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Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Twenty-seventh 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

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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 & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

The setting of the Gospel this Sunday is a vineyard.

St. Paul wrote: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

The vineyard as well as a banquet (party) is not only a place of celebration but of sacrifice. I share with you this article about why the banquet (party) is important in the Gospel:

What Does A Party Symbolize In The Bible?

by Father Gaetano Piccolo

"Allow me to do the best that I can." – Babette's Feast
by K. Blixen

Organizing a party is a serious matter. It says a lot about us and many times it is a symbol of our lives. There are those that love to take care of every detail themselves and those that leave everything to others. There are those who would throw a party in poor taste, in which everything is mixed and not so much matched, and there are those who want everything just right. There are people who, either out of laziness or just tiredness, don't bother to let anyone know that it's their birthday and there are those who seek to be a celebrity for the day.

There is little left of all this in the way we host our parties: they are all so standardized that some mothers have explained to me that even small children's birthday parties must all be carried out as if following a procedure! It seems we've lost the joy of sharing our true selves and have fallen into simply sharing what others expect of us.

A party is a way in which we give a little of ourselves. You can even give everything that you have, like the protagonist of Babette's Feast, who organizes a dinner for her friends in order to express her gratitude using every cent of her newfound fortune, though she could have used it to make a better life for herself.

In the Bible, God uses the symbol of the party to express His desire to give Himself completely. God does not think twice about spending everything He has

party for His friends, much like the widow who gives everything she has and like the Son who gives Himself so that we may celebrate the peace between God and humanity.

Inviting someone to a party simultaneously implies exposing oneself to rejection: someone could choose to not be interested in our lives. In [the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 22], Jesus brings up this experience of rejection: the son who doesn't want to work in the vineyard, the laborers who don't accept the son sent by the landowner, and now the guests who don't go to the feast.

One of the guests doesn't wear the proper attire to the feast. Saint Augustine notes that this must refer to a spiritual garment, otherwise the servants would have realized also. Augustine calls it "the habit of charity." It is, in fact, only the king who notices: one needs a deeper gaze to realize that sometimes even those who are present in our lives are not really there at all, covering over their disinterest with a graceful superficiality.

The experience of rejection is one of those painful, difficult experiences that open our eyes and help us better understand the truth about how we are living our lives. It is an experience that encourages us to ask ourselves who we would want to throw a party with.

It would seem that God has asked Himself the same question. He prefers those who would be last, the small, those whom no one wants. And in this way He redirects the question to us: whom do you want to host a party for in your life? How do you choose the guests at your banquet? How we choose the people with whom we wish to share the feast of our lives says a lot about us. It tells us who we are.

In any case, while we are deciding whom to send our invitations to, let us not forget that we have been invited to the feast God has prepared for us. Perhaps, by participating in that feast, we can take some useful notes for the celebration of our life!

(Source: <https://catholic-link.org/guests-banquet-gospel-reflection-mt22/>)

Blessings to you and yours.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - OCTOBER 8, 2023



SATURDAY, 7 OCTOBER

5:30 pm Luis Macancela

SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Marie Vaccaro

11:30 am Rose Konvalinka

MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER

8:30 am Michael Charles Corcoran

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER

8:30 am Patrick Carosia

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER

8:30 am Abdon Domingo

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER

8:30 am Dr. Jam Chrobok

FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER

8:30 am Maurice Ferrus

SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER

5:30 pm Catherine Gascoyne

SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Ann Balzano

11:30 am Carmen E. Rosado



This week's Altar Candles, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **MARIE VACCARO**.



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of **JANICE LOMBARDI**.



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **ROSE KONVALINKA**.

SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am—11:30 am Mass/ Class 1st Penance (OLLC/Chapel)

9:30 am—11:30 am Mass Rel Ed. Grades 7-12 (OLLC, Hall)

10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)

11:30 pm Mass

MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER

8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.

5:00—7:30 pm Fam Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 22nd. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)

SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER

12:00 Noon Public Square Rosary Rally Front Steps of Church

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am—11:30 am Mass/ Grade 6 (OLLC/Hall)

9:30 am—11:30 am Mass /Class 1st Penance (OLLC, Chapel)

10:30am Children's Choir (OLLC)

11:30 am Mass



OCT 14 - OCT 15, 2023

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Lou Volpe Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	MaryEllen Chandler	
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Annette Chiamonte	
11:30 am Choir	Rachelle Brown	Mary Cassels Eileen Reilly (Choir)	



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2023

- ♦ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 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.

OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary



- ♦ **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.

IT'S SOCK TOBER



- ♦ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 29** Respect Life Ministry will be holding their Baby Shower at all weekend Masses during the month of October to be distributed to Several Sources Shelters. (SEE FLYER)



Baby Shower

- ♦ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 12:00 Noon**
The Annual Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on the Front Steps of the church. (SEE FLYER)



What's Happening
Community Events

LIVE EVENT
1000 Strong Rosary for Life
Priests from throughout New Jersey
In prayer for the Protection of the Babies in the Womb or in Reparation for the sin of Abortion


Our Lady of Fatima
1,000 Strong Rosary for Life
Friday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 pm.
106th anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Fatima

Please join the virtual "1000 Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call" on Friday, October 13th at 7:00 pm being organized by LIFENET.
Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! For more information: 973-497-4500
Register at: lifeneteducation.org/1000strong
Conference Call #: 1-401-252-0031; Code: 759297#

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, FROM 1:00—4:00 PM
at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. St. Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and remains NJ's only Jesuit High School. For more information, please call 201 547-6389 or visit www.spprep.org.



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Sept 23-24*	\$ 4596
Deficit:	\$ 2204

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit

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All Weekend Masses in October

At all weekend Masses in October we will be collecting the following items:

- Newborn clothes (gender neutral)
- Diapers Newborn (Size 5 & 6 only)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Body Wash
- Baby Body Lotion
- Gift Cards for Shop Rite or Walmart, and
- Monetary donations. (*Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes*)



These items will be distributed to **SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS** which offers a place where a young mother can come to have her baby and stay for up to a year or more with individual care, nurturing and educational support.



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