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Sunday, January 16, 2022 – Second 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

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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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 share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about The Wedding Feast of Cana.***

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/wedding-feast-at-cana/>)

## **WEDDING FEAST AT CANA – SIGN OF TRANSFORMATION**

Author: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Everyone knows the story of the first of the Lord's "signs" – how Jesus changed water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana at the request of Mary, his mother. But there is more to the story than at first meets the eye.

Epiphany, to most of us, means the three kings. But the term Epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation," and traditionally the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates three revelatory events, the Magi's visit, the Lord's baptism, and the wedding feast at Cana.

The link is not hard to see. The Magi's homage shows divinity of this child-king who is to die for his people. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan reveals a glimpse of God's inner life as Trinity. And the wedding feast of Cana reveals the divine power at work in this carpenter from Nazareth. And it does this smack dab in the middle of everyday life, at a wedding reception.

### **CANA - WINE AS A SIGN**

The fourth gospel calls the Lord's miracles "signs." They all point to Jesus' divinity. But they also profoundly symbolize what it is that he has come into this world to do for us. At Cana, he transforms water into wine.

Now water is good but rather ordinary. It does not have much taste. Wine in ancient Israel was special, generally reserved for feasts and Sabbaths. It is a symbol of joy, and the exhilaration it provides is a great blessing. Note that the wine Jesus provided was rich, flavorful, and of the very best quality.

The Old Covenant was good. It was good to know that God is one that the way to please him is through just actions. That's really what the ten commandments are all about—justice to God, who alone deserves our worship, and justice to other human beings who all deserve our respect, seeing that they are made in God's image. But this covenant did not tell the whole story—the inner life of God as Trinity, this is present there only in hints and shadows. Neither does the Old Covenant provide people with the power to live the commandments. The law is written on stone tablets, and people must try to live it through sheer will power.

### **A TRANSFORMATION IN THIS WEDDING FEAST**

Jesus transforms this situation. Religious life now becomes intimacy with God, sharing in the eternal celebration of love between Father, Son and Spirit. And the new law is written in hearts by the Holy Spirit who empowers Christians to live it. Natural human life is good. But the new supernatural life brought by Christ is richer and much more flavorful.

How does Jesus work this transformation? Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the same power that transformed chaos into paradise, a virgin into the mother of the messiah, and bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ.

### **ANOINTING & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Christ was anointed with this wonder-working Spirit following his baptism. We share in this anointing through confirmation. So why do we think that the gifts of the Spirit were only for New Testament times? Or why would we think that they are only given to the greatest saints? St. Paul in I Corinthians 12 says that there are different works of the Spirit but it is the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. And then, "to each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

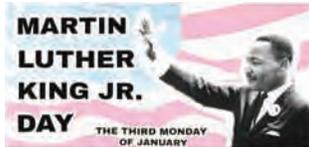
At the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church officially taught that the charisms of the Holy Spirit were not limited to the apostolic era but are essential equipment for all times and are poured out upon all the faithful through baptism and confirmation. That means that we Catholics belong to the largest Pentecostal Church in the world.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - JANUARY 16, 2022



SATURDAY 15 JANUARY	Margaret Dangler
5:30 pm	
SUNDAY 16 JANUARY	For the People of the Parish
7:30 am	Margaret Dangler
9:30 am	John J. Giblin
11:30 am	
MONDAY 17 JANUARY	Jack Healy
8:30 am	
TUESDAY 18 JANUARY	Ed Fairchild
8:30 am	
WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY	Dr. Zal Velez
8:30 am	
THURSDAY 20 JANUARY	Vilma Rendor (6th Ann.)
8:30 am	
FRIDAY 21 JANUARY	Mary Alice Torres
8:30 am	
SATURDAY 22 JANUARY	Nancy Lynch
5:30 pm	
SUNDAY 23 JANUARY	For the People of the Parish
7:30 am	Luigi Russo
9:30 am	Dr. Gonzalo Velez
11:30 am	



SUNDAY 16 JANUARY	7:30 am Mass in Church
	9:30 am Mass in Church
	10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 am Mass in Church
MONDAY 17 JANUARY	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 will be Closed
THURSDAY 20 JANUARY	10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Jan. 23rd bulletin—call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
SATURDAY 22 JANUARY	4:15—5:00 pm Confessions
	5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY 23 JANUARY	7:30 am Mass in Church
	9:30 am Mass in Church
	10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 am Mass in Church



The Wedding Feast at Cana  
It is here Jesus' public life is put into motion. At Mary's request, he performs his first miracle.



**Please Note: Our Prayer List is now being renewed.**

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

 JANUARY 22—JANUARY 23, 2022				
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister		
5:30 pm Choir	Pat Sigalas	Frank Refinski		
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Hermie Santos		
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Annette Chiamonte		
11:30 am	Lynda Clemente	Nancy Lanfrank		

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**CANA & THE CATALYST FOR THE MIRACLE**

So what is needed to awaken the wonder-working power of the Spirit that lies dormant in the lives of so many Catholics? Going back to Cana, it seems to me that if Mary’s intercession could be a catalyst for the first miracle, it could be the catalyst for many more.

This post on the transformation of water into wine as a sign at the Wedding Feast of Cana reflects on the Mass Readings for the Second (2nd) Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle C –Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; and John 2:1-12.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/wedding-feast-at-cana/>)

In Christ’s Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry



**save the date**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Connor Hall**

**Tricky Tray**  
(A Socially Distancing Event)

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm: Guest Walk-Through & Basket Selection  
5:00 pm: Drawings Begin  
Prize Pick-up Sunday, April 24 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Please bring your donations of soup to the collection bins located at the entrances of the church.



# Tricky Tray

This year, Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society will again hold a socially distant Tricky Tray on:

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Connor Hall.

We are now 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 on weekdays, excluding Wednesdays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm or, by contacting Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209.

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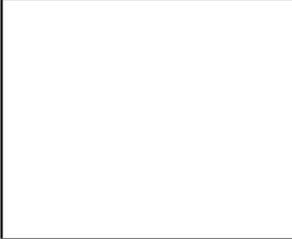
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