



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 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 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

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



*Father, I pray that they may be one
as We also are one.*

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.*



Knowing God

Jesus has been taken up into heaven as we begin today's First Reading. His disciples—including the Apostles and Mary—return to the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper (see [Luke 22:12](#)). There, they devote themselves with one accord to prayer, awaiting the Spirit that He promised would come upon them (see [Acts 1:8](#)).

The unity of the early Church at Jerusalem is a sign of the oneness that Christ prays for in today's Gospel. The Church is to be a communion on earth that mirrors the glorious union of Father, Son, and Spirit in the Trinity.

Jesus has proclaimed God's name to His brethren (see [Hebrews 2:12](#); [Psalm 22:23](#)). The prophets had foretold this revelation: a new covenant by which all flesh would have knowledge of the Lord (see [Jeremiah 31:33–34](#); [Habakkuk 2:14](#)).

By the new covenant made in His blood and remembered in every Eucharist we know God as our Father. This is the eternal life Jesus promises. And this is the light and salvation we sing of in today's Psalm.

As God made light to shine out of darkness when the world began, He has enlightened us in Baptism, making us new creations (see [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)), giving us knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ (see [Hebrews 10:32](#); [2 Corinthians 4:6](#)).

Our new life is a gift of “the Spirit of glory,” we hear in today's Epistle (see [John 7:38–39](#)). Made one in His name, we are given a new name—“Christians”—a name used only here and in two other places in the Bible (see [Acts 11:16](#); [26:28](#)). We are to glorify God, though we will be insulted and suffer because of this name.

But as we share in His sufferings, we know we will overcome (see [Revelation 3:12](#)) and rejoice when His glory is once more revealed. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

Scott Hahn

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

- ~ **Sunday, May 21**
Baby Shower for Life ~ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- ~ **Monday, May 22**
Holy Hour and Confessions ~ 6 p.m.
Pro-Life Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, May 23**
Red Cross Bloodmobile ~ 12 - 5 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, May 24**
Adult Faith Formation ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, May 26**
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

5/13-14/23

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| Loose | \$ | 1,608.00 |
| Offertory | \$ | 8,103.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 533.50 |
| Fuel | \$ | 102.00 |
| Votives | \$ | 108.00 |
| Religious Education | \$ | 21.00 |
| Ascension | \$ | 15.00 |
| Total | \$ | 10,490.50 |

Diocesan Collections

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| Care & Education of Priests | \$ | 125.50 |
| Catholic Home Mission | \$ | 40.00 |
| Rice Bowl | \$ | 25.00 |
| Religious Retirement | \$ | 20.00 |
| Total | \$ | 210.50 |

Collection Counter Schedule

- May 30—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
- June 5—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

Faith in Action

Our Faith in Action Committee has received an urgent, special request from one of our nursing homes for new and/or gently-used shirts for men and women. This will be our Faith in Action collection for the month of May. Please be as generous as always for this special collection.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell

(David & JoAnne Mondell)

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-10; Jn 16:23-28

Sunday, May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Wilma Finkbeiner *(The Family)*

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11

Monday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Thomas Fields *(The Lucas Family)*
Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23

9:00 a.m. George Taylor *(Ann Kelly and Family)*
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 a.m. Carl and Kathryn Moore *(The Tartera Family)*
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-36; Jn 17:11-19

Thursday, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable
NO MASS
Acts 22:30; Ps 16:1-11; Jn 17:11-19

Friday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Tom King *(The Family)*
Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-20; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27

Vigil of Pentecost
4:00 p.m. Libby Girio *(The Family)*
Acts 28:16-31; Ps 114:4-7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. J. Richard Churba *(The Family)*
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1-34; 1 Cor 12:3-13; Jn 20:19-23

Adult Faith Formation



Please join us for Adult Faith Formation on **Wednesday, May 24, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The session will include a light supper and discussion and Bible study to renew and deepen our relationship with Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Please call the office at 570-368-8598 or sign up on the sheets at the church entrances.

Parish Picnic



**June 11, 2023
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Indian Park—Pavilion #5**

All are welcome to an afternoon of relaxation and fun as we kick off the
START OF SUMMER!!

Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Contact the parish office via

Phone: 570-368-8598

Email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org

Sign up sheets at the church entrances

Parish Festival Planning Meeting



We need volunteers for our Fall Festival. There is an organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. If you are interested in helping in any way, please plan on attending. For more information, please contact the church office at 570-368-8598.

Pro-Life Kids ~ Poster Contest

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Vote for your favorite Pro-Life poster by placing a monetary donation (any amount) in the container with the matching number. All proceeds benefit our parish mission Good Counsel Homes. Good Counsel Homes support pregnant homeless women.

The winner will be announced Father Day's weekend. The purpose of the Pro-Life contest is two-fold to teach our children a simple truth: life is special and is to be protected in and out of the womb and for them to learn about serving others.

Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Lourdes kids and life!#



DIGGING FOR TREASURE VACATION BIBLE



SCHOOL

Place: OLOL Parish Hall

Dates: July 12-13-14

6:00—8:30 p.m.

July 15—9:00—11:30 a.m.

Followed by

Family picnic at noon

Diocesan Activities

ISLI Retreat

Registration for the summer ISLI Retreat is now open. ISLI will be held **Tuesday, June 20 through Friday, June 23**, at Marywood University in Scranton. ISLI is open to current ninth through twelfth grade students. The weekend includes participation in leadership building activities. Registration can be found through: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life>; click on “word” and then “youth ministry”.

Up and Over Middle School Retreat

Our annual middle school retreat will be held June 2-3 at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. This is twenty-four hours centered around students using their God-given talents to work with others and overcome obstacles, and includes group activities, Mass, a movie and fun activities. For more information, go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life>, click “word”, then “youth ministry”, then up-over 2023.

Church of the Resurrection Parish Mission **Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.**

Sunday, June 4—7:00 p.m.

Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Talk: “Where Is Your Faith?”

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

Veneration of First Class relic of St. John Paul II

Monday, June 5—7:00 p.m.

Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Talk: “Are you right to be angry?”

Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11

Brief Eucharistic procession and Adoration

Tuesday, June 6—7:00 p.m.

Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Talk: “Take away the stone!”

Scripture: John 11:33-44

Free-will offering

Prayer of Renewal

Special Blessing with Oil of St. Joseph

Confessions afterward all three evenings.



OLOL Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Council #14329 will again sponsor their Annual Senior Award. OLOL high school graduating seniors should stop by the parish office and pick up a Scholarship Application.

*Deadline for returning the applications to the parish office is **May 22, 2023**.*

The Knights of Columbus Council #14329, with their area sister councils, will be selling sandwiches after all Masses on the weekend of May 20-21. The cost is \$8 per sandwich, with your choice of ham or turkey, plus coleslaw and a cookie. Proceeds will benefit the St. John Neumann Regional Academy Scholarship Fund.

Church of St. Lawrence Annual GIGANTIC Rummage Sale

With food stand

Friday and Saturday

June 9 & 10

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. Lawrence Church Hall

800 West Central Avenue

South Williamsport

Church of St. Ann Book Sale

The Church of St. Ann will be holding their annual Book Sale on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 4, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. Donations of books will be accepted until June 2.

Rummage Sale

The Church of St. Ann will be holding their annual Rummage Sale Saturday, June 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 11 and Monday, June 12, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Donations will be accepted on Friday, June 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saint Ann Parish Library News

The Saint Ann Parish Library has been updated with new titles and organization, thanks to the SJNRA senior project of John Brann and fellow parishioners. The library is in the parish hall (1305 Northway Road) and features a collection of books and AV materials for adults, youth and children. All are invited to use this valuable resource. Please call the parish office at 570-323-5935 to receive the access code for the Parish Hall entrance.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



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And kindle in them the Fire of your Love.*

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