

Sunday, March 6, 2022 - First Sunday of Lent



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 Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music Mrs. Mary Cassels, Trustee Mrs. Eileen Reilly, Trustee

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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.

<u>First Friday</u>

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1^{st} 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 Msgr. Charles Pope and blog of Archdiocese of Washington (D.C.) regarding the Temptations of Christ. The article below has been abridged. To read the entire article, click this link or search/Google: "Charles Pope 3 Teachings on Temptation"

(Click this link for full article: http:// blog.adw.org/2020/03/three-teachings-ontemptation)

POSTED ON MARCH 10, 2020 BY MSGR. CHARLES POPE

Three Teachings on Temptation I. Why does God permit temptation?

God [permits temptation only to] serve some greater good. He permits it because it summons us to love Him while giving us the freedom to reject or accept that call. God seeks sons and daughters who can love Him freely ... [Love] requires the freedom to make choices.

Temptation existed even in Eden, in paradise; and prior to that, the angels had a sweeping choice for or against God.

A second reason God permits temptation is that it tests and strengthens us. An old saying reminds us, "Things do by opposition grow." Temptation is a kind of opposition we must learn to endure. In enduring, though, we become stronger. The spiritual life is like the physical life in that we grow stronger through repeated action. After lifting weights repeatedly, our physical strength increases and we can overcome increasingly more difficult physical challenges. It is the same with the spiritual life. An old gospel song says, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin. Each victory will help you, some other to win." At times the battle may weary us,

but in the long run, it strengthens us. Jesus illustrates this in his three-fold battle with Satan in the desert.

II. What are the sources of temptation?

There is a tendency to attribute temptation and struggles to the devil, but tradition speaks to two additional sources: the world and the flesh. (Note that the flesh is not merely our body; it is a term that describes our rebellious tendency to sin and be prideful.)

Frankly, many people do not need direct demonic temptation; they do a pretty good job of exposing themselves to temptation by indulging the flesh and embracing the world. The devil can pretty much leave them alone and monitor their self-destruction from a distance.

While the devil can and does manipulate and influence both the flesh and the world, we do better to look first to these two sources before ascribing temptations directly to the devil himself.

The influence of the flesh and the world are more under our control and thus should be the main focus of our battle. We do well to limit our exposure to the world and to spend more time with heavenly influences such as Scripture, the liturgy, prayer, and healthy, godly relationships. We should also focus more attention on self-mastery, through frequent confession, practicing virtue, and keeping careful custody of our mind and heart. Thus we see that Jesus is in the desert engaged in deep prayer, mortifying the flesh, and stepping away from the world.



SATURDAY 5 MARCH 5:30 pm Peggy Ann Mooney	pe
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MONDAY 7 MARCH 8:30 am Elizabeth Torres & Jo	sephine Pulgino
TUESDAY 8 MARCH 8:30 am Deceased Member or English & Leslie Fami	
WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 8:30 am Mary Alice Torres	
THURSDAY 10 MARCH 8:30 am Thomas Bardzinski	
FRIDAY 11 MARCH 8:30 am John Suttora	
SATURDAY 12 MARCH 5:30 pm James Cham (Special	Intention)
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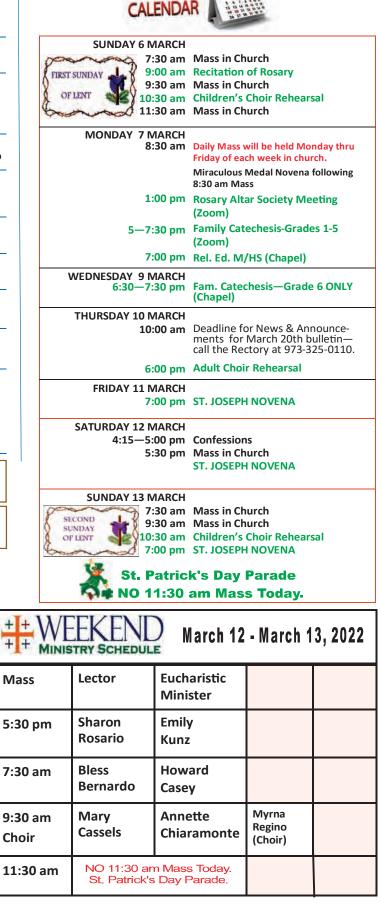
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If you wish to have a friend or

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Catherine Gascoyne



CHURCH

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III. What is the chief weapon Jesus uses in refusing temptation and how can it

help us? Temptation is ultimately about influence and the battlefield is the mind. In the story of Jesus' temptations, he answers every sinful suggestion by the devil with Scripture.

Because the battle in temptation is about influence, the following question arises: What most influences you: the world, the flesh, the devil, or God?

We must actively seek to be influenced by God, by godly thoughts and godly truth.

Thus, an essential antidote to temptation is to be deeply rooted in the truth of God. This does not mean merely mechanically quoting verses during an argument. Rather, it means being transformed by God's Word and watching how it performs in our life. I have been reading Scripture every day for the last thirty years. The Word of God has changed me and has been instrumental (along with sacraments, prayer, and godly fellowship) in putting down sin and resisting the temptations that precede it. Some things that used to tempt me no longer do; other temptations that were once strong are now weaker. Still other temptations remain, but the battle is engaged! Jesus is right: the Faith and the Word of God are a strong shield to protect against the fiery darts of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Temptation is an ongoing battle for all of us until the day we die. All the more reason to permit the Lord to teach us its causes, the way it operates, and the ways to resist it.

In Christ's Peace, Father Jim Ferry



This is a reminder about TIME/SCHEDULE in 3 ways for the coming week:



Friday March 11 at 7 pm is the first **St. Joseph Novena Service** (See Page 5 for Schedule).



Saturday March 12 is the start of **Daylight Savings Time**: "spring forward".

Sunday March 13 is **St. Patrick's Parade Day**



and Parade Day Mass at 9:30 am at Lourdes.

There is no 11:30 am Mass on Sunday March 13.

The Rosary Altar Society's next quarterly meeting will be held on

March 7th, 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.



We will be finalizing our Tricky Tray Plans. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Carol Ford, President

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021	
WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Feb. 19-20*	\$ 4313
Deficit:	\$ 2487
* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit	



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Ash Wednesday March 2nd Ashes distributed at all Masses & Services 7 am AND 8:30 am MORNING MASSES 12 Noon MIDDAY SERVICE 3:30 pm AFTERNOON SERVICE 7 pm EVENING MASS



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

West Orange, New Jersey

Saínt Joseph's Novena

March 11-19, 2022

Scheduled Speakers and Gospel Topics:

Friday, March 11, 7 PM Rev. Peter Wehrle Our Lady of the Lake, Verona

Saturday, March 12, 5:30 PM To Be Determined

Sunday, March 13, 7 PM Novena Monsignor Robert Emery St. Aloysius, Caldwell <u>Monday, March 14, 7 PM</u> Monsignor Robert Coleman Seton Hall University, S. Orange

Tuesday, March 15, 7 PM Rev. Bogumil Misiuk Seton Hall Prep, West Orange

3, 7 PM NovenaWednesday, March 16, 7 PMEmeryTo Be Determined

Thursday, March 17, 7 PM Rev. Brian Needles Our Lady of Sorrows, S. Orange

Friday, March 18, 7 PM Rev. James Ferry Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange

Saturday, March 19, 8:30 AM (Morning) Rev. James Ferry Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange

Take Home/ At Home St. Joseph Table Details to follow All Are Welcome!

We invite you to join us for an evening devotion of Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reflection.

Join us any Evening, or every evening, as we celebrate St. Joseph's Novena. We appreciate your free-will offering to support the Novena. St. Joseph Pray for Us!



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