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Sunday, October 27, 2024 - Thirtieth 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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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 reflection is based on the Gospel and my homily of 13 October and the 28th Sunday of the year.

Title: 10 Percent, 10 Commandments**

In the Gospel of the Rich Young Man, a man of some prestige asks Jesus the ultimate question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Although he claims to have followed the Commandments and to heed the call to follow Jesus, he leaves "shocked" and "grieving" when Jesus challenges him. This raises the question: How hard is it to truly follow Christ? Let's explore this by considering:

Man in the Top 10 Percent

God's Word in 10 Commandments

Our call to give the first 10 percent

[Man in Top 10%] The man in the Gospel is known as the "rich young man" or "rich young ruler." Can we also consider ourselves "rich"? Richness isn't just about wealth – it could mean being highly educated, well-connected, or powerful. This man has many possessions, but how much does that really matter?

A study I came across revealed that 90% of business managers believe they perform in the top 10%, highlighting a common tendency to overestimate our abilities. I, too, can sometimes fall into this trap, thinking that when things go wrong, others are to blame. I relate to this Gospel – do we perceive ourselves as faithful followers of Christ based solely on our "performance"?

The rich young man likely knew the importance of repentance and following the law. However, even this focus can become materialistic or self-righteous. He sees himself in the top 10 percent.

[God's Word in 10 Commandments] God's Word is given to us in the 10 Commandments. The rich man in the Gospel prides himself on following these Commandments. When Moses received the Commandments on two stone tablets, the first tablet contained commandments focused on loving God:

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain.
3. Keep holy the Sabbath day.

The second tablet, which the rich young man excelled in observing, includes commandments about loving one's neighbor, such as honoring one's parents, not killing, and not stealing.

Jesus challenges the young man on the first three commandments, which focus on love of God. The issue is not just avoiding penalties for breaking the rules but asking: do you love God with all your heart?

We often follow laws primarily to avoid punishment or fines. For example, we don't lie, cheat, or steal not just because it's wrong, but because we fear the consequences. But is that the only reason we follow the commandments?

Jesus reminds us that all commandments are about love – especially love of God. Consider ethical principles like the protection of life – whether the life of an unborn child or a stranger. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Our love for the vulnerable flows from recognizing that life belongs to God. Even those who don't believe in God can still show love for others, but our motivation is rooted in recognizing God as the Creator of all life.

Jesus challenges the rich young man to see that the commandments are not just a path to personal success but are about protecting human life and respecting the God-given dignity of every person. Laws in society protect us, but God's law affirms our worth. All the commandments come down to loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

[Our Call to Give the First 10%] The rich young man, having followed the commandments, is then asked by Jesus to give up his material possessions. This reminds me of a principle: we are called to give our first 10 percent to God.

In tithing, this means giving 10% of our income to charity. But it could also mean giving the first 10% of our day to God in prayer. If we spend about two hours getting ready in the morning, can we give 12 minutes – a mere 10% of that time – to prayer? Often, we can give more, but how about a minimum of 12 minutes each day?

In our relationships, can we also give the first 10% of our time and attention to our loved ones? By dedicating this time, we learn to adore God, rather than ourselves.

Thomas Merton, in an essay (Prologue, *No Man Is An Island* book) also emphasizes the importance of loving

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - OCTOBER 27, 2024



SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER

5:30 pm Fran Glennon

SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
 9:30 am John D. Pflug III (16th Ann.)
 11:30 am Lawrence & Catherine Del Plato

MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER

8:30 am Norman Furtado

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER

8:30 am Thomas A. Bulger, Sr. (39th Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER

8:30 am Andrew James Bruno

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER

8:30 am Mary Ellen Bruno

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER



7:00 am John O'Connor
 8:30 am Brian Mc Redmond & William Wade
 7:00 pm Theresa & Dominick Paradiso

SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER



5:30 pm ALL SOULS NOVENA

SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

7:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA
 9:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA
 11:30 am ALL SOULS NOVENA

SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
 9:30 am—11:45 am G. 7-12 Church, Hall
 9:30 am Mass in Church
 10:30—11:30 am 1st Penance Class, (Chapel)
 11:30 am Mass in Church

MONDAY, 28 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, 31 OCTOBER

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

SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

7:30 am Mass in Church
 9:00 am Recitation of Rosary (OLLC)
 9:30 - 11:45 am G. 6 Church, Hall
 9:30 am Mass in Church
 11:30 am Mass in Church

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2024

WEEKLY GOAL \$ 6800
 Collection*: Oct 19-20* \$ 4345
 Deficit: \$ 2455

*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Annette & Richard Chiamonte is in memory of JOHN D. PFLUG, SR.



NOV 2 - NOV 3, 2024

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:30 pm (Choir)	Pat Sigalas	Melinda Prather Judy Albore (choir)	
7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Patricia Saway	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Bill Talbot	
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Paul Hirsch	

PRAYERS Needed For...

Artemis Soleil Benitez July Planas
 Judy Bernarducci 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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asked to give up his possessions because true change begins with generosity. When we love others, we can more easily accept our own limitations.

Maybe I'm not in the top 10% in performance, but I can live with that because I know I am loved by God. Our worth transcends any statistics or achievements. As long as we secretly adore ourselves, our flaws will haunt us, and we'll never be satisfied. But if we love others and live for them, we realize that no one expects us to be "God."

Our imperfections can lead us closer to God.

Do you want to be in the top 10%? Or have 10% more wealth or success? Jesus warns that such desires can pull us away from God, just as they did for King David. Despite his wealth as king, David fell into sin and needed God's mercy. He prayed in Psalm 51: "Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness; in your compassion, blot out my offense."

This Psalm and the Gospel remind us that nothing is impossible with God. Our true greatness comes not from material success, but from seeking God's help with a humble and contrite heart: "A humble, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn." This humility and prayer connect us to God, giving us the hope of eternal life.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
November 1, 2024
5:30–7:30 pm in Church

Join Us!

Jesus is waiting for You!

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)**



Prayer for all Souls Day

*Merciful Father;
hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew
our faith in Your Son,
whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope
that all our departed brothers and
sisters will share in His resurrection,
who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen*



Save the Date
Sunday Nov. 10, 2024
11:30 am Mass
Cardinal Joseph Tobin
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Mass Celebrant for our
110th Parish Anniversary
1914 – 2024 – ALWAYS



**"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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