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First Holy Communion

*"This is My Body, which will be given for you;
do this in memory of Me."*

Luke 22:19

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GOD BLESS YOU



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about the Gospel of the "Peter, Do you Love Me?" for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/origins-papacy-peter-love/>)

Origins of the Papacy – Peter do you Love Me?

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

The origins of the Papacy can be found in the dialogue between Jesus and Simon Peter in John 21, a gospel traditionally read during Eastertide. The question, "Peter, do you love me?" is followed by the command "Feed my sheep." The pope, shepherd and successor of Peter, has a role that has not to do with privilege but with sacrifice. For the 3rd Sunday of Easter, cycle C.

On many occasions I've heard people object to the papacy. Often, they say something like this: "I just can't believe that one man on earth, the Pope, is holier than everyone else."

So who ever said that being sinless is either a prerequisite or a consequence of being named Pope?

POPE & PAPACY

The Pope, the bishop of Rome, is the successor of Peter, who spent the last years of his life leading the Christians of the eternal city. And here is an interesting fact. None of the four canonical gospels (not to mention Acts and Galatians) try to hide the fact that Peter sinned often and sinned big.

By the way, if the "patriarchal, controlling" leaders of the early Catholic Church altered the story about Jesus as some suggest, don't you think they would have "fixed" these embarrassing stories?

Yet while all agree Peter was weak and imperfect, they all also agree that he was given a unique responsibility. Only Peter got a name-change from Jesus himself (from Simon to "Peter" meaning rock). Only Peter was told by Christ on Holy Thursday night "I have prayed for you that your faith never fail and when you've repented, go

and strengthen your brethren" (Luke 22: 31-32). And when Jesus, after the resurrection, cooked a fish breakfast for the apostles (John 21), it was only to Peter that Jesus put the question "do you love me?"

THE DIALOGUE OF PETER WITH THE RISEN CHRIST

But why did Jesus ask him the same question three times? Perhaps Peter needed to atone for his three-fold denial of Christ by a three-fold profession of love. Perhaps, given Peter's track record of getting it wrong, the Lord really wanted to be sure he got his point across. Here's the point-

"Peter, your way of expressing penance for your sin and love for me will be to feed my sheep. Remember, they are not your sheep, but mine. Take care of them for me. Do for them what I did for them. Don't just feed them. Protect them. Lay down your life for them if necessary."

FROM FISHERMAN TO UNIVERSAL SHEPHERD

Peter's role as a shepherd is, in a way, unique because it is universal. Despite his human frailty, he is given care of all the Churches. And, if we take Luke 22:31-32 seriously, he is called to be the shepherd of all the shepherds. That's a big responsibility. In fact, it is a crushing burden which he and his successors could never fulfill by human power alone.

That's why we pray for the Pope (meaning "Papa" or father) in every Catholic Eucharist across the globe - He needs the grace of the Holy Spirit to fulfill his role. The bit about Peter stretching out his hands so that others could lead him where he does not want to go - this does not just refer to his crucifixion under Nero, but to the daily laying his life down for his flock, the "white martyrdom" that we saw so clearly in the weary but relentless witness of St. John Paul II in his final years.

SHEPHERD OF MANY SHEPHERDS

In another way, though, Peter's role of a shepherd is not unique. It is exemplary for all of us sheep who are called to become ourselves shepherds and leaders, despite our own frailty and sinfulness. Some are called to be bishops, successors of the apostles, entrusted with pastoral care of a portion of Christ's flock. Some are called to be priests and deacons, who assist a bishop in his apostolic mission. Some are called to be catechists, youth ministers and teachers, who also play a role in the feeding of the sheep.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - MAY 1, 2022



SATURDAY 30 APRIL
5:30 pm John Gaeta (3rd Ann.)

SUNDAY 1 MAY
7:30 am For The People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Catalano & Louise Chiaramonte
11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka

MONDAY 2 MAY
8:30 am Margaret Christiano

TUESDAY 3 MAY
8:30 am Edward J. Ford, III (2nd Ann.)

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY
8:30 am Jose Matias, Sr.

THURSDAY 5 MAY
8:30 am Michael O'Boyle & Millie Cassidy

FRIDAY 6 MAY
8:30 am Christian & Grace Okeke

SATURDAY 7 MAY
5:30 pm Marie Stopfer

SUNDAY 8 May
7:30 am For The People of the Parish
9:30 am Filomena Napolitano & Elizabeth Pflug
11:30 am Eleanor Cassels



This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift of The Ramirez Family is in memory of **CELMIRA SAADE**



This week's Bread & Wine, a gift of Nancy Lanfrank is in memory of **BILL CARRINGTON**



SUNDAY 1 MAY

7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
1st Holy Communion to be celebrated
11:30 am Mass in Church
1st Holy Communion to be celebrated

MONDAY 2 MAY

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 5 MAY

10:00 am **Deadline for News & Announcements for May 15th bulletin— call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.**
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY 6 MAY

5:30—7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY 7 MAY

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
3—5:30 pm Family Catechesis—Grades 1-5
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 8 MAY



7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
11:30 am Mass in Church

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2021
WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800
Collection*: Apr. 9-10* \$ 5572
Deficit: \$ 1228
*** Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit**



For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.



May 7 - May 8, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:30 pm Children's Choir	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly		
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe		
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Espie Cain		
11:30 am Choir	Julie Okeke	Wendy Sheyka		



Brendan Byrne
Dr. Penny DeFranco
Michael DiPirro
Catherine Gascoyn
Cathy Granger
Sherrina Navani
Pat Schoeler
George Snell
Harry Vendemia
Vir-Jean Ward
Maureen Bacal-Zerna

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

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And most of us are called to be parents, shepherds of what the Second Vatican Council calls “the domestic church.” Parents, say St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Paul II, have a pastoral role much like that of a parish priest. In fact John Paul II, in his letter *Familiaris Consortio*, says that Christian parents exercise “a true ministry of the Church.”

JOHN 21 - CALL TO FEED THE SHEEP

On whatever level, the call to feed and care for the sheep is a call to sacrifice, not privilege. It has its moments of exaltation and profound satisfaction, and it has its moments of agony as well. Yet if we’ve learned anything from the passion, it’s that suffering is the true and necessary test of love, as well as love’s most authentic and powerful expression.

So let us not be afraid to be shepherds. The Good Shepherd will empower us with His Spirit. And let’s pray with gratitude and compassion for those who shepherd us.

This post on Peter as shepherd and the Papacy is offered as a reflection on the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter, cycle C (Acts 5:27b-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21 1-19).

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Blessed Easter Season to you

In Christ’s Peace
Father Jim Ferry

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

MAY 6, 2022

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!

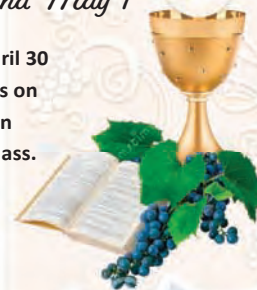


*1st Holy Communion to be celebrated
on April 30 and May 1*

At the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, April 30
and 9:30 am Mass and 11:30 am Mass on
Sunday May 1, there will be 8 children
receiving First Communion at each Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Special
seating and pews will be reserved
ahead of time.

Thank you for your prayers for our 1st Holy Communion children.



Special 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services in Ukraine

A second collection for Catholic Relief Services in Ukraine
will be taken at all Masses on Saturday, April 30th and
Sunday, May 1st. You may also donate at any time by
using the envelopes in church and placing a check or cash
in the envelope. Checks are payable to “Our Lady of
Lourdes” with a memo “CRS Ukraine”.



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Jersey City

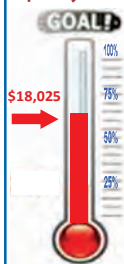
SUNDAY, May 1st 1:00—3:00 PM

Saint Peter’s Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House
on Sunday, May 1 from 1:00—3:00 pm at the school’s campus in
historic downtown Jersey City.

Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be
present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the
campus will be provided. Currently celebrating its 150th anniversary,
Saint Peter’s Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for
boys and it remains New Jersey’s only Jesuit high school. For more
information, please call 201-547-6389.

\$28,210

The 2022 Annual Appeal is well underway



Our Lady of Lourdes is currently at **\$18,025**. This is
approximately **63.90%** of our goal of **\$28,210**.
Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your
support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese
of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with
faith, hope and charity. If you have yet to partici-
pate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back
of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

If you need an envelope sent to you or cannot find one, please
call the rectory at 973-325-0110. Checks are payable to “Annual
Appeal 2022.”

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



POST-EVENT SUMMARY

We are happy to report that 182 registered guests visited Connor Hall from 8:00 am—4:00 pm on April 23rd to try their luck at winning more than 300 gift baskets, 4 Special Prizes and a Fair Share drawing.

The proceeds of the event totaled \$13,066. These monies will be presented to Fr. Jim with the request that the monies be restricted for church capital expenditures.

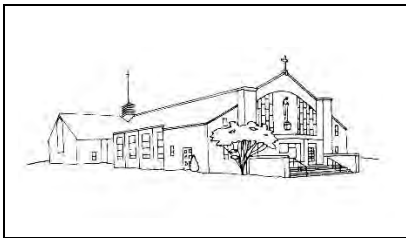
A sincere **THANK YOU** to all of our **VOLUNTEERS** for the time and energy that was put into yet another successful Tricky Tray.

We couldn't do this without you!

THANK YOU to all of our **VENDORS & DONORS** for your extreme generosity. The Tricky Tray is our largest fundraiser and helps support the needs of our parish.

THANK YOU to our Tricky Tray **GUESTS** for coming out to support our fundraiser.

Please show your appreciation by supporting the many local businesses in West Orange and surrounding communities.



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Annual Appeal 2022 Update From Father Jim Ferry, Pastor

April 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

There were 85 families and individuals who donated \$29,799 to the 2021 Annual Appeal. What an outpouring of generosity!

I am writing now to all parishioners, to the more than 1,000 people who consider Lourdes their parish. I am deeply grateful for your support of Lourdes Parish through your devotional prayers, sacrificial giving, and generous service.

This note is to explain the value of your gift to the Annual Appeal 2022 through the Archdiocese, for which our goal is \$28,210. Last year, our rebate was \$1,589 due to your gifts in excess of the goal as of 12/31/2021. The same rebate remains in effect. However, with "June 30" approaching, I wish to alert you to an additional incentive.

Right now, we have \$16,000 in pledges toward our \$28,210 goal for 2022. If we make our goal by June 30, Lourdes Parish receives more benefits financially. That is, the Archdiocese reduces the financial obligation of "archdiocesan assessment", accordingly. This is the "bottom line" benefit for Lourdes for your gifts made to "Annual Appeal 2022"

- If pledges meet or exceed \$28,210 (by June 30), this year's assessment is reduced by **\$7,500**.
- If gifts "fully paid" meet or exceed \$28,210 (by June 30), this year's assessment is reduced by **\$15,000**.

I recognize that economic conditions and inflation have caused trouble and uncertainty for many in our parish family. I only ask that you give what you are able.

Envelopes are available in church or upon request. You may give online at: Support.RCAN.org/a/donate.
Checks are to be payable to "Annual Appeal 2022"

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry 973.325.0110

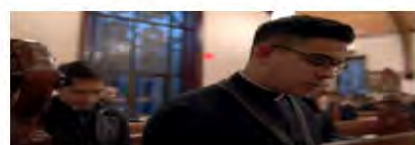
email: fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org

What is the Annual Appeal?

The Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in northeast NJ (Archdiocese of Newark) and in four counties – Essex, Union, Hudson, Bergen - namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support. These are a few examples of the value of your gift to the Annual Appeal.

Annual Appeal ^{the 2022} **Examples**

- **Learning to Worship** / Assistance - Mass for Hearing Impaired (St. John's Newark)
- **Listening to the Word** / Seminary Education (Father Bob Suskzo, Seton Hall)
- **Listening to the Word** Campus ministry student communities at 9 colleges (Father Jim Chern, Montclair State Univ.)
- **Looking out with Good Works** - Catholic Charities Emergency Food & Nutrition Network, Job Training, Shelters.
- *And more ...*



You may restrict your gift to one or more of the above areas when you fill in your pledge either online or with the envelope.

Do not hesitate to call or email the rectory if you have any questions.

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