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Sunday, September 25, 2022 – Twenty-sixth 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

Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Robert K. Suszko, Weekend 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,

The setting of the Gospel this Sunday is the rich man's front-door step at which Lazarus is a permanent resident. I share with you this article about our calling to encounter and serve the poor person in our midst.

(Source: <https://catholic-link.org/how-do-we-build-our-hell-the-parable-of-rich-man-and-lazarus/>)

The Rich Man, Lazarus, & The Hell Of Isolation by Rev. Gaetano Piccolo, S.J.

For those who preach, sometimes it can be complicated to translate certain aspects of the faith that seem incomprehensible to modern-day sensibility.

Still, it is strange that contemporary man struggles so much to conceive hell when he complains about living in it daily.

Meditating on today's Gospel, a quote from Bernanos' *Diary of a Country Priest* came to mind. It is the story of a young priest who finds himself in a hostile parish, often having to deal with bickering between the local nobles. One day he is talking about hell with the countess. The hell that he describes, however, is nothing but his own experience. Alcoholism runs in the family, and he is no different. Hell for him is that deep isolation from the world, that impossibility of communicating what's going on inside, that impossibility of confessing his need to be loved.

Luke's Gospel text portrays hell as a chasm, a vast distance. It seems to suggest that it is we who dig this chasm with our choices. We construct our own hell of solitude.

The rich man is another example (together with the merciful father and the dishonest steward) of one that takes a wrong turn in his search for meaning. Once again, the Gospel warns us about the subtle temptation of only looking after ourselves. The rich man devours life and keeps everything for himself.

We are all exposed to that voice that says: "Take care of yourself! Save yourself!" Even Christ heard this voice on the cross.

The rich man is nameless. He is already in hell. Without a name, no one can call him. He is already living in isolation. Not even God has a name for him.

In the Gospel language, wealth is contrary to generosity. If you are rich, it means that you haven't given to others. It is a lifestyle: he dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. On the contrary, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry about what we will wear or eat. What we wear and what we eat are our two biggest worries. We worry about what we wear because we worry about the image we want others to see. We worry about how they will judge us. That's why we strain to find the perfect mask so that we can please the world without ever revealing our true face. We are worried about what we are going to eat because we don't trust the world. We think that we will always have to go hunting to conquer our own prey.

The rich man is the opposite of Christ. While the rich man dresses, Christ strips himself of his equality with God (cfr. Phil 2:6). While he indulges himself in banquets, Christ gives his body as food. It is when we only worry about ourselves that, little by little, we dig the chasm that separates us from the others and from God.

Unlike the rich man, Lazarus, whose name means "God helps", lives out the beatitudes of poverty. He is hungry and his desire is inflamed. He is open to life. He is searching. In fact, God has a name for him. Lazarus isn't isolated precisely because he isn't satisfied. He isn't enough on his own; he needs others.



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.)

MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Hugo Russo

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Crystal Nzegwu
(Special Intention)

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Anthony Rosania

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Eric Abad (26th Ann.)

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
8:30 am Joan Ricci

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER
5:30 pm Mildred Hooper

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER
7:30 am The People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the
Rosary Altar Society
11:30 am Debbie Casiero

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
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

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

MONDAY 26 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
6:45—8:00 pm MHS Rel. Ed. (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER
**6:30—7:30 pm Fam Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY
(Chapel)**

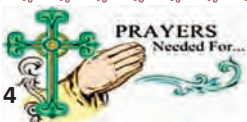
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
10:00 am Deadline for News &
Announcements for Oct. 9th
bulletin— call the Rectory at
973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER
**3:00—5:30 pm Fam Cat. Grades 1-5 (Connor
Hall)**
4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church
6:30 pm **Rosary at Grotto nightly**

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:00 am **Recitation of Rosary**
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am **RAS Annual Communion
Mass**
6:30 pm **Rosary at Grotto nightly**



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from Julie Okeke is for
FAITH NZEGWU (Special Intention)



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

OCT 1 - OCT 2, 2022				
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Judy Albore		
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Hermie Santos		
9:30 am Choir	Carol Ford	Espie Cain		
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis		

The ground that the rich man is so attached to becomes his very tomb: he was buried. Once his prized possession, the earth now falls on top of him. We build our own hell when we close ourselves off in ivory towers, when we grasp onto our securities, when we defend ourselves behind that image. An image that, by now, has become a cage.

Just like the dishonest steward that was suddenly called to account for his life, the rich man is called to do the same. Life always offers us an occasion to see where we are. "Seeing" is the verb of responsibility, because once we see, we have the chance to make new decisions about our life.

How are you trying to make sense of your life? Are you grabbing and keeping? Or do you have the courage to ask to be fed?

As it is for the rich man, so it is for us: only Moses and the prophets can awaken us from our comfortable slumber. Moses and the prophets indicate the Word of God. It is the Word that shakes some sense into us. It wrenches us away from those daily concerns about food and dress. It keeps us from closing ourselves off in our castles of security.

(Source: <https://catholic-link.org/how-do-we-build-our-hell-the-parable-of-rich-man-and-lazarus/>)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2022

OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary



- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **OCTOBER 2, 9, 16** our Baby Shower will be held at all weekend Masses. **SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS**



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 12, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to **\$34,268.50**. Through your generosity, our surplus as of September 12 is **\$6,058.50**.

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

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800

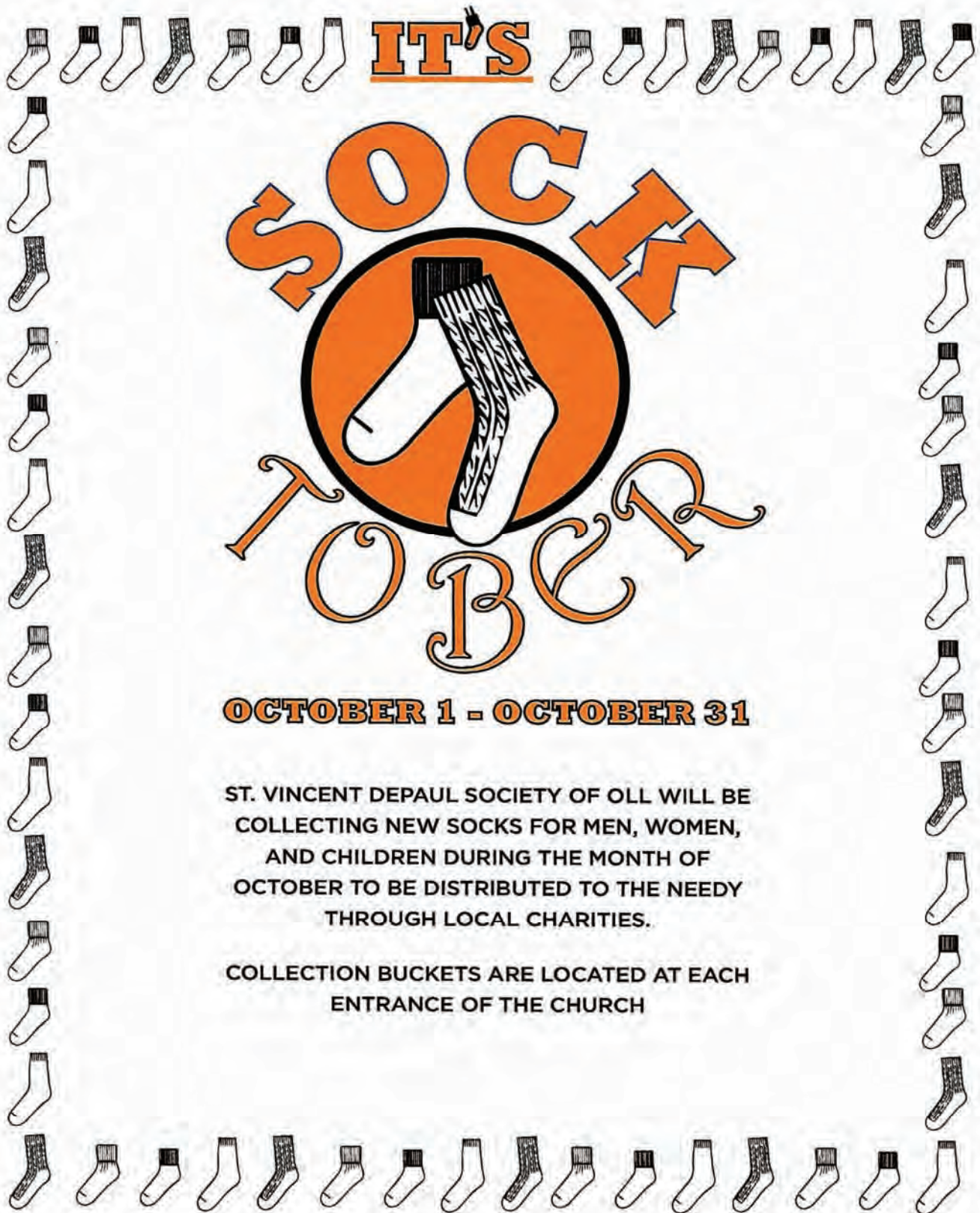
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* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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