



OUR LADY OF LOURDES FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday ~ Office Closed
Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 & Confessions

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at
6:30 p.m. on the
Second Tuesday of every month.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arranged at least six months in
advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

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

OCIA (formerly 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 Pastoral Council

Lydia Baylor
Colleen Brown
Stacy Gerrity
Alissa Jacopetti
MaryEtta Legarski
Anne Logue
Keith Kuzio
Kevin Mann
Sharon O'Malley
Jamie Wieder



"I am the Good Shepherd" John 10:11-18

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.*



Dear Parish Family,

I once read that the grave was bitter and our prisons were indestructible until the Good Shepherd died for His sheep and secured their relief. This 4th Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel Reading. The image is so beautifully pastoral and so incredibly powerful. I see Jesus carrying us on His shoulders when we stray or are injured. I feel the power of Jesus as He keeps us safe from the wolves of temptation and sin. I want to share with you the hope that Jesus offers to all who hear and follow His voice.

As the shepherd of Our Lady of Lourdes I find great joy as I witness my parishioners following the voice of the Good Shepherd. This year four of our young people received the Bishop's Award: Lydia Baylor, Owen Fagnano, Bobby Nolan and Bella Wieder. See the pictures below this letter. Along with all the youth of our parish they represent not just the future hope for our Church and for the world, but also our current joy.

We have a wonderful family oriented parish which provides for the very young and the well seasoned. Thank you, Jesus, our Good Shepherd for making us your own.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



Bishop's Youth Award Senior recipient Lydia Baylor, pictured here with her Grandmother, Arlene Wood.



Bishop's Youth Award Eighth Grade recipients, Bella Wieder, Bobby Nolan and Owen Fagnano, pictured with The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton.

April is dedicated to The Blessed Sacrament

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, April 21
 ~Religious Education (Grades 1-8) ~ 9:00 a.m.
 ~Youth Mass ~ 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 22
 ~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 ~Vocation Team Meeting in Rectory ~ 7:00 p.m.
 ~Pro-Life Meeting in Hall ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26
 ~Love Never Ends ~ 12:00 p.m. in the hall
 ~Confessions 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27
 ~Big Brother - Big Sister Bowl for Kids ~ 1:30 p.m. @ Faxon

Sunday, April 28
 ~Religious Education (Grades 1-8) ~ 9:00 a.m.
 ~Vacation Bible School (VBS) Planning Meeting ~ 11:30 a.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) April 13 & 14, 2024

Loose	\$	617.00
Offertory	\$	8,414.00
Maintenance	\$	245.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	92.00
Votives	\$	75.00
Religious Education	\$	21.00
Easter	\$	200.00
TOTAL	\$	9,664.50

Diocesan Collections

Rice Bowl	\$	75.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	328.50
Retirement Fund	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	423.50



Collection Counter Schedule

April 22, 2024 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan
April 29, 2024 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes, Bonnie Fry, Willie Hepburn

Crafty Ladies Night

Join us in the Church Hall for an evening of socializing, crafts and refreshments on May 15, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 We will be assembling 6 designer cards to take home.
 \$20/Per Person ~ Limited Seating
 RSVP by May 6 to Karen Young @ 570-419-8450.



"Come Holy Spirit" Intergenerational Parish Picnic May 19 after 10:30 Mass

- + All are welcome.
- + Picnic-style lunch for our Parish and our Confirmandi.
 (Please bring a dish to share)
- + Games, *entertainment by Bob Scwhenheiser*, and activities for all ages.
- + Don't forget to wear red.
- + RSVP by May 14.
 Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Church, or call/email the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20
 4:00 p.m. Nicole Selleck (By Maz/Fessler)

Sunday, April 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter/World Day of Prayers for Vocations
 8:00 a.m. George & Beryl Rolley (By Rolley Family)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, April 22
 9:00 a.m. George Strish (By Gloria Gomb)

Tuesday, April 23 ~ St. George; St. Adalbert
 9:00 a.m. No Mass (Father Mike away)

Wednesday, April 24 ~ St. Fidelis
 9:00 a.m. No Mass (Father Mike away)

Thursday, April 25 ~ St. Mark, Evangelist
 No Mass

Friday, April 26
 9:00 a.m. Kathleen Pagana (By James Pagana)

Saturday, April 27
 9:00 a.m. Joe Mazzante (By Sue & Daughters)

Sunday, April 28 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. James J. Dorin (By Dorin Family)

Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24; Ps 67:2-8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 1 Peter 5:5-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday : Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



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, Kelly Renn, Mary Shuhler, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

Notice

If you or your family would like to take up the gifts at Mass, please reach out to an usher and let them know. If you have requested a Mass for someone, we would love for you to represent them by bringing up the gifts.



Love Never Ends

The next gathering will be on *Friday, April 26, at 12:00 p.m.* Wraps will be served for lunch. WELCOME SPRING is the theme. Register by contacting Curt Fink at #570-490-8230 or the parish office.



Vacation Bible School

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





WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
for
Vocations

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Manifest in Your Church the same Spirit You abundantly bestowed on Your Apostles. Choose from our parish, our homes and families an abundant harvest of apostles for Your Kingdom. Call very many to Your Priesthood and Your Religious Life.

May zeal for Your Glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen. May they be saints in Your likeness. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them. May they be Priests, Deacons and Religious according to Your Own Heart!

O Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Mother and Mother of the Church, Teach all those the Master calls, to say a joyful "Yes" as You did at the Annunciation.

Amen.



The Ascension of The Lord

Lycoming County
Catholic Churches
Holy Day Mass Schedule



Wednesday, May 8 (Vigil)

5:00 PM St. Joseph the Worker

5:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 PM Saint Luke

Thursday, May 9 (Holy Day)

7:00 AM St. Lawrence

7:30 AM St. Ann/Immaculate
Conception

9:00 AM Church of The Resurrection/Our Lady of Lourdes

10:00 AM SJNRA at St. Boniface

12:10 PM St. Joseph the Worker

5:30 PM St. Boniface

6:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes/St. Ann

7:00 PM Church of the Resurrection/Immaculate Conception/
St. Joseph The Worker

Around the Diocese

St. Ann's:

Effective May 1, 2024 ~ All adorers and visitors of *Mary, Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel*, will be required to have an access code for the building. For further questions, please call #570-322-5935.

Immaculate Conception:

Spring Retreat For Young Adults ~ May 11, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Theme: "Meeting Christ Through Mary". Organized by St. Joseph the Worker Young Adults Group. RSVP by May 1, to Henry @ 570-447-9926 or email at rainey65@gmail.com.

2025 Pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year ~ Dates are Oct. 15 - 23. \$4,949.00 from Newark (Double Occupancy). Cutoff number is 40. For more information or registration forms contact Fr. Bert at #570-745-3301.

St. Boniface:

Holy Rosary prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph The Worker:

Parish Missions Day ~ Wednesday, May 1, starting with adoration at 9:00 a.m. and ending with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Adoration and reflection, led by the Capuchin Sisters, will follow Mass. All are welcome!

St. Peters Church, Wellsboro:

Pilgrimage ~ Saturday, June 29, there will be a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, D.C. Cost \$50/person. For more information, contact *Terrie Thomas* at 570-418-3881 by May 20.

Faith In Action

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.



Did you know...The total Priestly ordinations in the U.S. in 2021 was 332, down 24 % from the 436 ordained in 2014.

Sponsor Of The Week

We highlight **Blaise Alexander Subaru** this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors.

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$34,052 (83.5% of goal) with pledges and donations from 168 families (25.69) of the parish as of 04/12/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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