

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.

Office Closed on Thursdays

Fridays ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days ~ As scheduled

Daily Mass ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ M, T, W, F

Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at 7:00 p.m. on the
third Tuesday of every month.

Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday ~ 5:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ 3:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office whenever
someone ill, hospitalized, or homebound
wishes to receive Communion.

RCIA

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are always welcome
Please call the parish office to register.

Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

Parish Council

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2022



Our Lady of the Rosary

Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament
striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment
by following the example and teaching of Christ.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith,
through the Roman Catholic Tradition, to the next generation
for the greater glory of God.

From the Pastor's Desk



Returning Thanks: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see [Luke 5:12–14](#)). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see [Isaiah 56:3–8](#)).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist."

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn
Founder and President

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

Second Collection—Hurricane Relief

In view of the devastation caused by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona in southeast Florida and the Caribbean, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops has requested churches in the United States do a special second collection next weekend for Hurricane Relief. These funds will help Catholic Charities USA and local agencies to provide humanitarian relief of food, water and sanitation assistance, with repair and rebuilding of homes, and with any significant Church needs that may arise from the hurricanes in the affected Dioceses. Thank you for your generosity.

John Bower Basketball



Registration is now available for John Bower Basketball for grades K-6. Signup sheets will be available in the near future. For more information, call John Arrigoni at 570-660-9371.

Love Never Ends

The *Love Never Ends* luncheon meeting for October will be held **Friday, October 21, at 12:00 noon.**

Mark Your Calendars

OLOL KoC Council 14329 is sponsoring our second Annual Gun Bingo on **Saturday, March 4, 2023**, at the Bald Birds Brewery in Jersey Shore. This is now our major fundraiser for the Council. Last year's success allowed us to donate \$12K to the parish that was used to help fund the roof replacement of our rectory. Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming months.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Council 14329, for their generous donation, which helped fund the new rectory roof. Thank you so much!!

Parish Faith Formation

Handbooks and registration forms were mailed to families who participated in our Parish Faith Formation Program last year. If you are new to the parish or if your child will be entering first grade in the fall, please contact Mrs. B. at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org. If you have not received the packet, please contact Mrs. B. as soon as possible.

Volunteers are needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word and Youth Masses. For more information, contact Mrs. B at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Red Cross Bloodmobile



The Knights of Columbus, Council #14329, is sponsoring a Red Cross Bloodmobile here at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Monday, October 10, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.**

Bible Study

Deacon Steve Frye's seven-week Bible study continues this week on **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** He continues through the six sessions of *The Eucharist: A Bible Study for Catholics*, by Father Mitch Pacwa. Books may be purchased at Bible Study for \$11, and please bring a Bible and notetaking materials with you.

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Also known as St. Teresa of Avila)

*Christ has no body but yours, no hands,
no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
compassionately on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands,
with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands.,
Yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes.
You are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassionately on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Amen.*

The Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila is October 15



*ST. TERESA OF AVILA
VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
FEAST DAY—OCTOBER 15*

Community and Service

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Sunday, October 9

Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ grades 1-8

~Monday, October 10

Red Cross Bloodmobile ~ Noon to 5 p.m.

Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.

~Tuesday, October 11

Mass @ Embassy of Loyalsock ~ 2:00 p.m.

Parish Council/Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m.

~Wednesday, October 12

Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.

~Thursday, October 13

Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m.

~ Friday, October 14

Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

~Sunday, October 16

Religious Education

9:00 a.m. ~ Grades 1-8

Ministry Corner

Perspective

By Deb Steinbacher

October is Respect Life Month. What does it mean to respect life? Does it mean that we "personally oppose abortion, but respect the rights of others to choose what is right for them"? Pondering this train of thought, one could apply it to any of our laws. We could personally oppose assault, murder, rape, incest, drug trafficking - any number of crimes, but respect the right of others to choose those courses of action in their lives. Ridiculous? Perhaps - but if we think about what actually happens during an abortion, perhaps not. Sadly, this seldom occurs. An actress was quoted in Judie Brown's ALL News as describing her abortion as "beautifully boring". She was "grateful" that she did not have to bring into the world a "child" that she did not want. It struck me as interesting that she described the baby she aborted as a "child". So often, words that are the polar opposite of human are used to describe God's creation alive in the womb of the mother. But, to return to the article, Judie points out that celebrities "want women to believe that babies are like embarrassing tweets you easily delete...". As Judy stated, from the perspective of a devout Catholic, "Babies are beautiful. Abortions are grotesque. No amount of ink will ever erase the stigma of being a party to the murder of a preborn child." Keep praying...

2023 Mass Intention Book Is Open

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is now open.

In order that all parishioners have the opportunity to remember or memorialize their loved one on special dates we have a few guidelines:

- * Each family may schedule up to three Masses, however, there is no limit on unscheduled Masses.
- * An individual may only have a Mass offered once every two weeks.
- * Recently deceased parishioners might take precedence.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS— INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Who is it for?

~ Adults & teens who have not been Baptized, those who have been Baptized yet never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, or those who are already Baptized in another Christian denomination, but would like to learn more about Catholic Christianity.

What's it like?

~ R.C.I.A. is not a classroom format, but rather experiential. It is based on reflections upon Sunday Scriptures. It answers the question: "Why do Catholics do that?"

When does it start?

~ Sessions have already begun. For more information Please contact the parish office at 570-368-8598 or email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Coming Up In the Diocese

"Read the Bible Like Never Before" Sunday, October 16—10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton; **11:00 a.m. Brunch and Presentation** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Register online at dioceseofscranton.org—\$15 per Person, \$25 per couple.

"Night of Hope and Healing" hosted by our Diocesan Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Team on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Faustina Kowalska Parish in Nanticoke. For information or to register, call 570-239-6173, or go to denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat, November 4-6. To learn more, call 570-239-6173, Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org, or contact denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com.

Leave a Mark 2022—November 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Mass, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. The idea for this movement came from Pope Francis, who encouraged the pilgrims at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland to not vegetate or take it easy, but to leave a mark: *"It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark."*

Check out our updated website:
www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8

Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Joe Mazzante (Sue & daughters)

Sunday, October 9

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Pat Kelly (*The Kelly Family*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, October 10

9:00 a.m. Mary Lou O'Neill
(*Honorable Matthew & Laura Brann*)

Tuesday, October 11

St. John XXIII, Pope
9:00 a.m. Janice McFadden
(*Dave & Linda Phillips*)
2:00 p.m. Intentions of the Capuchin Sisters
(*Romey Fagnano Family*)

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 a.m. Carl & Kathryn Moore
(*Zurinsky Family*)

Thursday, October 13

NO MASS

Friday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Anne & Blaise Alexander
(*Catino Family*)

Saturday, October 15

Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Tim Edwartoski
(*Dave & Deb Vincenzes*)

Sunday, October 16

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Knights of Columbus
(*Knights of Columbus Council #14329*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 4:22-5:1; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1--6; Ps 119:41-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Sponsor of the Week It's My Party! Store

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Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

10/1-2/2022

Loose	\$ 594.00
Collection	\$ 4,684.00
Maintenance	\$ 228.00
Fuel	\$ 17.00
Votives	\$ 128.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
All Souls Day	\$ 5.00
Collection Total	\$ 5,657.00
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$ 8,850.00

Diocesan Collections

World Mission	\$ 5.00
Care & Education of the Priests	\$ 170.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 175.00

Collection Counters Schedule



OFFERING
COUNTERS

October 10—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

October 17—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

Faith in Action

For the month of October we will be collecting **rice and soup** for the United Churches Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bins at the doors of the church.



We continue to collect **16 ounce jars of peanut butter** to help support the Montoursville Area School District Backpack Program. Please help us feed the hungry. Drop off donations inside the church entrances.



Prayer List for the Month of October


God Answers Prayers If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

M.B., James Bender, Theresa Brown, Dave Bonus, Joanie Campbell, Ron Clayton, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Grant Falls, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, Geraldine Hamm, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Karen Marlett, Lois O'Malley, Denise Miller, Nicole Selleck, Denise Sharar, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Stephen Updegraff, Debbie Winterer, Christine Watts Wright

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