



## Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
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### Mass Schedule

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

### Adoration

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

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at  
6:30 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 is  
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

Rita Clayton  
Deb Steinbacher  
Paul Moerschbacher  
Jamie Wieder  
Mary Etta Legarski  
Sharon O'Malley  
Keith Kuzio  
Colleen Brown  
Kaycie Gerrity  
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### 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.

“They knew Him in the breaking of the bread.”



Dear Parish Family,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers and many kindnesses through my back surgery and recovery. Your words of encouragement were like medicine to my soul. Your prayers, I am firmly convinced, assured the successful results of my more than competent surgeon, Dr. Lin. The get well cards lifted my spirits, especially the ones from the children. Finally, and certainly not the least important of your acts of kindness--all the meals and goodies that so many of you provided—were to me a breaking of the bread through which I experienced the Love of Jesus. Isn't that one of the glories of God, that we can come to experience Him through one another?

The two disciples who met Jesus on the way to Emmaus came to know Him in the breaking of the bread. They also realized that their “hearts were burning within” while He spoke to them on the way and opened the Scriptures to them. Doubts regarding the Resurrection of Jesus vanished in that moment. They were able to humbly and convincingly proclaim that the Lord had been raised and appeared to them!

As we continue through the Eucharistic Revival our Church is experiencing, let us always remember the power of “breaking bread.” Of course, primarily and most powerfully In the Holy Communion consecrated at every Mass, where the Lord using the hands of the priest, takes bread and gives it to us saying, “This is my body...” The Eucharistic Bread is the Lord Himself, broken and given to us. Real. Presence. Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. And in the continuing nature of our Lord, He continues to give Himself in many other ways as we share what He has given us with others. Sharing the faith, feeding the hungry, acts of charity and kindness; all are a “breaking of the bread” God has given us. And in that breaking, giving and sharing He is made known to us.

Alleluia! He is Risen. He is Risen, indeed!

Joyfully yours.

Fr. Michael

### **CARNATION SALE**

The annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be held after all Masses the weekend of ***May 13-14***. Carnations will be sold for \$1.00 each. Commemorative flowers may be purchased and will be placed on the altar or at the Blessed Mother statue. Vases will be provided. This is the only fundraiser for the chapter and your support is greatly appreciated as we strive to protect mothers, and defend the sanctity of life! Thank you and God bless you!

## *April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament*

### To Love and Serve Jesus Christ This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~ **Sunday, April 23**  
Religious Education class ~ 1 through 8
- ~ **Monday, April 24**  
Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Pro-Life Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~ **Thursday, April 27**  
Life-Line Screening ~ 9:00 a.m.
- ~ **Friday, April 28**  
Love Never Ends Luncheon ~ 12:00 p.m.

### Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

4/8-9/23

Loose	\$ 663.00
Offertory	\$ 8,050.00
Maintenance	\$ 170.50
Fuel	\$ 97.00
Votives	\$ 89.00
Religious Education	\$ 21.00
Easter	\$ 2,133.00
Christmas	\$ 3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,226.50</b>

#### Diocesan Collections

Holy Land-Good Friday	\$ 140.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 143.50
Religious Retirement	\$ 23.00
Human Development	\$ 3.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 334.50</b>

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 14329 have donated \$8,400 to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish from the proceeds of their 2nd Annual Gun Bingo held on March 4, 2023. The funds from this donation will be used to repair the concrete floor in the rectory garage. The Knights wish to thank all who helped make this year's event a success. So, mark your calendars for next year's bingo, Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Bald Birds Brewery, Jersey Shore.

### Faith in Action

For the month of April, we will be collecting **shampoo and conditioner**. Please place donations in the collection bins.

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

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 22

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter  
4:00 p.m. Tom King (*Fran*)  
*Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-19; Jn 6:16-21*

#### Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Treese (*Family*)  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
*Acts 2:14-33; Ps 16: 1-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35*

#### Monday, April 24

9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
*Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-30; Jn 6:22-29*

#### Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist  
9:00 a.m. Kathleen Pagana (*Jim Pagana*)  
*1 Pt 5:5-14; Ps 89:2-17; Mk 16:15-20*

#### Wednesday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Duni Patynski (*Catino Family*)  
*Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40*

#### Thursday, April 27

NO MASS  
*Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-10; Jn 6:44-51*

#### Friday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Frank & Irene Connelly  
*(Jean & Frank Connelly)*  
*Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59*

#### Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena  
Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter  
4:00 p.m. Joe Mazzante (*Wife & daughters*)

#### Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Linda Jean Raby (*Donna Lynn Becker*)

### Collection Counter Schedule

**April 24—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

**May 1—Group 1**—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

### Prayer List for the Month of April

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

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Gerald Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Cliff Hales, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Nancy Moyer, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

**Ministry Corner**  
**Make a Joyful Noise**

Deb Steinbacher

*"He who sings prays twice" (St. Augustine).*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes St. Augustine and addresses the use of song and music in the liturgy for the glory of God. Perhaps you are now wondering if this is a sales pitch of sorts for the choir. Well, it would be nice to have a full choir loft, but the news of the oppression and persecution of Catholics and other Christians in the world have given this writer pause. In an article titled "He Who Sings Prays Twice" from September, 2016, Sr. Christina Neumann in the *Catholic Stand* shares her thoughts about singing for the Lord. The words of a song that she quoted struck me as I thought about those who are suffering so for the faith. "Neither life nor death... Nor any other power... Can keep me from the love of Christ my Lord... Nothing in this world... Can keep His love from me... There is no rock like our God." We are so blessed to be free, thus far, to sing to our Lord during Mass. Can we dedicate our voices in song to those who have been forcefully silenced? Can we sing and pray twice for them?



Please plan to attend our 2023 Vacation Bible School planning meeting on **Sunday, April 30, at 11:30** in the parish hall. For more information, please call Donna Mothersbaugh at 570-244-8010.

**Practical Catholic**

Don't let a day go by when you do not do something for someone else! Small things like paying for someone's coffee or holding a door can change our lives and the world.

*"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."  
 Saint Mother Teresa*

**Mark Your Calendar**

Pro-Life  
 Baby Shower  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**CLASS OF 2023**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will celebrate our 2023 parish graduates on **Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.** Please plan to come and pray for our graduates, and stay for the reception following the Mass in the parish hall.

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# To Love and Serve Jesus Christ

Dear Parish Family,

Your response to our recent stewardship outreach is certainly evidence that we are united in our desire to Love and Serve Jesus Christ. Thank you. I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done. Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. Our Lady of Lourdes Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

In Christ,



Fr. Michael McCormick

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH



## Highlights

**\$56,576**

in additional offertory commitments  
(contributions not yet realized)

**\$4,905**

committed in one-time gifts

**56%**

response rate from those actively supporting the parish

**3**

new families welcomed into our parish community

**10**

additional electronic giving participants

*If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!*

**We Invite You To:**

### Love Your Parish

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

### Love Your Savior

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

### Love Your Neighbor

God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward

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**He is Risen, Alleluia! He is truly Risen, Alleluia!**

Heartfelt thanks to all who made our celebration of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
a wonderful experience of our Easter faith.

