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Sunday, July 16, 2023 - Fifteenth 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

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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

Mr. Paul Hirsch 973.325.0110

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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 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:

PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEED –
SOWING & GROWING
Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed needs to be viewed from two different perspectives in order to unlock its meaning – from that of the Sower and that of the seed. Whether sowing or growing – the point is a plentiful harvest and much fruit.

I've always loved gardening. Seeds I've planted include carrot, cucumber, and of course, zucchini. In each case, I've planted seeds in neat rows, expecting nearly all of them to sprout and yield fruit.

But the farmer in Jesus' parable (Mat 13:1-23) uses the broadcast method. Lots of seed cast everywhere. And predictably, many of these seeds do not produce. Some get eaten by birds. Some sprout but then wither. Some seedlings get choked out by weeds. Finally a few yield varying amounts of grain.

At the end of the story, Jesus says "they who have ears, let them hear." In other words, he wants us to learn something and take some action steps.

WE ARE THE SEED

To respond to this parable adequately, we must view it from two different angles. The first is to look at the story as if we are the seed.

Many who hear the gospel never seem to "get it." The message is stolen before it ever takes root. Then there are the 50% of Catholic kids who receive the sacraments but disappear somewhere between age 18 and 25. Shallow roots fail to equip them to take the heat of our pagan culture. Then there are the 89% of lifelong, regular churchgoers who, according to George Gallup, have values and lifestyles identical to those of their pagan neighbors. Their faith has been neutralized by bad theology and worldliness. They may look like wheat plants, but their religion is fruitless.

HARVEST – MEDIOCRE OR ABUNDANT?

Then there are those who stay out of serious sin, manage to do some good for some people, but all in all produce a mediocre harvest.

Finally come the few who are not satisfied with just getting by. They sink their roots deep into Scripture,

Tradition, prayer and the sacraments, and produce a bumper crop. We call these people saints.

Addressing us as seed, Jesus is saying: "be careful. If you don't make the effort to get thoroughly rooted in your faith, you just might not make it. If you do manage to survive, you might produce absolutely nothing. But you are called to do more than survive. You are to grow and bear much fruit (John 15), to yield 100 fold, to be a saint, to leave a mark on the lives of many that will last forever. Don't settle for anything less!"

SOWERS MUST SOW

On the other hand, we can look at the parable as if we were the farmer.

Vatican II and all the Popes since have stated unequivocally that each of us is called to be an evangelizer, to tell others that Jesus Christ changes lives eternally and that the place to encounter him most fully and grow most rapidly is within the Catholic Church. "But," you may protest, "I tried it a few times and got nowhere. I just don't have the personality, don't have the gift"

Jesus, the Son of God, indisputably had both the personality and the gift. Yet when he sowed seed, much of it still ended up as bird food. Consider the thousands he fed with loaves and fishes, the multitude that heard his sermon on the mount, the throngs that welcomed him on Palm Sunday. Yet on the day of Pentecost, there were only 120 left in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit.

Notice, though, that the fruit borne by these 120 plants eventually filled the whole world!

GROWING & SOWING

To get the few that bear fruit, lots of seed must be sown by lots of people. So regardless of whether or not we think we have green thumbs, we farmers are being commanded through this parable to get the seed out there, sowing it everywhere we go, undeterred by the birds, the weeds, and the scorching sun.

So the parable of the Sower has a twofold message: as seed, our job is to get busy growing. As farmers, our job is to get busy sowing.

This post on the gospel parable of the Sower and the Seed focuses on how to make sure our sowing and growing yield much fruit and an abundant harvest. It is a reflection upon the readings for the fifteenth 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, liturgical cycle A (Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23).

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/parable-of-the-sower-and-the-seed-a-double-meaning>)

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



SATURDAY 15 JULY

5:30 pm Gabriella Miller

SUNDAY 16 JULY

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
 11:30 am Abdon Domingo

MONDAY 17 JULY

8:30 am Mell Buoye

TUESDAY 18 JULY

8:30 am Manny Bediones

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY

8:30 am Frederick Voelbel

THURSDAY 20 JULY

8:30 am Maria Matias (20th Ann.)

FRIDAY 21 JULY

8:30 am Rose Donato

SATURDAY 22 JULY

5:30 pm Francis Lanfrank (29th Ann.)

SUNDAY 23 JULY

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am John Gaeta
 11:30 am Alice McCauley



SUNDAY 16 JULY

7:30 am Mass in Church
 9:30 am—11:30 am Mass (1st Comm OLLC)
 9:30 am Mass in Church
 11:30 am Mass in Church



Divine Word Missionaries Collection at all Masses this weekend.

MONDAY 17 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 on Monday.

THURSDAY 20 JULY

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the JULY 30th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

FRIDAY 21 JULY

11:00 am Soup kitchen set up (Hall)
 Pre-Cana Prep (Hall)
 2:00 pm

SATURDAY 22 JULY

8:00 am—2:00 pm Pre-Cana (Hall)
 11:00 am—1:30 pm Soup Kitchen @ Holy Trinity
 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
 5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY 23 JULY

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		JULY 22 - 23, 2023	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly (choir)	
7:30 am	Hermie Santos	Hermie Santos	
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Bill Talbot	
11:30 am	Rachelle Brown	Virginia Dimapilis	

Mary McGuiness
 Joan Monik
 Pat Schoeler

Our Prayer list has been renewed.

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



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2023

July 23

'Honor Grandparents': Pope's Message for World Day of Grandparents and Elderly

"Let us honor them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!"

With a call to honor and never abandon grandparents, Pope Francis issues Message for 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 23 July. The 86-year-old Pope instituted the Day in 2021, to be held the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

Pope Francis chose as this year's theme:
'HIS MERCY IS FROM AGE TO AGE'.

Which he recalled, takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth. The Holy Spirit had descended upon Elizabeth, and had earlier, descended upon

Mary, prompting her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation.

The Pope expressed the delight that young people can offer older generations:

"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly..."

PARISH GIVING

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*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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Registration is Open for Religious Ed. (Grade 1-12)
1st Penance – 1st Holy Communion – Confirmation
Register Early for DISCOUNT – See below! (2023-2024)

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052
TEL: 973-325-0110 EMAIL: MAGGIE.MACIAS@LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG
"Website" LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, (Documentos requeridos para cada niño o niña),

- (1) Baptism certificate (*Copia de certificado de bautismo*);
- (2) 1st Communion certificate (if completed) (*Copia de certificado de primera comunión si se completo*);
- (3) Registration form (**Formulario de inscripción**). Available in church, at rectory and we can also send to you. Send email request to MAGGIE.MACIAS@LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG
- (4) \$80 / child (*niña o niño*)

Check is payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes". If paying cash, come IN PERSON (see B)
El cheque está a nombre de "Our Lady of Lourdes". Si paga en efectivo, venga EN PERSONA

Regular Fee: \$80 / child	\$ 40 / child (til May 31: until June 19!)
DISCOUNT (Descuento) →→	\$ 60 / child (til June 30 until July 19!)

___ B. REGISTER IN PERSON at Rectory. 9 am - 2 pm (Mon. – Fri). Or call for appointment after hours (973-325-0110) (**Registrarse en persona en la rectoría de 9 am a 2 pm de lunes a viernes. O llamar para una cita fuera de horario 973-325-0110**).

___ C. HOW TO SEND IN: Put registration in Sunday Mass church collection basket in an envelope. Please mark: "Religious Education" (**CÓMO ENVIAR: Coloque la inscripción en la canasta de colecta de la iglesia de la misa dominical en un sobre, marque "Educación Religiosa"**).

___ D. REGISTER ONLINE. Via website: LOURDESWESTORANGE.ORG

1. Click menu "Faith Formation / Religious Ed."
2. Click "*Religious Education Registration*" page, key sections explained below:

<i>Religious Education Registration "page"</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ONLINE OPTION: Click HERE You may pay online and scan the REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.	← Register online.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PRINTING AND SENDING IN THE REGISTRATION. Click HERE to get printable form with instructions. Enclose payment and REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. Put registration in Sunday Mass church collection basket in an envelope. Please mark: "Religious Education".	← Print "paper form" & send with "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS" (see above)

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