



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Sunday, October 12, 2025 - 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

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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 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 Friends,

This Sunday we read the Gospel of the 10 lepers only 1 of whom returns to show gratitude. I share this article with you about gratitude, a challenging attitude to maintain!

Even When It's Bad, Be Grateful Christopher Check • 11/24/2022 [Abridged article from Catholic Answers, also known as Catholic.Com)

It's easy to say "thank you" . . . at least sometimes.

When our hearts are delighted, as at a wedding of a dear friend or family member, or when we receive unexpected and unsolicited help or generosity from a friend or from a stranger, the words "thank you" could not come more easily.

But what about unwelcome news, ill treatment, bad times? How do we react when the up and coming generation forswears marriage, when funerals outnumber weddings in churches across the United States? What about when our friends and even our family members spurn us, shun us, insult us, be it for our lifestyle or our politics or even our faith? How should we react to those?

When we witness—or suffer ourselves—injustice, malice, deceit, betrayal, or any of the human failings?

Gratitude is an ongoing theme for the apostle to the Gentiles. "Rejoice always," he exhorts us in First Thessalonians—"pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (5:17-18). Lest we doubt Paul's credibility, remember that this is a man who endured beatings, whippings, stonings, imprisonments, and shipwrecks (2 Cor. 11:23-28). How did he get to be so grateful?

We can be the perpetually grateful, the happiest people in the room, because we have something that Job lacked: a personal Savior, God incarnate, come to cleanse us of our sins and redeem us. We have a Church that has opened for us its abundant treasury of graces, consolations, and indulgences. We have the saints, our models for holy lives, to illuminate the path to heaven opened up for us despite our unworthiness. And so we can exceed Job in virtue, in gratitude, even in the darkest times—because no matter what befalls us, God has prepared for us a city, with a standing invitation from Jesus Christ.

We find out in his letter to the Romans. Here Paul provides an apologia for thanking God in bad times: "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (5:3-5).

This is more than "count your blessings." It's a radical orientation toward prayer—perhaps new, perhaps hard to accept, but worth the effort.

Think of it this way: on this side of the veil, our prayers are divided into petition, contrition, thanksgiving, and praise. If you're like me, you have trouble getting beyond petition! But when, God willing, we see the face of God, we will have no need of "please." We won't need "I'm sorry," either—purgatory will take care of that. No, all our prayers will be thanksgiving and praise. "Thank you," and "I love you."

The book of Job describes a just man who loses everything. As his wealth, his possessions, his health, even his family fall into ruin, decay, and death, his friends exhort him to give up on the God who so clearly has forsaken him. Even his wife tempts him: "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God, and die" (2:9).

The good news is that Job keeps the Faith. He never forgets the one to whom he owes everything. But the bad news is that he complains along the way—complains quite a lot, actually, to the point that God comes and rebukes him directly. "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? . . . Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?" (40:2,9).

This, I think, is a good way to understand the words of Bl. Solanus Casey: "Gratitude is the first sign of a thinking rational creature." G.K. Chesterton takes the same thought farther: "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." In other words, the perpetually grateful are the happiest people in the room. Why? No matter their aches and pains and earthly heartsickness, they are living in the presence of God.

In Christ's Peace
Father Jim Ferry

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - OCTOBER 12, 2025



SATURDAY, 11 OCTOBER

5:30 pm Teresa Buena

SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Catherine Parisi
11:30 am Rose Konvalinka

MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER

8:30 am Mary Stone

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER

8:30 am Roel Sarmiento

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER

8:30 am Erwin Sampaga

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER

8:30 am Patrick Joseph Lynch

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER

8:30 am Richard Chiaramonte

SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER

5:30 pm Karen Elizabeth Bruno

SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am John D. Pflug, Sr.
11:30 am Accecius Jules

SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER

7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)
11:30 am Mass
12:30 pm—3:00 pm KOC meeting
6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.
8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church
6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

TUESDAY 14, OCTOBER

5:30 - 6:30 pm 1st Penance (G-7-12) OLLC
6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER

6-8:00 pm Choir rehearsal
6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct. 19th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
6:00—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Loft)
6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER

6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)

SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church
5:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm Rosary (Church)

SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER

7:30 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
9:30—11:45 am G-7-12 (OLLC) (Hall)
10:30—11:30 am 1st Penance (Chapel)
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)
11:30 am Mass
6:30 pm Rosary (Grotto)



This week, October 12th, Bread & Wine a gift from Kathy & Joseph Petrillo, is in memory of **BERNARD J. MOONEY**.

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025 Goal \$ 6,800
Collection*: Sept. 20-21, 2025* \$ 4,697
Deficit: \$2,103
*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average



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WEEKEND October 18-19, 2025
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Emily Kunz Eileen Reilly (C)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Mary Cassels
9:30 am Adult Choir	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiaramonte Joe Petrillo (C)
11:30 am Child. Choir	Carmelita Dizon	Wendy Sheyka Carmelita Dizon (C)



This week, October 12th, Altar Candles, a gift from The Malabanan Family, is in memory of **PILAR CRUZ & NIEVES MALABANAN**.

Prayers Needed

Lucky Codada Amante Organo
Maria Colon Reynaldo Rapada
Pierre Ferrus Sister Jean Ruppel
Beverly McAllister Adan Solsol
Mary McGuiness Sonny Tiongson

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



St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting **Christine's Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, 10/25/2025** 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 **10/25/2025** 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.



EMPOWERING

GOD'S CHILDREN PROGRAM

Empowering God's Children teaches children about safe boundaries and helps our parish stay in compliance with the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment policies.

Dates & Grades:

Grades 1-5—Tuesday, October 21, - 6:00-7:00 PM

Grades 6-8—Wednesday, October 22, - 6:00 –7:00 PM

**Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Connor Hall (Lower Level of Church)**

Parental Attendance: Optional—Parents are welcome, but not required to attend.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This program is MANDATORY for all students in our Family Catechesis & Religious Education Programs. Parents who prefer to teach the material at home may request video materials by emailing fatherjimferry@lourdeswestorange.org.

?QUESTIONS Contact: Father Jim Ferry [973-325-0110](tel:973-325-0110)

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Saturday

October 12, 2024

12 noon

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Our Lady of Fatima, 1917*



How to Report Abuse

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.

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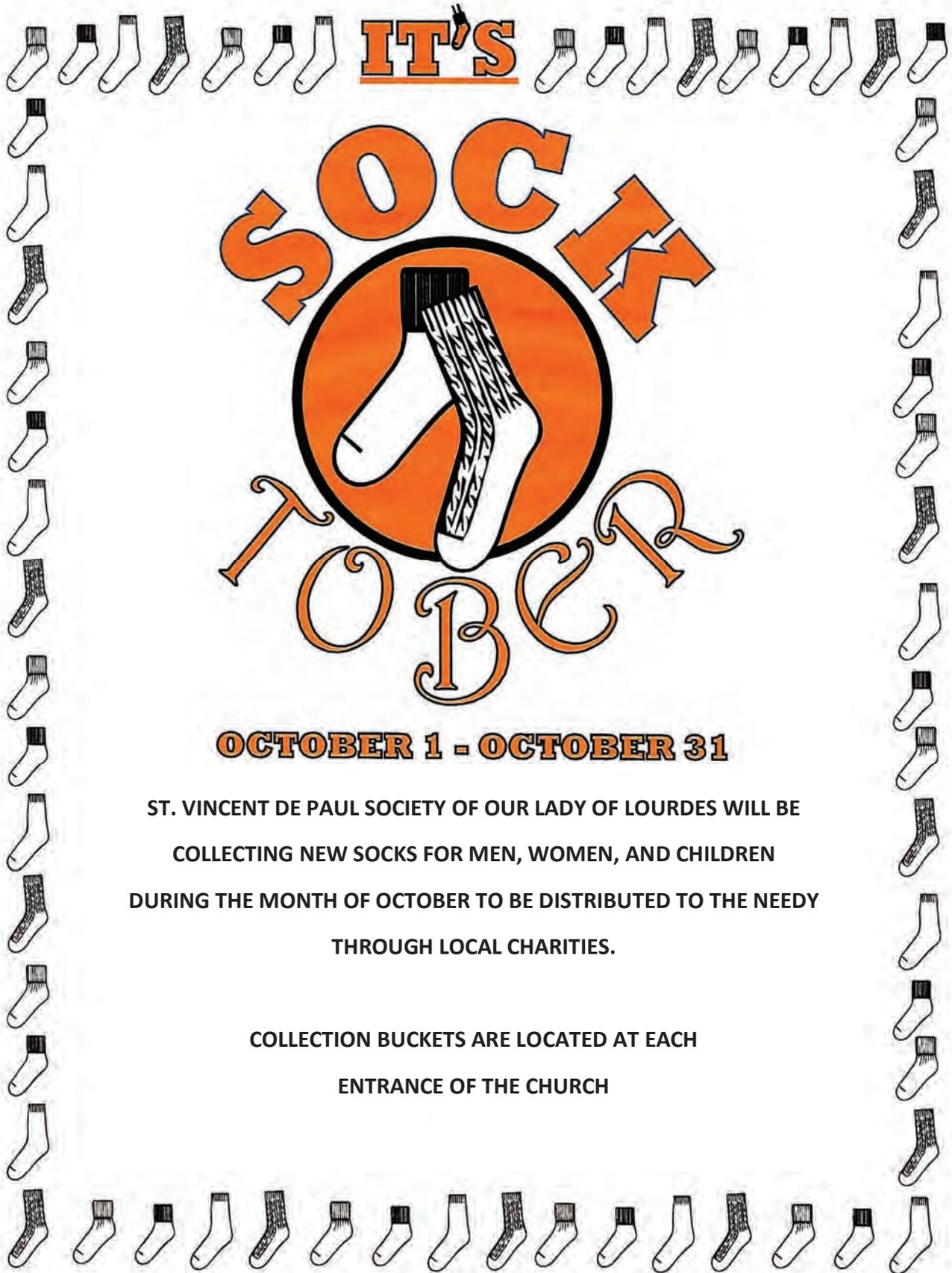
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