-Zerna
Jacob Rivera	
Jaxson Rivera	

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

++ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		SEPT 10 - SEPT 11, 2022	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Sonia Murphy	
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Carmelita Dizon	

LET US CELEBRATE
The Nativity of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

Thursday, September 8th
@ 8:30 am Mass followed by
a small, simple breakfast with
prayers in Connor Hall
immediately after Mass.



Happy Birthday
Dearest
Mother Mary
We Love You!
The Legion of Mary

UPCOMING
EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022

◆ SEPTEMBER 11th ROSARY REMEMBRANCE

Join us as we recite the Holy
Rosary to commemorate the
21st anniversary of 9/11.

Date: Saturday, 9/10

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto



OCTOBER

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Month of the
Holy Rosary



The **Rosary Altar Society's** September
meeting will be held on **Monday,**
September 12th, at 1:00 pm.



It will be a virtual meeting that you
can attend through Zoom — either by video
or telephone. Instructions will be mailed or
emailed to all rosarians. If there are any
questions, please contact the writer at
973-736-2394.

Hope everyone can join us.
Carol Ford, President

◆ OCT 1—OCT 31 at 6:30 pm The Rosary is prayed
in English and Spanish outdoors every evening (rain or
shine) at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

◆ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 at 12:00 Noon The Annual
Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on
the Front Steps of the church.



IT'S SOCK TOBER

◆ OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31
St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting New
Socks for Men, Women, and Children during the month
of October to be distributed to the needy through
local charities.



Confirmation
SUNDAY
September 18
11:30 am Mass

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

Collection*: Aug 20-Aug 21* \$ 4382

Deficit: \$ 2418

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



For Your Stewardship of
Time, Talent and Treasure.



Annual Appeal Update


(Goal Achieved for 2022)

Thank you for your support toward the Lourdes parish
Annual Appeal Goal before the June 30 deadline which has
resulted in both a 2022 reduction of \$15,000 in assessment
expenses and an additional surplus refund.

As of August 22, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal
2022 amounts to \$33,518.50. Through your generosity, our
surplus as of August 22 is \$5,308.50.

If you would like to make a gift, your gift will increase the
surplus refund for Lourdes Parish. Call Father Jim Ferry
with any questions.

Fr. Jim Ferry, Pastor

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►►► **Sacrament of Confirmation Reminder: Key Dates**

August 22, 2022

Dear Friends: This is to remind you of the Sacrament of Confirmation which applies to our young people who have already completed their 2 years of required preparation. You – our young people – will also be receiving an email. These are 2 dates for you to know:

<p>Rehearsal, Sacrament of Confirmation Location: Main Church</p> <p>Your sponsor is invited to attend the Rehearsal. If your sponsor cannot attend the rehearsal, then a parent must attend with you.</p>	<p>Tuesday Sept. 13 7 pm (Evening)</p>
<p>Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation Location: Main Church</p> <p>Your sponsor is required to attend the Mass</p>	<p>Sunday Sept. 18 11:30 am (Morning)</p>

Call 973.325.0110 or email Confirmation.Class@LourdesWestOrange.org with questions.

Father Jim Ferry (fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org)

►►► **Recordatorio del Sacramento de la Confirmación**

Queridos amigos: Esto es para recordarles el Sacramento de la Confirmación que se aplica a nuestros jóvenes que ya han completado sus 2 años de preparación requerida. Ustedes, nuestros jóvenes, también recibirán un correo electrónico. Estas son 2 fechas para que las sepan:

<p>Ensayo, Sacramento de la Confirmación Lugar: Iglesia Principal</p> <p>Su padrino o madrina está invitado a asistir al ensayo. Si su patrocinador no puede asistir al ensayo, uno de sus padres debe asistir con usted.</p>	<p>martes 13 de septiembre</p> <p>7 pm (noche)</p>
<p>Misa, Sacramento de la Confirmación Lugar: Iglesia Principal</p> <p>Se requiere que su patrocinador asista a la misa.</p>	<p>domingo 18 de septiembre</p> <p>11:30 (mañana)</p>

Llamar 973.325.0110 o email Confirmation.Class@LourdesWestOrange.org , para preguntar.

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