



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 12, 2023**

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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  
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

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

## Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED  
Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



## 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*

### **Affair of the Heart Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see **Jeremiah 31:31–34**). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see **Matthew 6:21; 15:18–20**).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see **Romans 6:17**). He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His Will from the heart (see **Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6**).

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us (**Romans 8:4**).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God’s plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart.

Scott Hahn



#### **Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera**

On Wednesday, March 8, we will be honored to host Bishop Bambera for the Deanery Holy Hour. The hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers (Evening Prayer), Adoration, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please mark your calendars for March 8 at 7:00 p.m. and join us in a quiet time of prayer and reflection in Lent with our

#### **Deanery Wide Lenten Holy Hours**

*7:00 p.m. in all locations*

February 23—St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale  
February 28—Most Holy Trinity, Cresco

#### ***March 8***

#### ***Our Lady of Lourdes Montoursville***

March 9—SS Peter & Paul, Towanda  
March 13—St. Robert Bellarmine,  
Wilkes-Barre  
March 14—Mary, Mother of God, Scranton  
March 20—St. Gregory, Clarks Green  
March 22—Corpus Christi, West Pittston  
March 23—SS Cyril & Methodius, Hazleton  
March 27—Queen of Peace, Hawley  
March 28—SS Anthony & Rocco, Dunmore

## *February is dedicated to the Holy Family*

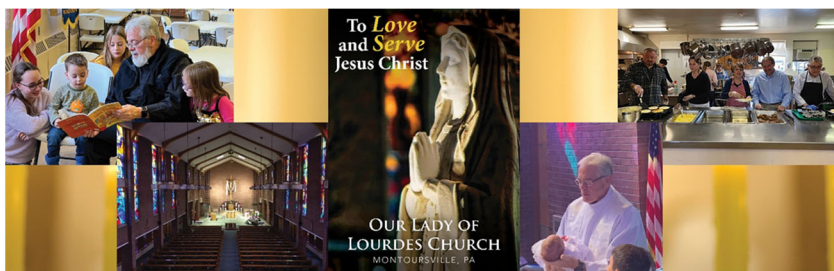
### To Love and Serve Jesus Christ

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card, as our parish goal is 100% participation, and it allows us to update your contact information. You may return your card by:

- ~ Mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- ~ Bringing it to Mass next weekend.
- ~ Visiting our parish website at <https://www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org/> and completing an electronic Commitment Card.

***All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, March 12.***

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe and secure** way to support Our Lady of Lourdes Church. To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. **We are grateful for your support!**



### 2022 Tax Statements Now Available

Tax statements for contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in 2022 are now available. Please call the church office to have one sent to you.



### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold the final Gun Bingo organizational meeting on **Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall. All Knights and volunteers that are planning to work should attend this important meeting.

*Happy Valentine's Day from the  
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes*



# Community

## This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~ **Sunday, February 12**  
Religious Ed ~ Grades 1-7 ~ 9:00 a.m.
- ~ **Monday, February 13**  
Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, February 14**  
Mass at Embassy ~ 2:00 p.m.  
Parish Council ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, February 15**  
Mass at St. John Neumann ~ 10:00 a.m.
- ~ **Thursday, February 16**  
NO MASS
- ~ **Friday, February 17**  
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.  
First Penance Retreat ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Saturday, February 18**  
First Penance ~ 10:00 a.m.
- ~ **Sunday, February 19**  
Lenten Intergenerational Activity ~  
9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

## Welcome!

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish welcomes Jeff Perkinson, who was received into full communion with the church at Mass last Sunday. *Congratulations, Jeff.*

## The Practical Catholic

Look here each week for helpful and practical hints for your Catholic family practices.

### *Sit closer to the front!*

It may seem counter-intuitive to put fussy and squirmy kids in front of everyone, but sitting closer to the altar will allow children to see better and have a more engaging experience, thus they will (in theory) behave better. **Plus:** you're a few steps closer to the cry room and/or the bathroom if you do have to escape!!

## Spaghetti Dinner Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported the Spaghetti Dinner last weekend—workers and customers. Proceeds will be used for Youth Activities. The total profit was \$1,916.70.



Watch for information about our  
Lenten Fish Dinners.

## Ministry Corner **What Matters Most** *By Deb Steinbacher*

The Ministry Corner for this weekend was intended to be for more chemical abortion information. This past week, however, the need to pray for one another became paramount. For whom do we need to pray and for what needs? Obviously, we need to remember to pray for the conversion of those who would attack those most vulnerable and those who would persecute Christians. We know that we need to pray for those who are ill and those who are dying. We also know that we need to pray for those who have fallen on hard times, for those who are alone, and for those who are homeless. The sanctity of life and marriage, and religious freedom are also on the top of many of our prayer lists. But, have we included those who have left the Church and those who are nominal Catholics? Have we prayed for those who have gone along blithely thinking that everyone goes to heaven, as long as they are "good" people? Perhaps there are those who think that they have plenty of time to make everything right with the Lord - and then tragedy strikes and there is no more time. Please pray for all who have stopped attending Mass or who have been choosing to believe only what they want to believe. Pray that we will all give the Lord first place in our lives so that He will one day welcome us with open arms and say, as in the parable of the talents, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."* (Matthew 25:23). God bless you!

## St. Joseph the Worker Parish

St. Joseph the Worker's Christian Women Group will be gathering

**Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 p.m.**  
in the Fleming Center

**Special Guest Speaker: Gary Parks**  
**Curator of the Thomas T. Taber Museum**  
***There will be Trivia!***

**Men and Women—ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Ash Wednesday **St. Boniface Take Out Fish Dinner**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm**

There will only be 450 tickets sold.

***Must buy/order your tickets by February 19<sup>th</sup>.***  
***\$12/adult and \$6/child.***

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses.  
(or please call Deb 570-220-2303 or Lenny 570-772-0722)

***MENU: Dinner will include baked fish,  
Tony's macaroni and cheese, green beans,  
coleslaw, roll, and brownie.***

**Dinners can be picked up in the  
Bell Tower parking lot  
off Franklin St.**



# Worship and Service

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 11

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 a.m. Feast Day Mass

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Nick and Lucy Mondell

(Steve & Kathleen Mondell & family)

*Gem 3:9-24; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30*

### Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Timothy J. Crotty (*Wife, Ruthanne*)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

*Sir: 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37*

### Monday, February 13

9:00 a.m. Patricia Gelpi (*Rose Valley Neighbors*)

*Gen 4:1-25; Ps 50:1-21; Mk 8:11-13*

### Tuesday, February 14

Miraculous Medal Novena

SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

9:00 a.m. Edward Saar (*Leila Johns & family*)

2:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

(Romey Fagnano Family)

*Gen 6:5-10; Ps 29:1-10; Mk 8:14-21*

### Wednesday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Jimmy Bender (*Jim Pagana*)

10:00 a.m. Louise Patterson (*Victoria Taddeo*)

*Gen 8:6-22; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 8:22-26*

### Thursday, February 16

NO MASS

*Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-23; Mk 8:27-33*

### Friday, February 17

9:00 a.m. Rita Pappalardo (*Ruthanne Crotty*)

*Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1*

### Saturday, February 18

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

*Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-11; Mk 9:2-13*

### Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Bamonte (*The Lee Family*)

10:30 a.m. John Burfeindt (*Family*)

*Sir Lv 19:1-18; Ps 103:1-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48*

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention-February 2023 For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

2/4-5/2023

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 671.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,811.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 481.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 22.00</b>
<b>Votives</b>	<b>\$ 147.00</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,158.00</b>

### Diocesan Collections

<b>Care &amp; Education of Priest</b>	<b>\$ 222.00</b>
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Total Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>\$ 237.00</b>

## Collection Counters Schedule

**February 13—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

**February 20—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

## Faith in Action



For the month of February, we will be collecting adult and children's toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please place any donations in the collection bins.

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.



## Sponsor of the Week Williamsport West Veterinary Hospital

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Williamsport West Veterinary Hospital**. We appreciate their support, and that of all our advertisers. Please support them as they do Our Lady of Lourdes.


## Prayer List for the Month of January

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

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Ann Marie Dorin, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Chuck Ligosh, Deanna Lupacchino, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Sylvia Rook, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

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