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Sunday, September 17, 2023 - Twenty-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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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

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

Religious Education

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Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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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,
This is to share with you an [abridged] article on the subject of forgiveness. In the Gospel, Peter asks if he must forgive “as many as seven times”. You and I might ask the question a different way, not in terms of numbers but in terms of memories. In other words, what if you endeavor to forgive but you still cannot forget?

Title: “Must I Forgive and Forget?” (Part 1 of 2)

(Source: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/to-forgive-or-not-to-forgive-that-is-the-question>) Author: TIM STAPLES
Date: 10/27/2022

Does God require us to forgive those who grievously wrong us, even when they are not sorry? And then completely forget about what they did?

A man—I’ll call him Robert—once wrote to me telling me a horror story about a [family member by whom he had been hurt]. To say [that he was treated] uncharitably ... would be an understatement. Of course, I am hearing only one side of the story, but his question boiled down to this: “Am I required to forgive, even though this person is not sorry for anything, and then to forget because God ‘forgets’ when he forgives and calls us to do the same? I must confess to you that I just cannot live this because I believe [this person] is dangerous to both me and my children.”

Scenarios like this—which, unfortunately, are not rare—raise some important questions about the nature of forgiveness. There are at least four points to be considered for clarifying the issues at hand:

Part 1. We are not called to go beyond what God himself does when it comes to forgiveness. Many Christians believe with Robert that they are obliged to forgive even those who are not in the least bit sorry for their offenses. And on the surface this sounds really . . . Christian. But is it true? God himself doesn’t do it. He forgives only those who repent of their sins. 2 Corinthians 7:10 says, “Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation.” 1 John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, he . . . will forgive our sins.”

Our Lord obviously has not forgiven and will not forgive the souls in hell right now for the simple reason that they did not ask for forgiveness. This seems as clear as clear can be.

The question is, are we required to do more than God does when it comes to forgiveness? Jesus seems to answer for us in Luke 17:3-4:

If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him; and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, and says, “I repent,” you must forgive him. According to this text, and as we would suspect, Jesus requires his followers to forgive only those who are sorry for their offenses, just as God does. And this only makes sense. Colossians 3:13 says we are called to forgive each other “as the Lord has forgiven [us].”

Some will say at this point, “Didn’t Jesus forgive everyone from the cross when he said, ‘Forgive them, for they know not what they do’ in Luke 23:34?” Actually, he didn’t. He petitioned the Father for those who had beaten and crucified him to be forgiven, revealing his will that “all men . . . be saved” (1 Tim. 2:4). But this was not a declaration that even these men were actually forgiven, much less a declaration that he was forgiving everyone for all time.

Part 2. We have to distinguish between our calling to forgive those who are sorry and ask for forgiveness and our call to love everyone without exception, including those who have wronged us and are not sorry that they did. Sometimes these two concepts are conflated.

St. Thomas Aquinas tells us love is “willing the good of the other” selflessly (see also 1 Cor. 13:5). In a sense, this is all God can do, because “God is love” (1 John 4:8). God can do nothing other than will to share the infinite good of himself with every single person ever created or conceived—even the souls who reject his love and forgiveness, because a God not loving would be a God contradicting his own essence, which is absurd.

Thus, God’s love is unconditional because it comes from within, regardless of what happens outside the godhead. This brings profound meaning to Jesus’ words: “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). In essence, Jesus is calling us to love with that same unconditional love with which he loves as the God-Man. Regardless of varying situations and relationships in our lives, “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 5:5), empowering us to “will the good of the other” regardless of what “the other” may bring our way.

On the other hand, forgiveness, as we’ve said, is not unconditional. It’s a two-way street. God offers his forgiveness to all out of his unconditional love and, therefore, so must all Christians. But here’s the rub. Because forgiveness is dependent upon the other, it cannot actually take place until there are willing partners on both sides of the divide.

So what do we do if we find ourselves in a situation like Robert’s?

The first step to loving and forgiving as God does is to recognize that we cannot do it apart from Christ. It is essential to meditate upon what Christ did for us on the cross and the fact that he loves us infinitely and forgives us over and over again. Ultimately, we have to get to the place where we acknowledge our powerlessness so that we can allow Christ to love and forgive in us and through us.

I recommended to Robert specifically that he ask God to help him to truly will the good for [the other person]—and a telling sign of whether this is so would be when he could sincerely pray to God for good to come to [the other person]—then he could rest assured that he is loving her as Christ commanded.




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In Christ’s Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Daniel Zimmermann
SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Kamille Kardher 11:30 am Jaroslav & Rose Konvalinka
MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am John Brennan
TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Matilda O'Boyle & Josephine De Vincentis
WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Mauroso Chiovaro (Ann.)
THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Michael Corcoran, Sr.
FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Margaret Bertoldi
SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Joseph Supczynski
SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Alice McCauley 11:30 am Rose Konvalinka (33rd Ann.)

SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am CONFIRMATION MASS (OLLC) Bishop Manny Cruz <i>Confirmation</i>
MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 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. 5—7:30 pm Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)
TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 4:30—5:15 pm 1st Comm (OLLC) JF
WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 6:30-7:30 PM Fam Cat. GRADE 6 ONLY (Chapel)
THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 1st. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)
FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1 - 3:30 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Hall)
SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 11—1:30 pm Soup Kitchen @ Holy Trinity 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:30 am Rel. Ed. MHS Mass/Class (Hall) 11:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)

-  This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**
-  This week's Altar Candles, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**
-  This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from J.A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**

 WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm Choir	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	Andrew Novoa	Bill Talbot	
11:30 am	Julie Okeke	Virginia Dimapilis	

 **PRAYERS Needed For...**

Joan Clarke	Jacob Rivera
Mary McGuiness	Jaxon Rivera
Joan Monik	Pat Schoeler

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

"And the greatest of these is love" (1st Cor 13)



Kicking off the summer on June 19, we had a great parish BBQ picnic with 130+ participants for the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass, our choir, great grill-fired food, games for the kids, and time together for all of us. This was made possible by the outstanding generosity of Darren and Mellen Dangler of Dangler Funeral Home from whom we received a very generous gift to cover the full cost of the picnic, while keeping the per-family price affordable. Thank you to all of our donors and to the Dangler family and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
West Orange, NJ**

**ANNUAL MASS
AND COMMUNION BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023**

MASS

9:30 am—Church

BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW

10:30 am—Connor Hall

COST \$20

Reservations Please call:

Bless Bernardo—862-485-8499

Everyone is welcome to join us



St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 9/23/2023** 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 **9/23/2023** 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.

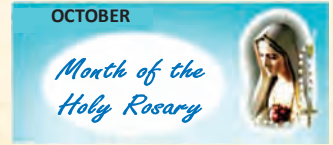


UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2023

◆ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31 at 6:30 pm**

The Rosary is prayed in English and Spanish outdoors every evening (rain or shine) at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.



◆ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 31 St. Vincent DePaul Society of OLL will be collecting New Socks for Men, Women, and Children during the month of October to be distributed to the needy through local charities.**



◆ **OCTOBER 1—OCTOBER 29**

Respect Life Ministry will be holding their Baby Shower at all weekend Masses during the month of October to be distributed to Several Sources Shelters. **(SEE FLYER COMING SOON)**



◆ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 12:00 Noon**

The Annual Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on the Front Steps of the church. **(SEE FLYER COMING SOON)**



Open House Dates 2023:

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Admission Test

CO-OP/HSPT exam will be administered at the Academy on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Go to aosenj.org to register for an Open House or to apply on line!

The Academy of Saint Elizabeth 2 Convent Road Convent Station, NJ 07960
973-290-5225

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Sept 2-3*	\$ 4830
Deficit:	\$ 1970

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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UPCOMING EVENTS
SEPTEMBER



♦ **Monday 9/4/23** LABOR DAY
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

♦ SEPTEMBER 11th ROSARY REMEMBRANCE
(22nd Anniversary of 9/11)
Saturday 9/9 - Time: 6:30 pm -
Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto



♦ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:
September 17 - 11:30 am Mass
BISHOP MANNY CRUZ, PRESIDING

♦ Saturday 9/23 9—12 noon CHRISTINE'S SOUP KITCHEN
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



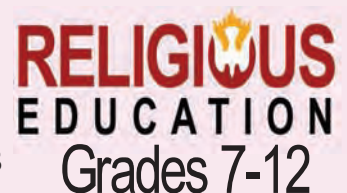
FAMILY CATECHESIS/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Sunday 9/10 9:30 am Mass—10:30 am Fam. Cat. Parents Mtg—Grades 1-6 (Hall)
- ♦ Saturday 9/16—3—5:30 pm -
1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)
- Monday 9/18—5—7:30 pm -
1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grades 1-5 (Hall)



- ♦ Wednesday 9/6/23 6:30—7:30 PM -
1st Class: Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)
- ♦ Wednesday 9/20/23 6:30—7:30 PM -
2nd Class: Fam. Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)

- ♦ Sunday 9/24 9:30—11:30 Rel. Ed. Grades 7-12
9:30 am Mass / 10:30 am Class (Hall)
- ♦ Monday 9/25 (OLLC)
6:45—7:15 pm Parents Mtg. "2024" Confirmation Class
7:30—8:00 pm Parents Mtg. "2025" Confirmation Class



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