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Sunday, October 13, 2024 - 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

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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/the-rich-young-man-and-king-solomon/>)

Title: The Rich Young Man and King Solomon

Author: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Both the Rich Young Man in Mark's Gospel and King Solomon had a very difficult choice to make. In a similar moment of decision, what would be the desire of your heart? Wisdom and adventure, or comfort and convenience? Where do true riches...and security... lie?

The rich young man had already fulfilled all the elementary requirements. He was a decent person who hadn't killed anybody, had honored his parents, and would never think of stealing another man's goods nor another man's spouse. But he was curious - what would it take to advance beyond that to assurance of heaven, to perfection, to true intimacy with God?

The Rich Young Man - Curiosity vs. Desire

Curiosity is not the same as desire. Curiosity has the itch to know but not necessarily the will to act. True desire will pay any price to get what it wants.

Jesus decided to help this rich young man to get honest with himself, for he could see into the man's heart. After all, Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, and Scripture says that God's word penetrates the surface and drives deep into a person, like a double-edged sword. So the gaze of the living Word penetrates. And now he speaks words that also penetrate and even sting a bit. "Go give what you have to the poor and you'll have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me."

Immediately the rich young man's countenance fell. He had not bet on this sort of response. More prayers and fasting he could handle perhaps. But giving up all that he'd worked for? And traipsing after this itinerant rabbi all over who-knows-where, not

knowing where his next meal would be coming from all this was all too much for him.

He wanted God as a part of his life. But he wasn't ready to give God control of his life, to abandon himself completely, to find his whole identity and security in the

Lord. His affluence provided him with a level of comfort and prominence that he'd learn to depend upon. It was just too scary to let go of that.

This was a crisis moment in his life, where a choice was set before him that would manifest his true spiritual condition. Tragically, he utterly failed the heart monitor test.

Solomon - the Treasure of Wisdom But there was another rich young man, a thousand years earlier, who faced the same sort of test and responded differently. His father had built him a very nice kingdom. At the very point at which he was to take over the reigns, the Word of God came to him and offered him anything he truly desired. What was his heart's desire? To be given riches surpassing the wealth of all other kings on the planet? To be granted stunning military victory over all his enemies?

Solomon, this rich young man, chose neither of these. He knew that God knew him better than he knew himself and that God loved him more than he loved himself.

If he alone was in control of vast armies and riches, he could lose them in a heartbeat, or use them to do more harm than good. If he alone were calling the shots, trying to make himself and his people happy, he'd probably end up miserable and make his people miserable.

Humility & the Fear of the Lord Humility caused him to recognize his littleness and God's greatness. This respect for God's grandeur, otherwise known as fear of the Lord, is the beginning of wisdom. The first thing wisdom does is seek more wisdom. So that is what he asked for, God's wisdom, God's counsel, God's help and even God's control. Ironically, putting the reigns in God's hands enabled this loving God to bring military success and prosperity greater than Israel had ever enjoyed before or since.



SATURDAY, 12 OCTOBER	Helene Brock 5:30 pm
SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Rose Konvalinka
MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER	8:30 am John O'Connor
TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER	8:30 am Loyola Loafman
WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER	8:30 am Candida Dumaraos
THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER	8:30 am John O'Connor
FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER	8:30 am Karen Elizabeth Bruno
SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER	5:30 pm Patrick Lorenzana
SUNDAY, 20 OCTOBER	7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am John D. Pflug, III (37th Birthday) 11:30 am Jean Byrne

SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER	7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am—11:45 am G. 7-12 Church, Hall 9:30 am Mass in Church Adoration after MASS 10:30—11:30 1st Penance Class, (Chapel) 11:30 am Mass in Church
MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER	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, 17 OCTOBER	10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 27th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER	4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
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PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2023

WEEKLY GOAL	\$ 6800
Collection*: Sept 28-29*	\$ 4721
Deficit:	\$ 2079

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		OCT 19 - OCT 20, 2024	
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Judy Albore Melinda Prather (Choir)	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Lou Volpe	
9:30 am (Choir)	Kathy Petrillo	Espie Cain Joe Petrillo (Choir)	
11:30 am (Children's Choir)	Wendy Sheyka	Paul Hirsch	

PRAYERS
Should For...

Juana Barzola	Judy Bernarducci
Artemis Soleil Benitez	July Planas
Jesus Beoutis	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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The Rich Young Man Went Away Sad Jesus points out how this works after the rich young man went away sad. Yes, those who give up precious relationships and possessions to follow Jesus will encounter hardship and persecution. But they will also receive, even in this life, infinitely more than they gave up and in the age to come, everlasting life.

But God can't lead us on the adventure of a lifetime if we're still clinging desperately to what we think will make us happy, with the reigns of our lives grasped tightly in our own hands.


This post on Solomon and the Rich Young Man reflects upon the readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, liturgical cycle B (Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30).

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry



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Saint Peter's Preparatory School hold its Fall Open House on **Sunday, October 20, from 1:00 – 4:00** at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2024

◆ **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 6—OCTOBER 27**

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)



◆ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 at 12:00 Noon**
The Annual Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on the Front Steps of the church. (SEE FLYER)



Save the Date
Sunday Nov. 10, 2024
11:30 am Mass
Cardinal Joseph Tobin
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"I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."
84th Psalm



All Weekend Masses in October

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

- ◆ Newborn clothes (0-3 months - neutral colors for boy or girl)
- ◆ Dreft laundry soap
- ◆ Baby Wipes
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Small sponges
- ◆ Lysol wipes
- ◆ UBER or LYFT Gift Cards (for the girls to get to school or work)
- ◆ Walmart Gift Cards, and
- ◆ Monetary donations. *(Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes)*



*These items will be distributed to **SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS** which offers a place where a young mother can come to have her baby and stay for up to a year or more with individual care, nurturing and educational support.*



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