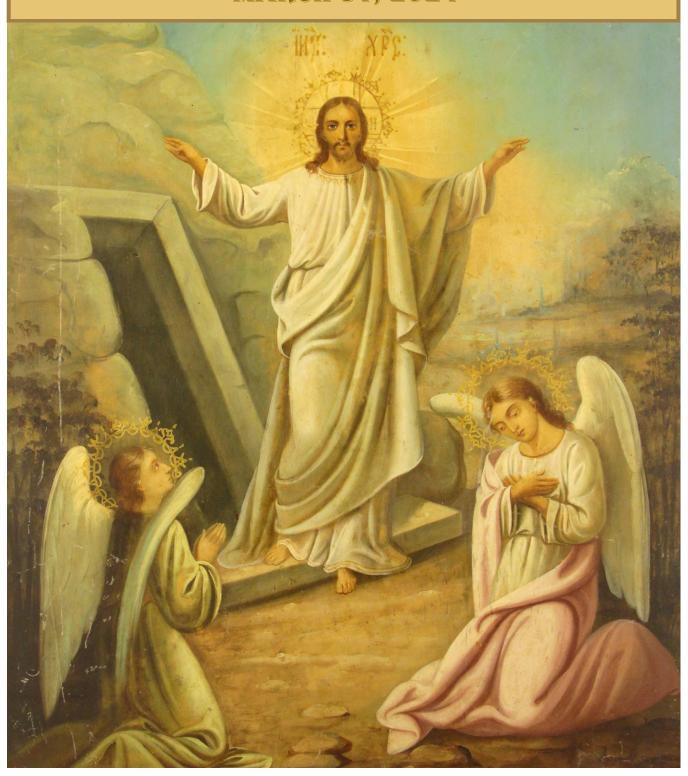
EASTER SUNDAY HE IS RISEN!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

MARCH 31, 2024





He is Risen Just as He Said!

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Easter Greetings to all of you. Alleluia! Today, without the restraints of Lent, we proclaim with joyful and grateful hearts the Resurrection of our Lord. All that we do as we follow Jesus brings us to this very moment. It is the moment of our Salvation in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Alleluia!

We come to the empty tomb, realizing that no one has or can take the Lord from us. We come to this Church to proclaim the Risen Lord as our Savior. Through the words of Sacred Scripture we are able to see what Simon Peter saw in that empty tomb: "burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered His head, not with the burial cloths, but rolled up in a separate place." We, who have prayerfully entered the empty tomb on Good Friday are, as the other disciple who entered the tomb (John), have come to believe that Jesus Christ is Risen from the Dead.

These are not empty words, nor are they human words uttered to offer consolation. They are the Word of God, spoken to us. By the power of these words the very power and love of God in our hearts and lives is revealed. At His Word the world was created. At His Word the bread and wine become His Body and Blood. At His Word, sins are forgiven. At His Word, all is well with my soul!

I could go on forever! I pray for each one of you this Easter. The times are confusing, and being Catholic may be difficult at times, yet there is so much being given to us. There is nothing absolutely nothing which compares to the Love and Grace being given to us this day. Let me close with this quote from The Everlasting Man by G.K. Chesterton.

"On the third day the friends of Christ coming at daybreak to the place found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener God walked again in the garden, in the cool, not of the evening, but of the dawn."

Joyfully Yours In This New Dawn, Fr. Michael McCormick





April is dedicated to The Blessed Sacrament

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, March 31 ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord!

~No Religious Education Classes

Monday, April 1 ~ ~ Office Closed

~K.O.C. Business Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

~Youth Ministry Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 5

~Confessions 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6

~Easter Egg Hunt ~ 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 7 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.

~Divine Mercy

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) March 23 & 24 2024

March 23 & 24	1, 2024	
Loose	\$	725.00
Offertory	\$	5,476.00
Maintenance	\$	11.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$ \$	2.00
Votives	\$	91.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$ \$ \$	308.00
Easter Flowers	\$	115.00
TOTAL	\$	6,729.00
<u>Diocesan Coll</u>	<u>ections</u>	
Rice Bowl	\$	136.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	1.00
Holy Land –Good Friday	\$	45.00
TOTAL	S	182.00



We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fish Dinner this year. Your donations, help and support are greatly appreciated. Our profit was \$1,621.71. Proceeds will go to our Youth Ministry. A very special thank you to Bobby Pulizzi for his time and talent preparing the dinner.





Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30 ~ Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. (Vigil) ~ Easter Intentions

Sunday, March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Easter Intentions

10:30 a.m. Easter Intentions

Monday, April 1 ~ Easter Monday

9:00 a.m. Roseanne Panetta (By Phillips Family)

Tuesday, April 2 ~ Easter Tuesday

9:00 a.m. David G. Bonus (By David & Wendy Bonus)

Wednesday, April 3 ~ Easter Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Éileen Boring (By Pagana Family)

Thursday, April 4 ~ Easter Thursday

No Mass

Friday, April 5 ~ Easter Friday/First Friday

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Pisha (By Susan & Arthur Drollinger)

Saturday, April 6 ~ Easter Saturday/First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Holy Mother Church (By Romey Fagnano Family)

4:00 p.m. James & Helen O'Brien and James Nestlerode (By Jan &

Karen Ransdorf)

Sunday, April 7 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m. Nicole Selleck (By Claire Cillo)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 2:14-33; Ps 16:1-11; Mt 28:8-15 **Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-22; Jn 20:11-18 **Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-9; Mt 25:34

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2-9; Luke 24:35-48 Thursday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-27; Jn 21:1-14 Friday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1-21; Mk 16:9-15 Saturday:

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:29 **Sunday:**

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, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Joanie & Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Lois O'Malley, Al and Karen Marlett, Mary Shuhler, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

Collection Counter Schedule

April 2, 2024 ~ Group 4 Wendy Marshalek, Bonnie Fry, Judy DeGregorio, Willie Hepburn

April 8, 2024 ~ Group 1 Darla Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024

2:00 p.m. ~ Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Adoration & Confessions Until 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet

~Confessions as needed





Pro - Life Ministry Notification

Parishioner Russell Gombosi, M.D., would like to invite interested citizens, medical professionals, and public officials to a medical conference, "Shed Some Light" on Thursday, April 4, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., at the Michael Ross Room (Trade & Transit Center), Williamsport. Two speakers will discuss Chemical Abortions and Pediatric Gender Dysphoria. Registration required, and the deadline is April 1.

Around the Diocese

St. Joseph the Worker (Fleming Center) Rummage Sale! April 20 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Food and Bake sale available. Donation drop-off the week before the sale. *No TV's, computers, mattresses or old/worn clothes.*

Sponsor Of The Week

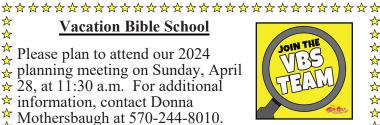
We highlight **Quality Air Mechanical**, this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors.

Call the Office

570-368-8598

Vacation Bible School

Please plan to attend our 2024 planning meeting on Sunday, April \bigstar 28, at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, contact Donna Mothersbaugh at 570-244-8010.



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Faith In Action

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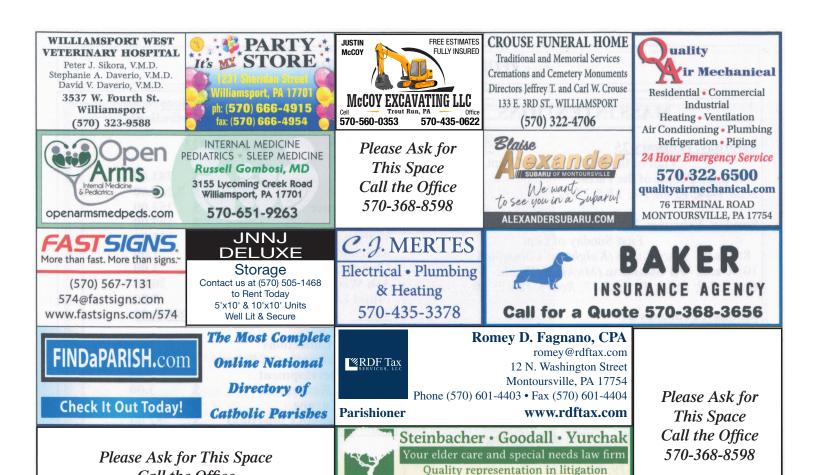
For the month of April we will be collecting shampoo and conditioner.

We continue to collect 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program. Our goal is to collect 120/ month to help the 120 + families in our School District who are in need. Drop off donations inside the Church or at the Church office. Thank you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

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We're at \$34,052 (83.5% of goal) with pledges and donations from 168 families (25.69) of the parish as of 03/15/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!



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