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Sunday, July 2, 2023 - Thirteenth 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

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

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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 Gospel this Sunday:

(<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/cross-self-denial-love/>)

SELF-LOVE, SELF-DENIAL, AND THE CROSS **Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio**

Jesus says to deny oneself, pick up the cross and follow him. But he also says to love your neighbor as yourself. Is self-love always wrong?

When "Self" Magazine made its debut a few decades ago, it certainly was a sign of the times. Ours is an age when it is socially acceptable to admit that life is all about me.

But selfishness is nothing new. Ever since Eve bit into the forbidden fruit, human beings have made the choice to dethrone God and put in His place the unholy trinity of me, myself, and I.

[LOVE OF SELF] Yet Jesus commands us to "love your neighbor as yourself." Doesn't this imply that love of self is OK, even required?

Absolutely. God placed in us a drive towards self-preservation. He made beneficial activities, like eating, pleasurable. And he made destructive activities painful.

But He also gave us intellect and will so that we are not driven simply by instinct, as are the animals. Thus the ancient enemy of humanity has to do his best to deceive our choose these destructive things contrary to God's commandments. The end justifies the means, he argues, and so if we have to trample over others and defy God to get what we want, so be it.

[DYING TO ONESELF] This is the kind of self-love that Jesus condemns (Mt 10:37-42). It leads to ruin, confusion, and emptiness. There is no way to tame this or to fit religion into it. The only solution is to kill it.

In baptism, this old egocentric self is crucified and buried with Christ (Romans 6:11). There can only be one Lord-Jesus or me. Accepting him means allowing Him to be boss, allowing Him to call the shots and direct my steps. Picking up the cross and following Him means accepting the Father's will, even where it "crosses" my will, even when it leads to suffering. This is the meaning of Jesus' words to Peter "as a young man you fastened your belt and went about as you pleased, but when

you are older, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie you fast and carry you off against your will" (John 21:18)

[FOLLOW ME!] When Jesus had finished saying this, he looked at Peter and said "Follow me."

A few years ago he said much the same thing to a new successor of Peter, Benedict XVI. Those pundits who spoke of his maneuvering to build support for his "candidacy" before and during the conclave made me laugh. Cardinal Ratzinger had tried to retire twice before the death of John Paul II! Both times the Pope refused to accept his resignation. When during the conclave he saw momentum began building for his election, he cried out to God begging to be spared. The room where the newly elected Pope first dons the Papal vestments is called the "Room of tears" for a reason.

Jesus says "follow me" to each of us. It may mean making a change of career. It may mean breaking off a relationship that is leading us away from Christ. Or it may just mean doing what we are already doing but for an entirely different reason . . . achieving great things not to draw attention to ourselves, but to glorify Christ . . . seeking an intimate relationship no longer to take but to give. . . working not for the weekend, but for the kingdom.

[LOSE SELF TO FIND ONESELF] The ironic thing is that such abandonment of our own agenda is precisely what allows God the freedom to give us the true desire of our hearts. For he knows us better than we know ourselves and he loves us more than we love ourselves. So to lose ourselves for his sake finally makes it possible for us to find ourselves. To renounce self-love is actually enlightened self-interest.

This is precisely what we see with the Shunammite woman who gave of herself and opened her home and heart to a man of God (2 Kings 4:8-11). She was barren in an age when barrenness was the greatest of curses. Yet she forgot her need in order to meet Elisha's need. In return God prompted Elisha to meet her need. For one thing is certain about God-He will not be outdone in generosity.

This post focuses on self-love and denying oneself to pick up the cross. It is a reflection upon the readings for the thirteenth (13th) Sunday in Ordinary Time, liturgical cycle A (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a, Ps. 89; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42).


Source: (<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/cross-self-denial-love/>)


In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JULY 2, 2023



SATURDAY 1 JULY 5:30 pm Barbara Zinno
SUNDAY 2 JULY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Edward J. Ford, Jr. (16th Ann.) 11:30 am Mariane Bernadette Mina
MONDAY 3 JULY 8:30 am Eleanor English
TUESDAY 4 JULY 8:30 am People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 8:30 am Antonio Matias (Thanksgiving)
THURSDAY 6 JULY 8:30 am Ann Balzano
FRIDAY 7 JULY 8:30 am Maureen Henry
SATURDAY 8 JULY 5:30 pm Peter Caste
SUNDAY 9 JULY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Karen Cham 11:30 am Jack Edward Thomas


SUNDAY 2 JULY 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:00 am Rosary in Church 9:30 am—11:30 am Mass (RCIA OLLC) 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church
MONDAY 3 JULY 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass.
TUESDAY 4 JULY RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED 
THURSDAY 6 JULY 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the JULY 16th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY 8 JULY 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY 9 JULY 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30—11:30 am Mass (1st Comm OLLC) 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Nancy & Michael Lanfrank is in memory of **HELEN & CHARLES RICE**




St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 7/15/2023** 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 **7/15/2023** 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.



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		JULY 8 - 9, 2023	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am	JoAnn Melhorn	Joe Petrillo	
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Carmelita Dizon	

 PRAYERS Needed For...

Michael Ang	Fiona Graham
Katie Becker	Mikaela Moncupa
Msgr. Edward Bradley	Allison Sardinha
Marti Carlos	Pat Schoeler
Joan Clare	Sgt. Michael Williams
Lorelei Gotinga	

Please Note: Our Prayer list will be renewed July 15th.

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



PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2022

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: June 17-18*	\$ 4032
Deficit:	\$ 2768

**Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit*

*For Your Stewardship of
Time, Talent and Treasure.*

We had a great parish BBQ picnic on Saturday June 17 with record breaking attendance of 130 +. What's more... we did not even advertise this for very long. We announced this in mid May.

Our Thank You's are extended to many team members, volunteers and staff:

__CHOIR AND MASS — Thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes Choir for helping us to raise our voices in prayer and song at Saturday's 5:30 pm Vigil Mass and for closing out the "choir year" in beautiful song. See you in September! (New members always welcome!)

__GAMES, PRIZES, SETUP — Thank you to our very dedicated volunteer TEAM of both grown-ups and young people, for your assembly and organization of all the prizes, the striping of the lawn outside, the refereeing and calling to order of the many games.

__THE DINING EXPERIENCE — Our team also organized beautifully the many gifts of sweets, desserts, snacks and facilitated the delivery of these home goods with our guests.

__ADJUSTING TO THE WEATHER — Thank you to our TEAM and to our maintenance staff, for moving several tables, coolers, beverages (from the church) into position for an outdoor picnic last week and then re-shifting and moving these heavy items again back to the church and Connor Hall for our indoor dining experience.

__MARKETING, HOSPITALITY AND RECORD KEEPING — Thank you to our rectory staff for your marketing, hospitality and organization to all those to whom we advertised the June 17 picnic and those from whom we received reservations and questions.

I pray God will continue to bless all of you, our parish, this summer and always.

In Christ's Peace.
Father Jim Ferry



Potato Sack Race



Kangaroo Hop



Balloon Stomp
The Winner!!



Car Wash Relay



Ping Pong Shake

“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**



**PIRATE TREASURE
TRICKY TRAY 2023**

POST-EVENT SUMMARY

We are happy to report that 175 registered guests visited Connor Hall from 8:00 am—4:00 pm on April 15th 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 \$11,927. These monies will be presented to Our Lady of Lourdes and to our Pastor, Fr. Jim Ferry, 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.

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Mary Ann Rosenbaum
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