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**Sunday, October 15, 2023 - Twenty-eighth 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)**

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### Religious Education

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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### Religious Education

#### **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 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 Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
This is to share with you a commentary on the parable and the mention of the wedding garment.

(<https://opusdei.org/en-us/gospel/commentary-on-the-gospel-the-wedding-garment/>)

### **Commentary on Matthew 22:1-14**

In this parable Jesus speaks about a king who invites many people to a wedding banquet for his son, but surprisingly none of those invited attend the celebration. They give many different excuses, but the final result is that they don't go. "God is good to us, he freely offers us his friendship, he offers us his joy and salvation," the Pope said. "But so often we don't accept his gifts; we place our practical concerns, our interests first. And when the Lord is calling to us, it so often seems to annoy us." [1] Pope Francis Angelus, 12 October 2014. ]

God often experiences refusal and rejection on the part of those he offers his gifts to. But his love knows nothing of discouragement. That is why he sends his servants to go out to all the byways and invite everyone they meet, both good and bad people without any distinctions. It is striking that bad persons are also invited. Our Lord excludes no one from his call. The invitation that many had rejected is now offered to people who previously had not been part of his circle of acquaintances, people with no relation to him. Men and women from every background and social condition, even those who do not pray or even know much about God – all are called to holiness, to share in the glory of heaven. No one is excluded. God's generous invitation to participate in heavenly glory is gratuitous and universal.

But the Gospel continues: "When the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment" (v. 11). Everyone there had been invited, like all of us are invited, to salvation. The door is open for anyone who wishes to enter, but before enjoying glory there will be a judgment. The supreme judge, who can discern the deepest recesses of our heart, will decide what is of value in each person's life.

"Jesus announced the judgment of the Last Day in his preaching," the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us. "Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light. Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God's grace as nothing be condemned. Our attitude to our neighbor will disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love ... Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life he has in himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love." [2] Catechism of the Catholic Church,, nos. 678-679

Saint Augustine, when commenting on this parable, said: "So what is this wedding garment? The apostle Paul tells us: 'What we are aiming at... is the love that springs from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith' (1 Timothy 1:5). That is the wedding garment. Paul is not talking about just any kind of love, for one can often see dishonest people loving others... But one does not see among them this love 'that springs from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.' Now that is the love that is the wedding garment [3] Saint Augustine, Sermon 90.]

Jesus' parable makes clear that, whatever one's past actions may have been, the indispensable condition is to wear the wedding garment, that is, to have our soul clean and a repentant heart, to embrace a way of life that gives testimony to love for God and neighbor.

Jesus, who invites everyone to his table, demands respect in approaching it. Thus Saint Paul reminded the Christians at Corinth that before approaching the banquet of the Eucharist, a Sacrament where we receive a foretaste of heavenly glory, they need to examine their conscience carefully: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the Body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (1 Cor 11:28-29).

Every day is a good day, especially if we feel in some way stained, to clean our soul, to embrace God's love and enjoy the invitation that Jesus offers us to the heavenly banquet.


In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - OCTOBER 15, 2023



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| <b>SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER</b><br>5:30 pm Catherine Gascoyne   |
| <b>SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER</b><br>7:30 am People of the Parish<br>9:30 am Ann Balzano<br>11:30 am Carmen E. Rosado   |
| <b>MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER</b><br>8:30 am Daphne Brown & Roger Appolon   |
| <b>TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER</b><br>8:30 am Edward Kirk   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER</b><br>8:30 am Karen Elizabeth Bruno   |
| <b>THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER</b><br>8:30 am Eustaquio Francisco Reyes  |
| <b>FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER</b><br>8:30 am John D. Pflug III (36th Birthday)  |
| <b>SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER</b><br>5:30 pm Victor Nzegwu (Special Intention)  |
| <b>SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER</b><br>7:30 am People of the Parish<br>9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families<br>11:30 am Sr. Mary Louise Oddi |

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| <b>SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER</b><br>7:30 am Mass<br>9:30 am—11:30 am Mass/ Class 1st Penance (OLLC/Chapel)<br>9:30 am—11:30 am Grade 6 (OLLC, Hall)<br>10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)<br>11:30 pm Mass |
| <b>MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER</b><br>8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.<br>Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.                              |
| <b>TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER</b><br>4:30—5:15pm 1st Communion (OLLC) JF   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER</b><br>6:30—7:30 pm Fam Cat. Grade 6 ONLY (Chapel)   |
| <b>THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER</b><br>10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 29th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.<br>6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (OLLC)                    |
| <b>SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER</b><br>4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church<br>5:30 pm Mass in Church   |
| <b>SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER</b><br>7:30 am Mass<br>9:30 am—11:30 am Grade 7-12 (OLLC/Hall)<br>9:30 am—11:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)<br>11:30 am Mass   |

 This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Jim & Eileen Reilly is in memory of ED KILEY.



| ++ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE |                    | OCT 21 - OCT 22, 2023                |  |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Mass                         | Lectors            | Eucharistic Ministers                |  |
| 5:30 pm Choir                | Joy Hayward        | Judy Albore<br>Eileen Reilly (Choir) |  |
| 7:30 am                      | MaryEllen Chandler | Bless Bernardo                       |  |
| 9:30 am                      | JoAnn Melhorn      | Joe Petrillo                         |  |
| 11:30 am Choir               | Julie Okeke        | Virginia Dimapilis                   |  |

 PRAYERS Needed For...

Joan Clarke                      Jacob Rivera  
Keith Hari                         Jaxon Rivera  
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Sunday, October 29, 2023  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

New Jersey's oldest Catholic prep school—will be hosting its annual Open House for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 29 (registration required at [www.shp.org/openhouse](http://www.shp.org/openhouse)). Visitors will tour the campus and our 44-acre Kelly Athletic Complex, our state of the art John J. Murphy '52 Science Center, learn about the application process, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973)325-6640 or visit [www.shp.org.Hazard.Zet.Forward!](http://www.shp.org.Hazard.Zet.Forward!)



**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)**



**PARISH GIVING**

**FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023**


|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| WEEKLY GOAL                 | \$ 6800 |
| Collection*: Sept 30-Oct 1* | \$ 5198 |
| Deficit:                    | \$ 1602 |

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.



# All Weekend Masses in October

At all weekend Masses in October we will be collecting the following items:

- Newborn clothes (gender neutral)
- Diapers Newborn (Size 5 & 6 only)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Body Wash
- Baby Body Lotion
- Gift Cards for Shop Rite or Walmart, and
- Monetary donations. *(Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes)*



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