

<u>Mass Schedule</u> Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m. Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday ~ 9:00 a.m. Thursday ~ no daily Mass

<u>Adoration</u> Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u> 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.

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u> Arranged at least six months in advance

<u>Pastoral Care of the Sick</u> Notify the parish office whenever someone ill, hospitalized, or homebound wishes to receive Communion.

> <u>RCIA</u> Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

<u>Parish Membership</u> New parishioners are always welcome Please call the parish office to register.

> <u>Knights of Columbus</u> Council 14329

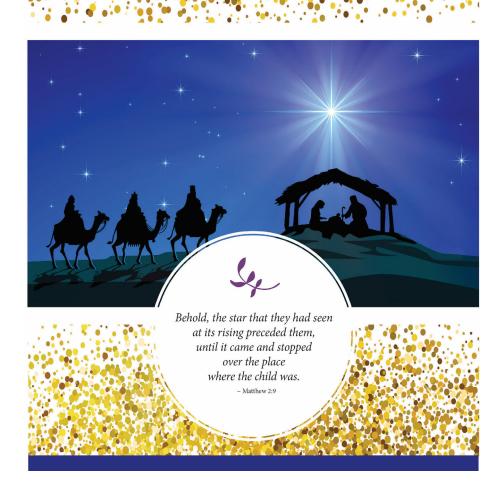
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The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

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Parish Office Hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



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



Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Here we are, a full week into the new year. After the sad ending of 2022 with the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, we continue to move forward with great hope. Why do I say great hope? Because just as with the ending of his life on the Earth, Benedict has begun his journey through eternity, so, too, we continue in this new year with the opportunity to grow closer to God. Last week we celebrated Mary the Mother of God. As we celebrate the Epiphany this week, God is revealing His glory and bringing us into His Divine Will filled with hope!

Several days ago we celebrated the Feast of St. Basil the Great. I found a beautiful quote from his homily on the Epiphany. He beautifully reminds us:

"Now it is no longer, 'Dust you are and to dust you shall return,' but 'You are joined to heaven and into heaven you shall be taken up.' It is no longer, 'In sorrow you shall bring forth children,' but, 'Blessed is She who has borne Emmanuel and blessed the breast that nursed Him.' 'For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us; and dominion is placed upon His shoulders.'"

I think we too often forget that the events in the life of Christ are not relegated to history, but are for us this day. The Light of the Epiphany continues to shine in our lives, scattering darkness and revealing truth and beauty. We join those who first so joyfully welcomed the Lord from Heaven. Think of the shepherds receiving wisdom, the priests prophesying, and the wise men who brought their gifts. The light continues to shine brightly in our hearts when we allow our Lord to make our hearts pure. He continues to transform us as we behold His radiance.

We do not know what this year may hold. There may be some dark times ahead. We may experience personal sadness and tragedies. What we do know is that Christ Jesus will be with us through it all, shining His light, granting us mercy and compassion, giving us courage and filling us with hope. Every day, in this sense, is another epiphany for us when we walk in His way and follow His star.

Yours in the Hope of Jesus Christ, Father Michael



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus



Gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. Ask God what gift you can offer Him in support of the poor, lonely and vulnerable in our Community.

GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has reached 81% of our Appeal goal of \$41,000 by pledging \$33,097.00 as of January 1, 2023. *Thank you,* all who pledged so far, for your generosity!



Donate now at: annualappeal.org or click the QR code below



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a meeting this *Monday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.* in the church hall.

The Advent Bible Study will be held <u>Wednesday,</u> January 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Advent Bible Study

Children's Christmas Play

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Congratulations to our children who did such a wonderful job with the Christmas Play on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to Francesca Neville for all of her hard work organizing and rehearsing the children. We also thank Sarah Arrigonie, Jamie Wieder, and Vida Saylor for all their assistance and contributions; and Kathleen Mondell, Bella Wieder and Ramona Kroll for their contribution of beautiful music. Thank you, too, to the parents who got the children to the church for rehearsals and who helped dress the cast and guide them to where they needed to be. Truly a joyous way to start our Parish Christmas celebration.





The Cast

Chris & Kaitlyn Balduino; Luca, Nico & Abrielle Harlan; Regan, Rosie, Maria & Lucy Aguirre; Eliza & Isaac Wieder; Amelia Kozak; Colten Feigles; Jaxon, Colsen & Preslee Bennett; Geno & Capria Pulizzi; Billy Kroll; Blair & Julia Arrigonie; Avery Bolsar; Abigail Berkheiser; Kamdyn Gleason; Emerson & Reagan Alexander

Community

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, January 8 Religious Education ~ Grades 1-8 meet
Monday, January 9 Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m. Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus ~ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10

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 Mass at Embassy ~ 2:00 p.m.
 Parish Pastoral Council ~ 6:30 p.m.
 Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m. (Meeting Room)
- Wednesday, January 11
 School Mass at SJNRA ~ 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Friday, January 13
- Confessions ~ 5:00-6:00 p.m. ~ Saturday, January 14
- Youth Group ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Parish Hall ~ Sunday, January 15 Religious Education Classes grades 1-8 meet

Young Catholic Women's Retreat

I am pleased to announce that the Office for Parish Life and Luzerne County Catholic Young Adult Community are teaming up to host "Chosen: A Young Catholic Women's Retreat!"

The Chosen Retreat will be held from Friday,

January 27, to Sunday, January 29, at the Holy Family Center in Nanticoke. Open to upperclassmen in college to 40 year olds, the retreat is designed to help young women root their identity in Christ while giving them a community of support and prayer.

Aiming to make the weekend accessible for college students, working women and young moms, the retreat will begin at 8:00 pm on Friday night and wrap up with 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning. The retreat will also offer guided personal prayer, small group discussions, Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunities for rest, fellowship, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register, go to dioceseofscranton.org and click on the picture for "Chosen: A Young Catholic Women's Retreat-Read More" for a link for registration.

Night at the Races

The Ancient Order of Hibernians are hosting a *Night at the Races,* on <u>Friday, February 3</u>, at St. Joseph the Worker, 720 West Fourth Street. Doors open at <u>6:00 p.m</u>.; first race is at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes the horse you name, wings and other refreshments. For more information or to purchase a horse, contact John Comerford at nhojdrof1@yahoo.com or 570-447-9679. Come out for a fun-filled evening!.

Ministry Corner

Gifts By Deb Steinbacher

The Epiphany of the Lord reminds us that Jesus has come to save us and that the Magi traveled to find and worship Him. We have been given the gift of eternal life with this manifestation of Jesus. We are in awe of the sacrifice that God made to become a Baby born in a lowly manger to save us. Today, however, perhaps we could take a moment and reflect on the gifts that were brought to Him. Whenever we think of the gifts, we think of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Magi presented these riches to Him to pay homage to the newborn King. But what of the others who visited? They were shepherds and could little afford gifts of that nature. They came in wonderment at what the angels had revealed to them and found Him. They took the *time* to seek out the Savior. They gave of themselves. Their gifts were not gold, frankincense, and myrrh; their gifts were their presence! This year perhaps we, too, can give of ourselves through our ministries. We can give of ourselves through our presence during Mass. We can take the time to attend Holy Hour at least once a month. If we possess material riches, certainly we can offer these to our Lord, but the true gift to give to Him is our love. Let our love be manifested by that which we do for others through our ministries and our worship. God bless you in this New Year of opportunity to love and serve our Lord!

Youth Group Meeting

There will be a Youth Group Meeting for young people, grades 5-8, on *Saturday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m.* in the parish hall.

Faith in Action-January 2023

We will be collecting baby supplies such as diapers, pullups, wipes, baby shampoo and lotion. Please place any donations in the bins at the church entrances. Thank you so much.





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

Prayer List for the Month of January

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

Karen Boyle, Ann Marie Dorin, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Linda Phillips, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

Worship and Service

MASS INTENTIONS	Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)			
Saturday, January 7	12/24-25/22			
Saturday, January 7 First Saturday Vigil of the Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Wanda J. Card (Hoff Family) 4:00 p.m. Walt, Nellie, Charles & Richard Dunn (Family) 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-9; Jn 2:1-11 Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:30 a.m. John & Margaret McNichol (The Brown Family) Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12	12/24-25/22Loose\$ 374.00Offertory\$ 4,299.00Maintenance\$ 228.00Votives\$ 147.00Religious Education\$ 1.00Christmas\$ 6,957.00Christmas Flowers\$ 95.00Solemnity of Mary\$ 40.00All Saints' Day\$ 20.00Immaculate Conception\$ 35.00Initial Envelopes\$ 30.00Total\$12,226.00			
Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord 9:00 a.m. Kathy Thomas (<i>Rob Thomas & Family</i>) Is 42:1-7; Ps 29:1-10; Mt 3:13-17	Diocesan CollectionsCare & Education of Priest\$ 21.00Retirement for Religious\$ 20.00Total Diocesan Collections\$ 41.00			
Tuesday, January 10 Miraculous Medal Novena9:00 a.m. Theresa St. Mary (Woleslagle Family) 2:00 p.m. Patricia Bonus (Jenny Novak) (Embassy) Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2-9; Mk 1:21-28Wednesday, January 11 9:00 a.m. Kathy, Dick & Melissa Wertz (Joe & Teresa Moore)10:00 a.m. Herta Aguirre (Aguirre Family) (SJNRA) Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mk 1:29-39Thursday, January 12 NO MASS Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45Friday, January 13	12/31-1/1/23 Loose \$ 712.00 Offertory \$ 8,097.00 Maintenance \$ 135.00 Fuel \$ 55.00 Votives \$ 121.00 Religious Education \$ 2.00 Christmas \$ 2,189.00 Christmas Flowers \$ 60.00 Solemnity of Mary \$ 1,069.00 Initial Envelopes \$ 170.00 Total \$12,610.00 Diocesan Collections Care & Education of Priest Care & Education of Solemnity \$ 1,00			
St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Kelly Family (Kelly Family)	Mission \$ 5.00 Total Diocesan Collections \$ 124.00			
Heb 4:1-11; Ps 78:3-8; Mk 2:1-12 Saturday, January 14 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 4:00 p.m. Michael Farenish (<i>The Shah Family</i>) Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-15; Mk 2:13-17 Sunday, January 15	Collection Counters Schedule January 9—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf January 16—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek			
Sunday, January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Sophie DeGregorio (<i>By Family</i>) 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish				



Parish Financial Report Our Lady of Lourdes - Montoursville TREND ANALYSIS						
		Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Revenue						
Collections	379,520	354,765	351,397	385,908	402,775	
Faith Formation Fees	10,709	5,260	10,005	10,580	10,445	
Fundraising/Development	41,939	7,045	109,009	74,660	99,099	
Other Income	24,832	23,092	16,924	24,642	22,230	
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers Savings Account/Other	1,637	97,906	56,411	30,000	1,323	
Diocesan Special Collections	16,037	11,957	10,984	13,484	14,752	
Total Revenue	474,676	500,024	554,729	539,274	550,625	
Expenses						
Administration	131,075	126,171	129,114	136,832	129,433	
Rectory	15,273	19,015	18,021	13,617	16,597	
Liturgy	43,816	70,276	38,503	63,056	72,369	
Faith Formation	45,476	48,177	49,391	61,576	69,491	
Social Justice	8,648	1,518	20,813	33,531	30,656	
		-	-	-	-	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	90,058	82,440	79,308 20,619	87,679 19,943	77,140	
Fixed Expense	22,118	21,359	20,019	19,945	19,395	
Debt Service Capital Outlays	- 42,146	- 125,000	-	-	- 15,512	
	42,140	125,000	- 56,106	- 30,000	-	
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out		-	-	-	1,338	
Catholic School Assessment	61,068	71,160	72,108	74,376	75,528	
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	14,738	11,652	16,899	13,527	18,779	
Total Expense	474,441	576,768	500,882	534,137	526,238	
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	235	(76,744)	53,847	5,137	24,387	
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations **(SEE NO	TE)** (604)	(307)	-	-	203	
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(369)	(77,051)	53,847	5,137	24,589	
NOTE Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assess pension and other expenses.						
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	911	307	-	-		
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	307	-	-	-	203	
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(604)	(307)	-	-	203 203	
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- Collections include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- Faith Formation Fees include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- Fundraising/Development includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- Other Income includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- Transfers Savings Account/Other includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- Diocesan Special Collections are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- Administration includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- Rectory expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- Liturgy includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- Faith Formation includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- Social Justice includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- Operation & Maintenance of Plant includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- Fixed Expense includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- Debt Service includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- Capital Outlays includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- Designated Expenses/Transfers Out includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- Catholic School Assessments paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- Diocesan Special Collections Remittance are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

• This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a CASH BASIS based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

• This amount represents the change in the parish's unpaid obligations over the year. If there is an increase in unpaid obligations, this number will be negative. If the parish reduced its unpaid obligations, this will be a positive number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents
the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between
the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of
unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.
This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

• This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

• This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.



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