



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Twenty-sixth 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

Religious Education

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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 on this Sunday's readings

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/holiness-pharisees-cut-off/>)

Title: Surpass the Pharisees – Cut it Off! Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

We so often condemn the Pharisees that we totally miss a sneaky way that we are often like them. The hard saying of Jesus “if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off” is a kind of shock therapy to wake us up to the way we are hard on other's faults yet quite soft on our own. It's time to take aggressive action against evil and say “no thanks” to the near occasion of sin!

Radio talk show hosts make a living on it. Show after show, they bring before our eyes stupid, unjust and wasteful situations in order to produce outrage. We love to listen and get ourselves all worked up. Our indignation keeps us tuned in and the show's ratings high.

The Pharisees – Righteous Indignation?

It's easy to focus on the outrageous things that others do. It's easy to clamor that this intolerable situation must come to an end now. For to say this requires little or nothing from us—our demand is that others do something about it, that others mobilize and take action, that others be set straight.

This is “holiness of the Pharisees” mentioned by Jesus in Mat. 5:20 that he says we must surpass. They were so preoccupied with removing the splinter from the eye of others that they missed the log in their own (Mat. 7:3-5). When it comes to confronting our own sinfulness and foolishness, we, like the Pharisees, tend to lose the sense of outrage. We procrastinate, rationalize, and change the subject.

If Your Hand Causes you to Sin . . .

That's the very point of one of hardest sayings of Jesus. “If your hand is your difficulty, cut it off! Better for you to enter life maimed than to keep both hands and enter Gehenna” (Mat. 5:30). The Lord is not encouraging self-mutilation here. He is rather calling for aggressive action, even action that hurts.

Of course, our hands, feet, and eyes are just bodily organs. Of themselves, they can't cause us to sin. But some places that our feet take us, some things we do with our hands, some things seen by our eyes can damage our relationship with God. Going to a particular club may not be in itself sinful. But what if every time I go there I happen to get myself in trouble? Every person is a child of God. But hanging around with certain children of God may present me with a near occasion of sin.

Near Occasion of Sin

We tend to try to manage it. “I'll keep my cable subscription, but just not watch that channel.” “I'll keep surfing the web, but just won't visit that site.” “I'll go the club, but stop after two drinks.”

If it works, great. But when it doesn't, many of us go on fooling ourselves that it will—the next time. We keep trying half-measures, avoiding the necessary treatment because it will sting too much, cost too much.

Jesus says to wake up, get real, and take aggressive action. If the internet is your problem, shut it down. If TV is your problem, turn it off. Better you go through life unplugged and offline than spend eternity in Satan's internet cafe.

Fortitude & Taking Action

However, to avoid taking aggressive action against our own personal compromises with the devil, we frequently change the subject and point out the sins of the liberals, the right-wingers, the Muslims, the politicians. This was the habit of the Pharisees.

Persistently, the Lord brings us back to the real issue, the issue we want to avoid. He bids us to forget about others' issues and attend to our own . . . our own divided hearts, our own hidden hypocrisy, our own little compromises.

Fortitude, one of the four Cardinal Virtues, is not just about enduring evil and hardship for the sake of doing good. It is also about taking aggressive action against evil. If we see sin in our lives, we mustn't tolerate it, make excuses for it, and procrastinate. We must pounce on it and rip it out.

The sham holiness of the Pharisees was hard on others sin but made excuses for its own faults.

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In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



SATURDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

5:30 pm Francis "Bo" Ench

SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Perfecto Antonio "Eric" Abad (28th Ann.)
 11:30 am Kay Duff

MONDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER

8:30 am John O'Connor

TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER

8:30 am Gil Mendez

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER

8:30 am James Flaherty

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER

8:30 am Louis N. Papale (25th Ann.)

FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER

8:30 am Joseph F. Viola

SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER

5:30 pm John Buoye

SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society
 11:30 am James Flaherty

SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
 9:30 am Mass in Church
 9:30—11:45 am G. 6 —9:30 Mass/10:30 am Class (Hall)
 11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY, 30 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.

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 13th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER

3 —5:30pm Family Catechesis (Hall)
 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
 5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary
 9:30 am Mass in Church
 9:30 am—12:00 noon Annual Mass & 10:30 Communion Breakfast (Hall)
 11:30 am Mass in Church



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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		OCT 5 - OCT 6, 2024	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm (Choir)	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (Choir)	
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Bless Bernardo	
9:30 am (Choir)	Carol Ford	Annette Chiaramonte Joe Petrillo (Choir)	
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Paul Hirsch	

PRAYERS Needed For...

Jerry Baresich
Artemis Soleil Benitez
Judy Bernarducci
July Planas
Robert Santangelo

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

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West Orange, NJ

ANNUAL MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

MASS
9:30 am— Church



BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW
10:30 am—Connor Hall

All Are Invited
Cost \$20

Reservations: Bless Bernardo at 862-485-8499
Deadline for Reservations: OCTOBER 1, 2024



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
October 4, 2024

5:30–7:30 pm in Church

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Saturday

October 12, 2024

12 noon

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AT CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART
(89 RIDGE ST., NEWARK, NJ)



6:30PM - ITALIAN DINNER
\$40 ADULT/\$25 KIDS UNDER 12
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OCTOBER 5TH, 2024



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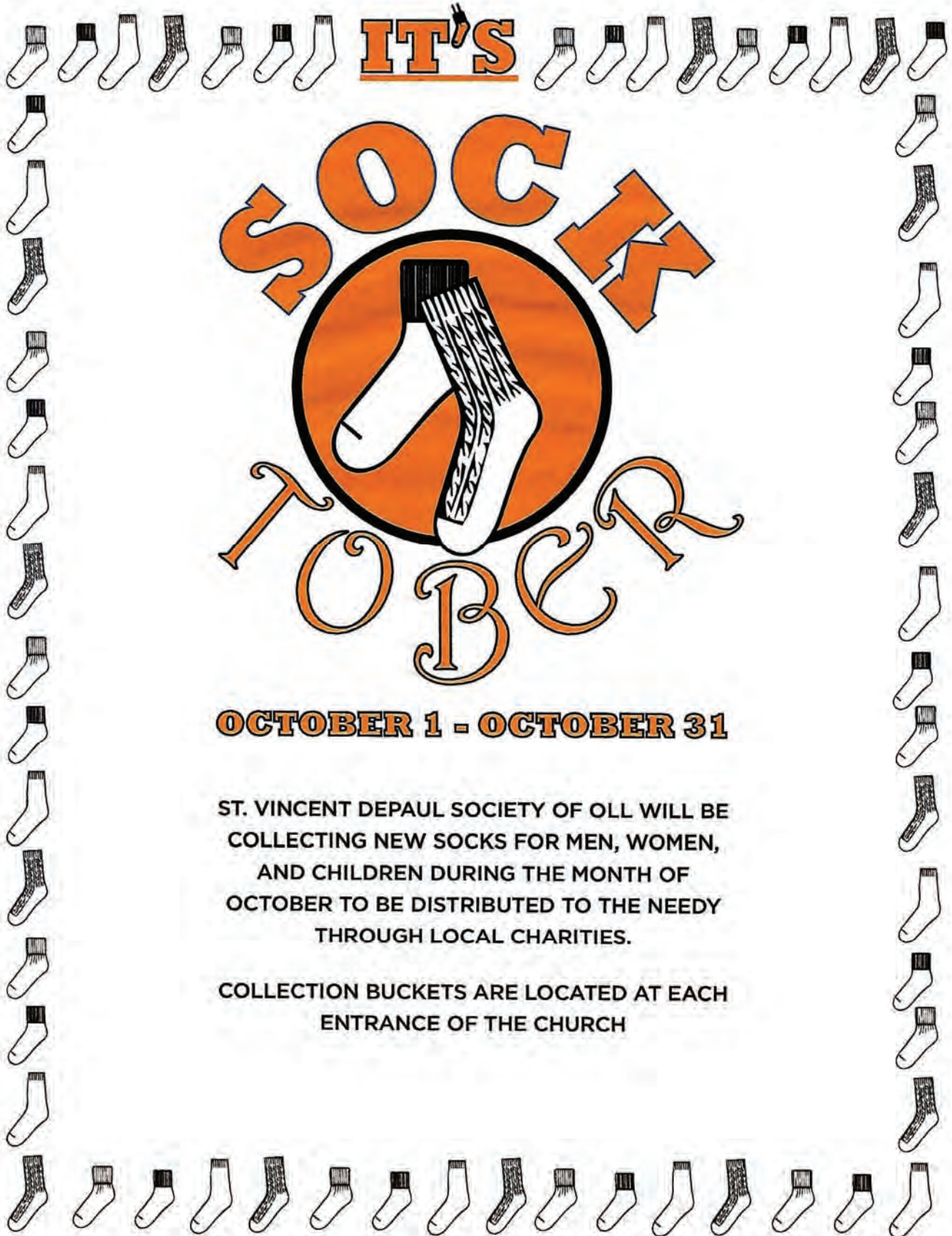
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