

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

Wendy Bonus

Bob Nolan

Russell Gombosi, M.D.

Rita Clayton

Deb Steinbacher

Paul Moerschbacher

Jamie Wieder

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**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2022**

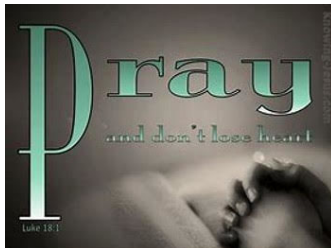


Our Lady of the Rosary

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



Dear Parishioners,

I really needed the reminder from this weekend's Gospel, "Jesus told His disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary." This seems to be a time that can, indeed, weary the souls of even the most faithful among us. Politically, ecclesiastically, culturally and morally our nation and world are in disarray. It is easy to lose our personal moorings when almost everything seems to be in a state of constant flux. Hence, the need to listen to the words of our Lord about the necessity to pray always. That prayer needs to be infused with trust and gratitude, as we offer our fiat to His Divine Will.

In addition to praying, I find it most helpful pausing many times throughout the day for a moment or two to notice the good, the beautiful and the true. Like looking both ways before crossing the street, stop and look at the blessings before you at that very moment. Then look the other way, and call to mind the blessings of God. Recall answered prayers. Notice His presence especially in His Son, Jesus Christ. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit. Then take that step, accompanied by the Blessed Trinity, and do whatever He has set before you to do. Even mundane tasks can take on a new and amazing meaning.

Many good things are happening in our Parish. Religious Ed is wonderful. I am so grateful for our dedicated catechists (teachers), the children and the adults who make sure the kids are here to learn about Jesus and His love for them. I am grateful for our hard working volunteers, from those who serve on Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Coordinating Committee to our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, ushers, altar servers, and our sacristan, John West. I give thanks to God for our paid staff: Barb, Sherry, Jennifer, JoMarie and Allen. And I am grateful for all of you who continue to worship here at our Lady of Lourdes. I am grateful for your spiritual and financial support.

I am truly grateful that I am your Pastor. Thank you...each of you, all of you, and everyone of you! Praying and working together, we may get tired, but we will never grow weary living in the Divine Will of God.

Joyfully Yours,

Fr. Michael



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 this 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

We are currently seeking new members to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Specifically, we are looking for members who embody the following qualities:

- ~ Desire for spiritual growth in themselves and the Parish
- ~ Enthusiasm about the future of the parish
- ~ Eagerness to facilitate parish decisions about its Direction
- ~ Capacity to listen outweighs the need to speak
- ~ Ability to inspire and empower
- ~ Flexibility and openness with people and ideas

Nomination Weekend will be **October 22nd and 23rd**. We invite you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to ministry on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Love Never Ends

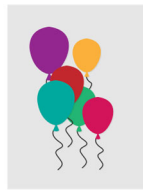
The *Love Never Ends* luncheon meeting for October will be held **Friday, October 21, at 12:00 noon**.

John Bower Basketball

Registration is now available for John Bower Basketball for grades K-6. For more information, call John Arrigoni at 570-660-9371.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we will have a second collection for World Mission Sunday. On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Pope Francis' message for this year reflects on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that the Church is missionary in nature and that we are called at Baptism to share in this mission together. The Holy Father exclaims, "Would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of Baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth!" Thank you for your generosity.



Celebrate Parish Life

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 30, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.** for our annual Celebration of Parish Life to be held in the parish hall. The morning will include refreshments, served by our 7th and 8th graders, a fun activity for the kids, Holy Heroes, the saints, presented by the children in our Faith Formation Program. This is a great opportunity for people who want to learn more about the great things happening in our parish. This is sponsored by the OLOL Pastoral Parish Council and Coordinating Team.



Follow Up Meeting

There will be a festival follow-up meeting on **Tuesday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall to review the successes of this year's Parish Festival.

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

All Saints Day Masses (Holy Day of Obligation): Tuesday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

All Souls Day Mass—Commemoration of the Faithful Departed—Wednesday, November 2, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Special Mass of Remembrance:* The 6:00 p.m. Mass on November 2 will include the presentation of memorial candles in memory of parishioners or loved ones of parishioners who have died since All Souls' Day of 2021. A time of fellowship will follow with a reception in the parish hall. If you would like a loved one remembered, please call the parish office by October 27.

Community and Service

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~**Sunday, October 16**
Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ grades 1-8
- ~**Monday, October 17**
Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~**Tuesday, October 18**
Mass @ Valley View ~ 1:30 p.m.
- ~**Wednesday, October 19**
Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~**Thursday, October 20**
Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, October 21**
Love Never Ends ~ 12:00 noon
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~**Sunday, October 23**
Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ grades 1-8

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.

Mark Your Calendars

OLOL KoC Council 14329 is sponsoring their second Annual Gun Bingo on **Saturday, March 4, 2023**, at the Bald Birds Brewery in Jersey Shore. This is now their 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.



Prayer to St. Luke

Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Thy Son: Graciously continue in Thy Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Thy Name; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ministry Corner

Ponderings

By Deb Steinbacher

The television screen is filled with political advertisements as we approach November. The latest trend is to point accusatory fingers at those who would dare to label abortion as murder. As Catholics, we believe that life begins at conception. Ending a pregnancy is causing a death. Abortion is the intentional violent taking of a life. *It is murder.* It is a sad state of affairs when violence is thought to be a right. In pondering this concept, a profound sadness caused me to pray for those who are so out of touch with humanity and with their Creator, that they would condone and even promote the murder of unborn babies. But we are, indeed, a people of life. We need to be concerned for all life. Please continue to pray for a change of heart for those who have, thus far, refused to change, who continue to see abortion as a right, and who continue to support abortion, directly or indirectly. To paraphrase Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life on their website, the end of Roe v. Wade does not mean that we can stop working to end abortion. It means that we must work harder!

Movie Night

The movie "*Patterns of Evidence: Journey to Mount Sinai*" will be shown on **Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m.** at the AMC movie theater in Williamsport. The movie follows investigative filmmaker Tim Mahoney as he pursues physical evidence of the Exodus journey to Mount Sinai, where Scripture shares that God came down to meet the Israelites.

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.*"

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
9:00 a.m. Charles Jean (*Dave & Linda Rolley*)

Tuesday, October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist
9:00 a.m. Madeline Taylor (*The Kelly Family*)
1:30 p.m. Rose Fagnano (*The Parish*)

Wednesday, October 19

SS John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
Priests & Martyrs
9:00 a.m. Leatrice Joy Alexander (*Family*)

Thursday, October 20

NO MASS

Friday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Roberta Eck
(*Steve & Kathleen Mondell*)

Saturday, October 22

Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Henry L. Koch (*Rita Koch*)

Sunday, October 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Thomas O'Malley (*Family*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2Tim 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-18;
Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-6;
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-19;
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Sir 35:12-18; Ps 34:2-23;
2 Tim 4:6-18; Lk 18:9-14

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Christmas	\$ 1.00
Collection Total	\$ 6,542.00
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$ 8,850.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Service	\$ 10.00
Care & Education of the Priests	\$ 62.00
Human Development	\$ 1.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 73.00



OFFERING
COUNTERS

Collection Counters Schedule

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

October 24—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann
Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

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


*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, Daniel Cassidy, 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,
Debbie Winterer, Christine Watts Wright

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