



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, February 6, 2022 – Fifth 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:**

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

### **Religious Education**

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

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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 Gospel of Luke, 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/high-adventure-or-cautious-mediocrity/>)

### **High Adventure or Cautious Mediocrity?**

Author: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Discipleship is about a call to embark upon an epic adventure, not about preserving the safe, comfortable and predictable mediocrity of business as usual. The disciples left behind everything to follow Jesus, embarking upon a road that would lead them through danger to glory.

Peter, Paul, Isaiah, Frodo Baggins. They have more in common than meets the eye. Of course there are differences, too. Peter is a small business man, trying to wring a living for his family out of a lake in Hicksville. No one expected much from Galilee. Its inhabitants had a thick country accent that gave them away every time, like when Peter denied Christ in the high priest's courtyard (Mat 26:73). Saul, on the other hand, was cosmopolitan, highly educated, well-traveled, and even a Roman citizen. Isaiah lived seven centuries before them, in a very different social context. Frodo Baggins lived in Middle Earth, which is to say, in the imagination of J.R.R. Tolkien.

### **ADVENTURE AS AN INTERRUPTION**

But here's what they have in common. They were all minding their own business, intent on their own careers, when they were abruptly interrupted. They each had an encounter with something, Someone, much bigger than themselves, and were invited to embark upon an epic adventure.

They were each given a glimpse of a fearful reality: that behind the appearances of the humdrum of everyday life, there was a battle raging,

a dramatic struggle with very high stakes. The world had long been in bondage but D-day had finally come. The forces of salvation were on the move. And each of them, Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and Frodo, were called to enlist.

### **UNWORTHY & AFRAID**

None of them would have been voted most likely to succeed. Isaiah thought he'd die. Peter felt so unworthy that he begged Christ to leave. Paul lamented the blood that was on his hands. Frodo staggered under the burden of his appointed task.

But they all said yes. And though they endured hardship, withering resistance, and the bitter disappointment of their own sin, they kept going. They left behind the familiarity of the lake, the synagogue, the Shire, and embarked upon a momentous adventure. That adventure brought them through suffering to everlasting glory and made them more than they never imagined they could be.

The words recorded by Isaiah have been sung by innumerable choirs of men and angels over two thousand years. Peter's successor now reigns amidst the ruins of the empire that tormented the martyrs. And Frodo, the pint-sized Hobbit, completes his mission, despite his smallness, and brings down the power of the Dark Lord.

### **ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY THINGS**

They all illustrate the words of Jesus that the last shall be first, that the least shall be greatest, that God chooses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Our hearts are warmed by the gospel story. We applaud at the conclusion of the Lord of the Rings.

And then we go back to business as usual, never suspecting that we may be called, just as they were called. That the battle rages around us, as it did around them.

(PASTOR COLUMN continued on Page 4)

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - FEBRUARY 6, 2022



<b>SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY</b> 5:30 pm Owen & Kathleen Mooney
<b>SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte 11:30 am Luis Nieves
<b>MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Andrew McCauley
<b>TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am James & Eleanor English
<b>WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Mary Alice Torres
<b>THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Emma McCauley O'Rourke
<b>FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Luis Nieves (1st Ann.)
<b>SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY</b> 5:30 pm Leonard F. & Maria A. DelVento
<b>SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am For the People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Emma Campanella




<b>SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY</b> 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
<b>MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY</b> 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass 5 — 7:30 pm Family Cat. GRADES 1-5 (ZOOM) 7:00 pm Rel. Ed. M/HS (Chapel)
<b>TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY</b> 6:30 pm "Explained/Instructional" Mass for 1st Communion Children (Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes)
<b>WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY</b> 6:30—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)
<b>THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for Feb 20th bulletin—call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY</b> 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass—Rel. Ed. M/HS 10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 am Mass—Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day *(No Feast day café due to Covid)



**Michael DiPirro**  
**Catherine Gascoyne**  
**Pat Schoeler**

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

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div>FEBRUARY 12—FEBRUARY 13, 2022</div> </div>				
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister		
5:30 pm	Sharon Rosario	Emily Kunz		
7:30 am	Joy Hayward	Patricia Saway		
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Joanne Chiaramonte		
11:30 am Choir	Julie Okeke	Paul Hirsch		



(PASTOR COLUMN continued from Page 2)

## THE CALL TO GREATNESS

We are just like them. Imperfect. Unworthy. Busy with other things. The reality is that each one of us is called to the heights of sanctity, to become something beautiful and mighty for God. God has destined each one of us to change the course of history, to leave an everlasting mark on the destinies of countless people. There are different roles to be played, of course. Mary's role was different from Isaiah's, Magdalene's, Paul's, and Peter's. Frodo, Aragorn, Pippin, Sam – all had different, though equally essential, roles.

But most of us will prefer reading about the exploits of others to answering our own call. We prefer to stay in the Shire where life is comfortable, safe, predictable.

## DISCIPLESHIP AS COMBAT

The word "pagan" means non-combatant. "Christian," on the other hand, means anointed for combat. There really is no room for the spiritual couch potato in the Kingdom of God. Being a Christian is not about getting to heaven by the skin of your teeth after a life of cautious mediocrity. It's about high adventure that leads to glory, but only through perilous battles.

You can choose to be safe if you want. But the possibilities of who you could have become and whose lives you might have saved will always be there to haunt you.

*This post on the call to discipleship explains that to follow Jesus means to leave behind cautious mediocrity and embark upon an epic adventure. It is offered as a reflection on the Mass readings for the fifth (5th) Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle C (Isaiah 6:1-8; I Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5:1-11).*

Source: Originally posted on Jan 14 2022 Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

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**

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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**.

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