

OUR LADY OF LOURDES THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 14, 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 ~ 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u>
Arranged at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday $\sim 5:00$ - 6:00 p.m. Saturday $\sim 3:00$ - 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.

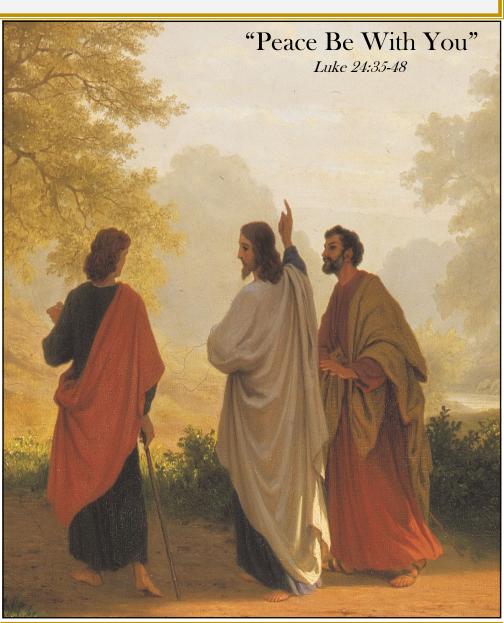
OCIA (formerly RCIA)
Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

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



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,

Having joyfully celebrated Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord, we are reminded that in many ways His rising is only the beginning of the fullness of faith we are being given. In fact, we have an entire Season of 50 days to celebrate Easter. The Easter Season will end with Pentecost when the Lord sent His Holy Spirit to descend on His people. On that glorious day our confirmation class will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when God gives them the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In the meantime, we are reading the Scripture passages regarding the post-resurrection appearances of our Lord Jesus to His Disciples and to others. This week He greets the two disciples by offering them peace. They, of course were terrified! So to console them, He said, "Look at My hands and My feet, and see that it is I myself." Saint Augustine tells us that, "Christ rose from the tomb with His wounds healed, though their scars remain." These wounds, the Saint reminds us, are the wounds of disbelief. It was this, more than the physical wounds wrought by the Crown of Thorns, the beatings, and the nails which caused Him the most pain.

At the same time, it is bringing people to belief that gives the Lord the most joy. Through all His post-resurrection appearances the Lord is revealing His great love for all of us, not just the disciples in the Bible. He gives us peace. He lifts us up. He gives us the grace to believe. With every Alleluia we sing, with each flower in Church or in our gardens, and with every sunrise and sunset, the Lord is saying, "I love you." Let our response be a joyful, "Thank you, Lord. I love you too." You, dear friends and parish family, are witnesses of these things in the flesh. He Is Risen!

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael





April is dedicated to The Blessed Sacrament

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, April 13

~Youth Group Candy Making ~ 10:00 a.m. (Lunch Provided)

~Youth Group Selling Candies & Plants ~ After 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 14

~Religious Education (Family Catechesis/Grades 3-6) ~ 9:00 a.m.

~Youth Group Selling Candies & Plants ~ After Both Masses

Monday, April 15

~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

~Knights & Gun Bingo Volunteers Meeting ~ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

~Parish Pastoral Council ~ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

~S.J.N.H. National Honor Society Induction ~ In Hall ~7:00 p.m Friday, April 19

~Homeschool Meeting/Rectory Classroom ~ 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 21

- ~ Religious Education (Grades 1-8) ~ 9:00 a.m.
- \sim Youth Mass $\sim 10:30$ a.m.

Youth Group Event ~ Plant & Candy Fundraiser



Plants and homemade candies, such as, peanut butter balls, peanut clusters & pretzel clusters will be sold after all Masses this weekend.



Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) April 6 & 7, 2024

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TOTAL	\$	8,026.50
Easter Flowers	\$	20.00
Easter	\$	1,018.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Votives	\$	60.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	2.00
Maintenance	\$	430.00
Offertory	\$	5,878.00
Loose	\$	617.50

Diocesan Collections

Rice Bowl	\$ 211.84
Care and Education of Priests	\$ 168.00
Holy Land –Good Friday	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$ 419.84



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Gun Bingo Wrap Up Meeting: Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Hall to review the recent results of the 2024 Gun Bingo. Knights, volunteers, and any interested individuals are welcome to attend.



"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 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 13 ~ St. Martin 4:00 p.m. Mary Vaccaro (By Frances Vanik)

Sunday, April 14 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mark Paulhamus (By Family)

Monday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Capuchin Sisters (By Romey Fagnano Family)

Tuesday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Sally Robinson (By Barb Burchanowski)

1:30 p.m. Joan Haas (By The Pagana Family) @ Valley View

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Theresa Shank (By Jeans & Brown Families)

Thursday, April 18

No Mass

Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Alexis Weisser (By Lisa Everett Moffatt)

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

Readings For The Week

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-30; Jn 6:22-29 Monday: Tuesday: Acts 7:51; Ps 31:3-21; Jn 6:30-35 Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40 Wednesday: Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-20; Jn 6:44-51 Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59 Friday:

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:14

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

Love Never Ends

The next gathering will be on Friday, April 26, at 12:00 p.m. Topic and luncheon details will be announced soon. Contact Curt Fink at #570-490-8230 or the parish office to register. Thank you.

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.

Vacation Bible School

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





Around the Diocese

St. Lawrence Parish Hall ~ "The Jesuits & The Dinchers".

April 17 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Presentation given by Jack Houston on the topic of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the history of the Jesuits. Highlights will be on lives of 2 Jesuit missionaries from families of St. Boniface. Fr. Fred Dincher (missionary during WWII, and his nephew, Fr. Carl Dincher (missionary to India and friend of Mother Theresa.

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.
- April 21 @ 3:00 p.m. The Christian Women Society will meet. Speaker will be Sid Furst from The Red Shield Community Garden. All Christian women are welcome!

<u>Immaculate Conception</u> ~ Spring Retreat For Young Adults.

May 11, from 7:30 a.m. - 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.

Sponsor Of The Week

We highlight **Crouse Funeral Home** this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors.

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.

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.





Collection Counter Schedule

 April 15, 2024 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
 April 22, 2024 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan

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 04/05/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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