



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, January 30, 2022 - 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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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

### Religious Education

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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### Religious Education

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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### Religious Education

#### **Administrative 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 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 Friends,

***I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about the Gospel of Luke, 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.***

(Source:

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/why-we-stone-prophets/>)

## **WHY WE STONE PROPHETS**

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

The prophets of the Old and New Testaments show us that sometimes love demands that we speak the truth that people don't want to hear. Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern; Jesus was run out of Nazareth. This shows us that God's messengers shouldn't expect honor, respect, and popularity. For the 4th Sunday in Ordinary time, cycle C.

One of the themes of Pope Francis at World Youth Day 2013 was to "shake things up."

This is quite different from the prevailing wisdom: "In polite conversation, never bring up politics or religion." That's the advice I was given as a child.

And it's good advice, too, if your main goal is to make sure everybody likes you. Politics and religion are risky because they involve deeply held convictions, and if you happen to challenge these convictions, you get the same reaction that a dentist gets when his probe hits a nerve.

## **LOVE TELLS THE TRUTH**

But politeness at any cost is not God's style. The reason for this is that God is love, and love is more concerned about the welfare of others than with one's own image. So if someone is on a seemingly pleasant canoe ride down a lazy river, love cares enough to warn the passengers that Niagara Falls is up ahead.

"But everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion." Opinions don't change the fact that going over the falls in a canoe will probably kill you.

Religious and moral choices are like this. They set one on

Sex outside of marriage, intoxication with drugs and alcohol, honoring Jesus but rejecting the authority of His Church, all these choices have very unpleasant, even deadly, consequences.

## **THE ROLE OF A PROPHET**

So God sends prophets (the Greek word means "spokesmen") whose role includes warning people that they are headed over the falls. You'd think people would be grateful for the heads up. But often people respond to bad news by killing the messenger.

Why is this? Because somehow we've gotten the idea in our heads that we are basically "good people" whom God ought to appreciate, and that our beliefs and lifestyle are at least as good as all others.

When a prophet calls these comforting illusions into question, we find it threatening and uncomfortable. If the prophet is right, then we need to change. Change always means pain and we just don't like pain.

## **REACTIONS TO JESUS AND JEREMIAH**

Jeremiah and Jesus both are dealing with people who think that they are "good people." After all, they are God's chosen people. They offer sacrifices. God is on their side.

So they respond to Jeremiah's warnings by eliminating the source of pain. They throw him into a muddy cistern and he narrowly escapes with his life. Jesus, in Luke 4, eludes the people of Nazareth when they want to throw him over the hill, but ultimately gives his life for those who cry out "Crucify him!"

So if this is how people are going to respond, why bother to rock the boat? Why stick your neck out?

## **FAITHFUL DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN SUCCESSFUL**

Because people have a right to the truth, whether they end up heeding the truth or not. The prophet's responsibility is to speak God's word as clearly and convincingly as possible. What people will do with that word is not under his control. Mother Teresa was fond of saying that God does not require us to be successful; he requires us to be faithful.

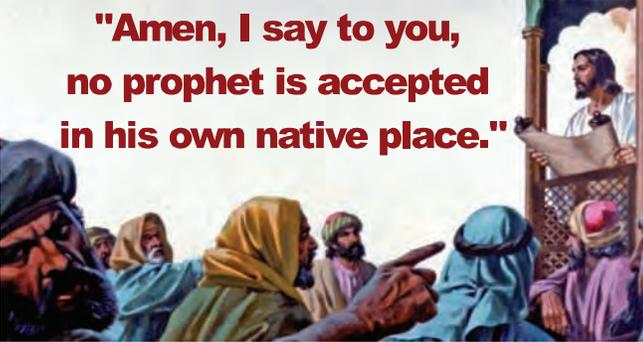
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - JANUARY 30, 2022



SATURDAY 29 JANUARY	5:30 pm Carol Ann Sanchez
SUNDAY 30 JANUARY	7:30 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am Luis Nieves (1st Ann.) 11:30 am Eileen Lyons
MONDAY 31 JANUARY	8:30 am Mary Alice Torres
TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Raymond Cassidy
WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Janice Lombardi
THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Jeffrey Torres
FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY	8:30 am Mary Alice Torres
SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY	5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney
SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY	7:30 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte 11:30 am Luis Nieves

SUNDAY 30 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 31 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
THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY	10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Feb 13th bulletin—call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY	3:00—5:30 pm Family Catechesis—Grades 1-5 (Virtual/Zoom) 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY	7:30 am Mass in Church 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary 9:30 am Mass in Church 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Mass in Church



 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Joseph & Kathy Petrillo, is in memory of **THOMAS & ANNA CHIARELLA**

+ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		FEBRUARY 5—FEBRUARY 6, 2022	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	MaryEllen Chandler	
9:30 am Choir	Carol Ford	Sonia Murphy	
11:30 am	Wendy Sheyka	Nancy Lanfrank	



**Michael DiPirro**  
**Pat Schoeler**

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

(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

At first glance, Jeremiah did not have much “success.” His listeners totally ignored him, the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem, and Israel was taken into exile. On Good Friday, it did not look like Jesus had been successful either. But 300 years later the Romans who crucified him were now worshipping him, and the lives that had been forever changed were too numerous to count.

**ALL CALLED TO BE PROPHETS**

We who have been confirmed have been given a share in Christ’s prophetic anointing. If our goal is to be everybody’s buddy, we are going to have a hard time being faithful. The word that God commands us to share is sometimes comforting, sometimes disturbing. We must get over our fear of offending people and love them enough to tell them the truth.

Of course, there is always the question of the right place and time. But if no place is the right place and the right time never comes, we can be sure that we are allowing fear of other’s opinion to get in the way of love.

Love is not about being sentimental. The love of God, spoken about in 1 Corinthians 13, is tough love.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/why-we-stone-prophets/>)

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**

**TICKETS: Pre-Event Ticket Bundle Sales  
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**PARISH GIVING**

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
<b>Collection*: Jan. 15-16*</b>	<b>\$ 4417</b>
Deficit:	\$ 2383

\* Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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# 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**.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.**



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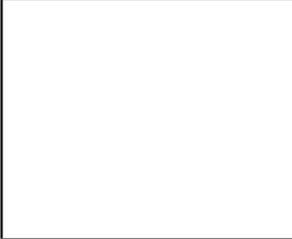
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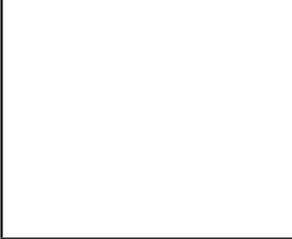
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