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Sunday, January 29, 2023 - 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

Religious Education

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Mrs. Barbara Camp 973.325.0110 ext. 103

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Administrative Assistant

Maggie Macias 973.325.0110 ext. 102

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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

I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about the Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/poverty-sloth-and-the-beatitudes/>)

THE POOR IN SPIRIT, THE LAZY AND THE BEATITUDES

(by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio)
[ABRIDGED]

The Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes challenge us all. When Jesus calls blessed the poor in spirit and those hungry for righteousness, he is also condemning the self-satisfaction that leads to sloth, a deadly disease that's risen to epidemic proportions in the Western world.

Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" is probably the most famous sermon of all time. And the opening lines of that sermon are equally famous - for 2,000 years they've been known as "the Beatitudes."

THE BEATITUDES

In nine short verses, Jesus lays out the character sketch of the spiritually successful person who is truly blessed, fortunate, positioned to experience perfect happiness and the fullness of joy. This is what "beatitude" means.

Now the very first qualification takes us back a bit. "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Is Jesus endorsing indigence? Is he a Marxist who champions the proletariat and vilifies the bourgeoisie?

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Not at all. Note that he is talking about the "poor in spirit" here. In other words, those who are aware of their own smallness and emptiness. The poor in spirit are not those who beat themselves up, but those who frankly recognize how puny they are before the mysteries of the Universe and the Creator of that Universe. They don't let their own accomplishments and abilities blind them to their mortality and vulnerability. The poor in spirit don't fool themselves.

Jesus mentions elsewhere how hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom because it is very easy for the successful to lose touch with their neediness and to actually believe the flattery of their fan club. Those who are not influential, educated or wealthy have an easier time recognizing their need since it stares them in the face every place they turn. For this reason, the Church was full of such people in the New Testament era (1 Cor. 1:26-31) just as it is today.

The poor of spirit are empty and so long to be filled. They hunger and thirst for the wholeness that is called holiness, for the food that truly satisfies.

SLOTH & SPIRITUAL LAZINESS

The rich in spirit don't hunger for anything. They are "full of themselves," self-satisfied. When offered an opportunity to grow spiritually, they protest "but I'm a good person and worship God in my own way" or "I go to Church every Sunday, isn't that enough?" Such people are too busy for prayer and yawn when exposed to a spiritual discussion. They are too absorbed with themselves to be interested in God. They may get excited about the Superbowl, but never about heaven.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JANUARY 29, 2023



SATURDAY 28 JANUARY
5:30 pm Carol Ann Sanchez

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Lucie Walker
11:30 am Ralph Spero

MONDAY 30 JANUARY
8:30 am Helen Hiner

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY
8:30 am Martin & Ann Healy

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY
8:30 am Raymond Cassidy

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY
8:30 am Janice Lombardi

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY
8:30 am Robert Donald Stefanelli

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY
5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Deceased Members of the
Pflug & Napolitano Families
11:30 am John Gaeta

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 am Mass in Church
9:30 - 11:30 am 1ST Penance Class
(Chapel)
11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY 30 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 2 FEBRUARY
10:00 am Deadline for News &
Announcements for Feb 12th
bulletin— call the Rectory at
973-325-0110.

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY
3—5:30 pm Fam Cat. GRADES 1-5 (Hall)
4—5:15 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY
3—5:30 PM Mass in Church
7:30 am Mass in Church
9:00 am Recitation of Rosary
9:30—11:30 am Rel Ed. MSH - Mass & (Hall)
11:30 am Mass in Church



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



Pat Schoeler

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEB 4 - FEB 5, 2023

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Eileen Reilly	
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Howard Casey	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Jo Anne Chiamonte	
11:30 am Choir	Wendy Sheyka	Espie Cain	

(PASTOR COLUMN continued on Page 4)

This lack of spiritual hunger, this utter apathy in the face of the things of God, is actually one of the Seven Deadly Sins. It is called Sloth or spiritual laziness, and it is one of the most striking characteristics of the Western world of the 21st century.

Sloth is a sneaky sin that quietly creeps into the lives of even religious people and gradually chokes out true spirituality. It diverts our attention from the things of heaven to a myriad of other things until we find ourselves bored with God, making only routine and mechanical efforts, at best, to “fulfill our Sunday obligation.” There is no passion, no zeal, no desire—just lots of excuses.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Pure in heart here means single-minded. The hearts of the blessed, the truly happy, are not divided between God and football and career and money. Those truly happy have only one God, and look to Him alone to be filled. When they play sports, they do it for his honor and glory, not their own. If they marry, they love Christ and are loved by Christ through their spouse. If they pursue a career or build a business, they do it to advance His kingdom.

Reading the Sermon on the Mount, and especially the Beatitudes, is a gut check. It’s one of the best of all examinations of conscience, perfect to read before every confession and every Lent.

Incidentally, that’s what the penitential season of Lent is about. The fasting is meant to re-stimulate our spiritual appetite. The spiritual exercises are designed to shrug off the laziness of sloth. Christianity is not just a matter of believing in God, but avidly pursuing Him.

In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting Christine’s Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, 2/18/2023** for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of **2/18/2023** so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at travisb23@juno.com.

“SOUPER BOWL”




Feb. 12, 2023

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting cans of soup from January 1st through Super Bowl Sunday to be delivered to our local food pantry to nourish and warm the less fortunate.





Please bring your donations of soup to the collection bins located at the entrances of the church.

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Deficit:	\$ 2004

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Tricky Tray

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:00 am - 4:00 pm: Guest Walk-Through & Basket Selection

5:00 pm: Drawings Begin

Prize Pick-up Sunday, April 16 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Tricky Tray

The Rosary Altar Society will again hold a socially distant Tricky Tray on: **Saturday, April 15, 2023**

In Connor Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

We are now accepting gifts for our Tricky Tray. Gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome and greatly appreciated by **Sunday, March 26th.**

Gifts may be left in the Church Sacristy or at the rectory on weekdays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. For pick up contact Eileen Reilly at 973-980-4209 or email at trickytray@lourdeswestorange.org

(PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT.)

Your gift may also be as a monetary donor:

Gold Donor	\$100.00
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Eileen Reilly, Chairperson.



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