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Sunday, September 11, 2022 - Twenty-fourth 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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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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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,

Our biblical readings this Sunday remind us that the Lord God seeks you out – especially when you are lost.

St. Paul wrote: “But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
(Ephesians 2:13)

I share with you some lessons from the readings of this Sunday, with a reflection on the meaning of each of these key words: **__GOLD, __FOLD, __SOLD, __HOLD.**

[GOLD] Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 The precious metal of gold is currently priced at \$1,073 per ounce . The Hebrew people also knew that gold was valuable , even coming to worship their gold. Moses, as their prophet and leader, was frustrated that the people had transformed what was “in their wallet” (gold) to something they could worship, a god. This is the episode of the “Golden Calf” in which the people melt their gold and jewelry to create this new idol. They have done this because God seems distant and Moses himself had been on the mountain for 40 days. Pope Francis stated in January 2020 that worship of God is not only a choice between “God” and mammon” (money) but also between “my will” and “God’s will”. I must admit I often prefer my own! The problem is not only that I can turn my gold into an idol but that I can also idolize my opinions, my skepticism, or my talents. Anything I claim for myself can lead me away from God’s way. Pope Francis stated: “When we do not worship God ... We end up worshipping ourselves ... Worship means realizing that you and God belong together. It means being able to speak to him freely and intimately.
(Pope Francis, Epiphany Homily, January 6, 2020) Silence before God and in prayer

is also “golden”. This is a treasure we can spend both now and in heaven.

[FOLD] Psalms 51 Whether as a competitor in sports or a worker in the heat of the day, we can know what it means to “fold” or “give up” against certain overwhelming obstacles or odds. The 51st psalm is attributed to King David, also a great competitor and warrior. Yet, David was now “folding” or in danger of doing so. His enemy was not in another land but in himself, his sinfulness. King David had come to realize his need for mercy and redemption. While powerful in many legal and political ways, David had perpetrated a great scandal (the affair with Bathsheba) and been the author of an innocent man’s death (Uriah the Hittite, husband of Bathsheba). Becoming aware of this, David is repenting before God: “Have mercy on me God in your kindness” (Psalm 51:1) While aware of his guilt and wrongdoing, David does not “fold” due to his sin. God’s mercy shores him up. The psalm reminds us that when we put ourselves before God, admitting our sins, evil can be defeated “folded” and put to death, while you and I are raised up.

[SOLD] 1 Timothy 1:12-17 When we speak of being “betrayed” or cheated, we might compare this to being “sold” as though everything we had of value has been taken. It is a fate we try to avoid and expect legal protection against (e.g., civil rights laws of non-discrimination). Jesus’ own suffering and death was precipitated by a “sale”, perpetrated by Judas Iscariot of his inner circle. This episode of Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion showed that he loved us because he was willing to be sold: “Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Robert Schuren
SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am The People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Debra Casiero
MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Debra Anne Casiero
TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am John Kunz
WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Luisa Justiniano
THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Rev. Peter Weiss
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am John Kunz
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

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church Meeting for Family Catechesis Grades 1 –6 to follow the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.
MONDAY 12 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 1:00—2:30 pm Rosary Altar Society Mtg. (Virtual) 6:45—7:45 pm MHS Parents Mtg. (Chapel)
WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)
THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Sep 25th bulletin—call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 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
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Confirmation Mass

This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo is in memory of **MARY ELLEN BRUNO**



PRAYERS Needed For...

Brendan Byrne	Pat Schoeler
Michael DiPirro	George Snell
Catherine Gascoyn	Harry Vendemia
John Mooney	Maureen Bacal-Zerna
Jacob Rivera	
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 17 - SEPT 18, 2022	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Frank Refinski	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Mary Cassels	
9:30 am	Andrew Novoa	Joe Petrillo	
11:30 am CHOIR	Wendy Sheyka	Paul Hirsch	

(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

[HOLD] Luke 15:1-32 The parables of Luke, Ch. 15, show how much the Lord loves us and seeks out after us, and longs to hold us again. The lost sheep, lost coin, lost son demonstrated his hold on us and value for us, and that you and I are measured as individuals (1 coin, 1 sheep, 1 person) not simply as percentages in a portfolio Jesus wants to hold us. The father of the Prodigal/Lost Son parable abandons everything to “hold” his son again. The father is willing to wait for the son who abandoned him. The Lord also waits for you and for me, to hold us again as his own.

On the 9/11 Anniversary, for those who died as rescue workers, as Police, Fire and EMS responders, as travelers, in the air and on the ground, “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~”

In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

The **Rosary Altar Society’s** September meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12th, 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.

Hope everyone can join us.
Carol Ford, President

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Aug 27-Aug 28*	\$ 3850
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* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

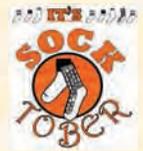
Month of the Holy Rosary



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.

Confirmation
SUNDAY
September 18
11:30 am Mass



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 August 29, 2022 your giving to the Annual Appeal 2022 amounts to \$33,818.50. Through your generosity, our surplus as of August 29 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

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►►► **Sacrament of Confirmation Reminder: Key Dates**

August 22, 2022

***Dear Friends:** This is to remind you of the Sacrament of Confirmation which applies to our young people who have already completed their 2 years of required preparation. You – our young people – will also be receiving an email. These are 2 dates for you to know:*

<p>Rehearsal, Sacrament of Confirmation Location: Main Church</p> <p>Your sponsor is invited to attend the Rehearsal. If your sponsor cannot attend the rehearsal, then a parent must attend with you.</p>	<p>Tuesday Sept. 13 7 pm (Evening)</p>
<p>Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation Location: Main Church</p> <p>Your sponsor is required to attend the Mass</p>	<p>Sunday Sept. 18 11:30 am (Morning)</p>

Call 973.325.0110 or email Confirmation.Class@LourdesWestOrange.org with questions.

Father Jim Ferry (fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org)

►►► **Recordatorio del Sacramento de la Confirmación**

Queridos amigos: Esto es para recordarles el Sacramento de la Confirmación que se aplica a nuestros jóvenes que ya han completado sus 2 años de preparación requerida. Ustedes, nuestros jóvenes, también recibirán un correo electrónico. Estas son 2 fechas para que las sepan:

<p>Ensayo, Sacramento de la Confirmación Lugar: Iglesia Principal</p> <p>Su padrino o madrina está invitado a asistir al ensayo. Si su patrocinador no puede asistir al ensayo, uno de sus padres debe asistir con usted.</p>	<p>martes 13 de septiembre 7 pm (noche)</p>
<p>Misa, Sacramento de la Confirmación Lugar: Iglesia Principal</p> <p>Se requiere que su patrocinador asista a la misa.</p>	<p>domingo 18 de septiembre 11:30 (mañana)</p>

Llamar 973.325.0110 o email Confirmation.Class@LourdesWestOrange.org , para preguntar.

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