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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY Evening, 5:30 pm
SUNDAY Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Confessions • Saturday 4:15-5:00 pm
and anytime by appointment

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

It is the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 11:30 am Mass (Sept. 18). Please pray for our young people and their continued growth in our Catholic faith.

Being a disciple means continuing our education in the faith. That applies to our young candidates for Confirmation and all of us. We read this message from St. Peter: "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge." (2 Peter 1:5)

I share with you a message of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI about this Sunday's Gospel of a man street-smart or wise in the ways of business and finance. Yet, the man is simultaneously dishonest, stealing from his boss. The Lord neither excuses nor praises the deception. Yet, Christ advising us to use our own intelligence and, energy not only to earn "mammon" (money) but for our much more important eternal reward.

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI (Abridged)
St Clément's Square Sunday, 23 September 2007

[This is] a parable that inspires in us a certain surprise since it speaks of a dishonest steward who is praised (cf. Lk 16: 1-13), a close look reveals that here the Lord has reserved a serious and particularly salutary teaching for us. As always, the Lord draws inspiration from the events of daily life: he tells of a steward who is on the point of being dismissed for dishonest management of his master's affairs and who, to assure a future for himself, cunningly seeks to come to an arrangement with his master's debtors.

He is undoubtedly dishonest but clever: the Gospel does not present him to us as a model to follow in his dishonesty, but rather as an example to be imitated for his farsighted guile. The short parable ends, in fact, with these words: "The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence" (Lk 16: 8)

But what does Jesus wish to tell us with this parable? And with its surprising conclusion? The Evangelist follows the parable of the dishonest steward with a short series of sayings and recommendations on the relationship we must have with money and the goods of this earth. These short sentences are an invitation to a choice that presupposes a radical decision, a constant inner tension. Life is truly always a choice: between honesty and dishonesty, between fidelity and infidelity, between selfishness and altruism, between good and evil. The conclusion of this Gospel passage is incisive and peremptory: "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other". Ultimately, Jesus says, "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Lk 16: 13). Mammon is a term of Phoenician origin that calls to mind economic security and success in business; we might say that riches are shown as the idol to which everything is sacrificed in order to attain one's own material success; hence, this economic success becomes a person's true god. As a result, it is necessary to make a fundamental decision between God and mammon, it is necessary to choose between the logic of profit as the ultimate criterion for our action, and the logic of sharing and solidarity. If the logic of profit prevails, it widens the gap between the poor and the rich, as well as increasing the ruinous exploitation of the planet. On the other hand, when the logic of sharing and solidarity prevails, it is possible to correct the course and direct it to a fair development for the common good of all. Basically, it is a matter of choosing between selfishness and love, between justice and dishonesty and ultimately, between God and Satan. If loving Christ and one's brethren is not to be considered as something incidental and superficial but,

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
5:30 pm John Brennan

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
7:30 am The People of the Parish
9:30 am Mauroso Chiovaro
11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka

MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Maged Saad

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Matilda O'Boyle & Josephine DeVincentis

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Maurice Ferrus

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Edward Caprio

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Mesfen Ghedremicaeo

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
5:30 pm Joseph Supczynski

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
7:30 am The People of the Parish
9:30 am Margaret Christiano
11:30 am Rose Konvalinka (32nd Ann.)

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Confirmation Mass

MONDAY 19 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
5:00 –7:30 pm **Fam. Cat. GRADES 1-5 (Connor Hall)**
6:45—8:00 pm **MHS Rel. Ed. (Chapel)**

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Oct. 2nd bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church

-  This week's Altar Candles, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**
-  This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**
-  This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**



PRAYERS Needed For...

Brendan Byrne **Pat Schoeler**
Michael DiPirro **George Snell**
Catherine Gascoyn **Laura Splendoria**
John Mooney **Harry Vendemia**
Jacob Rivera **Maureen Bacal-Zerna**
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 24 - SEPT 25, 2022 | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Mass | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | | |
| 5:30 pm Choir | Pat Sigalas | Eileen Reilly | | |
| 7:30 am | Bless Bernardo | MaryEllen Chandler | | |
| 9:30 am | Kathy Petrillo | Myrna Regino | | |
| 11:30 am | Julie Okeke | Wendy Sheyka | | |

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rather, the true and ultimate purpose of our whole existence, it will be necessary to know how to make basic choices, to be prepared to make radical renuncements, if necessary even to the point of martyrdom. Today, as yesterday, Christian life demands the courage to go against the tide, to love like Jesus, who even went so far as to sacrifice himself on the Cross.

We could then say, paraphrasing one of St. Augustine's thoughts, that through earthly riches we must procure for ourselves those true and eternal riches: indeed, if people exist who are prepared to resort to every type of dishonesty to assure themselves an always unpredictable material well-being, how much more concerned we Christians must be to provide for our eternal happiness with the goods of this earth (cf. Discourses, 359, 10). Now, the only way of bringing our personal talents and abilities and the riches we possess to fruition for eternity is to share them with our brethren, thereby showing that we are good stewards of what God entrusts to us. Jesus said: "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much" (Lk 16: 10).

(Source: https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2007/documents/hf_benxvi_hom_20070923_velletri.html)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary



OCTOBER 2022

- ◆ **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.



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 September 6, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to **\$33,818.50**. Through your generosity, our surplus as of September 6 is **\$5,608.50**.

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

St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting Christine's Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, 10/08/2022** 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 **10/08/2022** 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes will hold its Annual Communion Mass on Sunday, October 2, 2022 At 9:30 am

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to socially distance ourselves, the Communion Breakfast will not be held this year.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US

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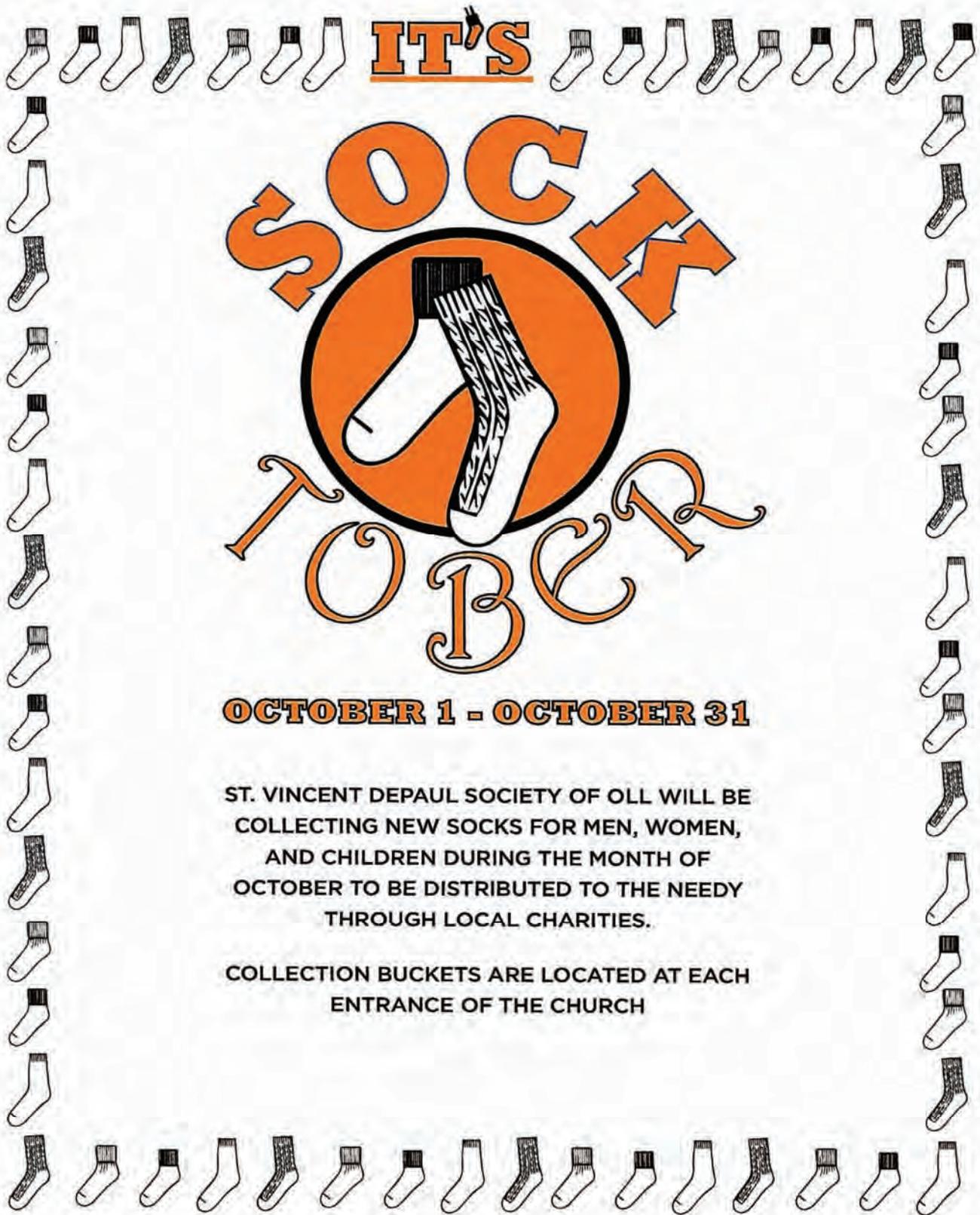
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

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|---------------------------|---------|
| WEEKLY GOAL | \$ 6800 |
| Collection*: Sep 3-Sep 4* | \$ 4660 |
| Deficit: | \$ 2140 |

* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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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.

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