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Sunday, October 11, 2026 – 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 Friends,

I share with you this reflection from Crossroads Initiative.

(Source:

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/wedding-feast/>)

The King's Wedding Feast – Invitation Declined

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Why would people decline a royal invitation to a wedding feast, a banquet fit for a king? This parable of Jesus describes a situation we see around us everyday – pervasive apathy in the face of the offer of salvation and eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The cause? A sneaky but deadly sin called sloth.

At age 16, life was about rock 'n roll. If my own band was not performing on Saturday night, I was out in the audience, watching another band.

It would have never occurred to me to spend my Saturday nights at a Catholic conference or retreat. True, no matter how late I was out, I'd never miss Sunday Mass. But that's not because it was the source and summit of my life. It was because I didn't want to go to hell. Being roasted over an open fire for all eternity definitely did not appeal to me. But neither did wasting my Saturday night in a Church event that was not strictly required by divine law.

Wedding Feast – Banquet Fit for a King

Why is this? Because I craved fun, joy, adventure and fulfillment. And Church was the last place I expected to find any of these things. Heaven was described as "eternal rest." Nothing could have sounded more boring.

But in the gospel of Matthew (22:1-14), the kingdom of Heaven is not described in terms of an endless ceremony or angels sitting on clouds playing harps. It is painted in the colors of a banquet, a wedding feast– a boisterous, energizing celebration with delectable food, choice wine, dancing, laughter, and fellowship.

But not just any wedding feast. This party will be fit for a king since the bridegroom is a prince. Obviously, the royal Host will spare no expense, and it will be truly a gala affair.

Invited Guests Decline

But when the King's representatives' issue personal invitations to this party of the century, there are few takers. Perhaps part of it is the fault of the messengers. Maybe their blank faces and monotone voices confirmed the worst suspicions of the invited guests – that anything put on by the King will be a crashing bore.

But where did this suspicion come from in the first place?

Web of Deceit obscures the Invitation

Isaiah speaks of a veil that covers all peoples, a web that is woven over all nations (Is. 25:6-10). It is a web of deceit that has been woven not by a spider, but by the serpent that deceived Eve first. In fact, it is an immense propaganda campaign that is subtly woven into the message of movies, TV shows, and print advertising. It even shows up in teachers' lesson plans and athletes' locker room conversations.

The message is simple–"accept God's invitation and you'll have no life. His Kingdom is at worst about slavery, at best an invitation to endless boredom. Either reject him or, if you really have to believe in him, just don't waste too much time and energy on religion. Give the obligatory nod to God and go out and get a life."

Kingdom of God – Joyful Romp or Tiresome Chore?

That's why rock concerts and football games have sellout crowds, but we often have to pull teeth to fill a church. That's why the king in the parable had a hard time getting his invited guests to fill his banquet hall.

Be honest. Do you see the pursuit of the Kingdom as a joyful romp or as a tiresome chore? When it comes to your spiritual life, do you do the bare minimum, or do you grab for all the gusto you can? When opportunities arise to grow spiritually, do you make excuses that you're too tired or too busy or do you make the Kingdom of God top priority? (Pastor's Column continued on Page 4)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – OCTOBER 11, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 5:30 pm	Edgar O. Bury Jr.
SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Janice Lombardi Rose Konvalinka
MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Family
TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 8:30 am	Malachy & Anne Healey
WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 8:30 am	Pilar Antesoda Dizon
THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 8:30 am	Pilar Cruz
FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 8:30 am	Sister Jean Ruppel
SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER 5:30 pm	Andres D. Bacal
SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Samantha Marie Close Karen Elizabeth Bruno

Bread & Wine for the week of Oct. 11th: Offering
from Ann Pflug in Memory of **ROSARIO CHIOVARO**.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	OCTOBER 17-18, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Coleen Barry Eileen Reilly(c)
7:30 am	Patricia Saway	Mary Ellen Chandler
9:30 am Adult Choir	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiamonte Myrna Regino (c)
11:30 am	Jeryl Nalupta	Wendy Sheyka

Church Calendar

SUN., 11 OCTOBER 7:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm	Mass Mass Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) Mass Rosary, Grotto
MON., 12 OCTOBER 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday. 6:30 pm	COLUMBUS DAY Daily Mass will be held Mon-Fri each Week in Church. Rosary Grotto RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
TUES., 13 OCTOBER 5:30 – 6:45 pm 6:30 pm	1 st Penance (gr. 7-12) (OLLC) Rosary Grotto
WED., 14 OCTOBER 6:30 pm 6:30 – 10:00 pm	Rosary Grotto Knights of Columbus Mtg. (HALL)
THUR., 15 OCTOBER 6:30 pm	Deadline for Announcements for Oct. 25 th Bulletin. Call the Rectory- 973-325-0110 Rosary, Grotto
FRI., 16 OCTOBER 6:30 pm	Rosary Grotto
SAT., 17 OCTOBER 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confessions in Church Mass Rosary, Grotto
SUN., 18 OCTOBER 7:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 – 11:30 am 9:30 – 11:45 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm	Mass Mass 1 st Penance Class (Chapel) Gr. 7-12 Class (OLLC) (HALL) Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) Mass Rosary, Grotto

Prayers needed

James Christiano, Frances Diaby, Mary McGuiness,
Pete Markovic, Antonio Matias, Marc Reyes,
Andrea Santucci, Gregory Vistica.

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

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Sloth – Sneaky but Deadly

The Catholic tradition speaks of “Seven Deadly Sins.” One of the sneakiest and deadliest is often overlooked, which is exactly why it is sneaky and deadly. It is called “sloth” or spiritual laziness.

The symptoms? The sloth perceives the kingdom of God to be boring and so can find no energy to pursue it. Everything else—work, kids’ soccer games, Super Bowl parties, shopping – takes precedence so that the sloth never gets around to seeking God.

A wise monk once told me that the greatest sin of our sex-saturated, hyperactive culture was not lust but ironically that spiritual laziness called sloth.

I think he was on to something.

This post focuses on the parable of the king’s wedding feast, how sloth prompts the refusal of the invited guests to accept the invitation and come to the banquet. It is a reflection upon the readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, liturgical cycle A –Isaiah 25:6-10 (the web woven over all peoples), Psalm 23, Philippians 4:12-20; and Matthew 22:1-14 (the parable of the king who issued invitations to his son’s wedding feast).

(Source:

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/wedding-feast/>)

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

Father Jim Ferry

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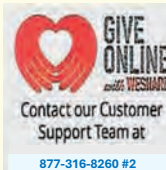
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- *Post Natal Vitamins*
- *Prenatal Vitamins*
- *X-Large pads for Women*
- *Women's Brief Underwear – Medium to XL*
- *Sports Bra Medium to XL*
- *Water Bottles*
- *Diaper Nags*
- *Women's Slippers Sizes 6-10*
- *Throw Blankets (Adults only)*
- *Diaper Cream*
- *Newborn Clothes (Boy/Girl)*
- *Monetary donations. (Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes)*



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