

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 21, 2025



## Welcome!

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm—OLOL  
Saturday 5:30 pm— Resurrection  
Sunday 8:30 am - Resurrection  
Sunday 10:30 am - OLOL  
Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am  
OLOL  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am  
Resurrection

### Adoration

Monday 6-7 pm—OLOL  
Tuesday 9-noon—Resurrection

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3-3:30 pm—OLOL  
Tuesdays—10-11:00 am  
Resurrection  
Anytime by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the parish office for information on scheduling a Baptism.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrange at least six months in advance.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office when someone ill, hospitalized, or homebound wishes to receive the Sacraments.

### OCIA (formerly RCIA)

If interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, contact Susie Mann.

### Parish Membership

New parishioners are always welcome.  
Please call the parish office to register.

### Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

### 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.

Happy 4th week of Advent!



God is With Us  
Sunday Bible Reflection by  
Scott Hahn

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26).

This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21).

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28).



A fun afternoon was had by all at our annual St. Nick Party! Special thanks to Jackie Baylor, Alissa Jacopetti and all of St. Nick's helpers.

# The Fourth Week of Advent

## The Week At A Glance

Sun., Dec. 21— Faith Formation Grades 1-8— 9 a.m.  
Church Decorating—11:30 a.m.  
Mon., Dec. 22— Adoration 6-7 p.m.  
KOC 7 p.m.  
Tues., Dec. 23— Children's Play Practice 6 p.m.



*The office will be closed December 24-January 4 We will re-open Monday, January 5 at 8:30 a.m. During this time if you urgently need to get a hold of us call: 570-666-5300.*

## 2025 Tax Statements

Tax Statements for contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes in 2025 will be available after January 1. Please call the parish office at 570-368-8598 or email [parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org).

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### **December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**

3:00 p.m.—Choral Prelude  
3:30 p.m.—Children's Play—Our Lady of Lourdes  
4:00 p.m.—Children's Mass—Our Lady of Lourdes  
5:30 p.m.—Children's Mass—Church of the Resurrection

### **December 25—Christmas Day**

8:30 a.m.—Church of the Resurrection  
10:30 a.m.—Our Lady of Lourdes

### **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

December 31—5:30 p.m. ~ Our Lady of Lourdes  
January 1—9:00 a.m. ~ Church of the Resurrection



## Prayer List for the Month of December

Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Lisa Carlin, Cindy Cillo, Dottie Dincher, John & Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, D.G., Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Jerry Lariviere, Kip Lawson, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al, Karen & Jill Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Joe Mifsud, Jim Pagana, Shelley Sechler, Anna Smith, Dave Steinbacher, Ed Steinbacher, Mary Steinbacher, Bill Weaver, Kathleen Hales Wertz, Daniel Whitmoyer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer, Isaac Wrench

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. James & Helen O'Brien & James Nestlerode  
(by Jan & Karen Ransdorf)

### Sunday, December 21

10:30 a.m. Ginger Paulhamus (by Jim Pagana)

### Monday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Jake Wallace (by Lisa Kepler)

### Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 p.m. Christmas Intentions

### Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:30 a.m. Christmas Intentions

### Saturday, December 27 (Holy Family)

4:00 p.m. Michael Farenish (by Brown Family)

### Sunday, December 28 (Holy Family)

10:30 a.m. Robert Lorson (by John & Mary Etta Legarski)

## Oplatki ~ Christmas Wafers

The tradition of sharing Oplatki is a symbol of family unity, reconciliation, and the spirit of Christmas. Oplatki wafers are available at the main entrance to the church.

## Offertory Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

**December 13/14, 2025**

Loose	\$ 471.00
Offertory	\$ 5,898.00
Maintenance	\$ 247.50
Utilities	\$ 35.00
Votive Candles	\$ 60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 115.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00

**TOTAL** **\$ 6,896.50**

## Diocesan Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

Care & Education of Priests	\$ 62.50
Religious Retirement	\$ 245.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 7,229.00**

## Collection Counter Schedule

### **Monday, December 22**

#### **Group 2**

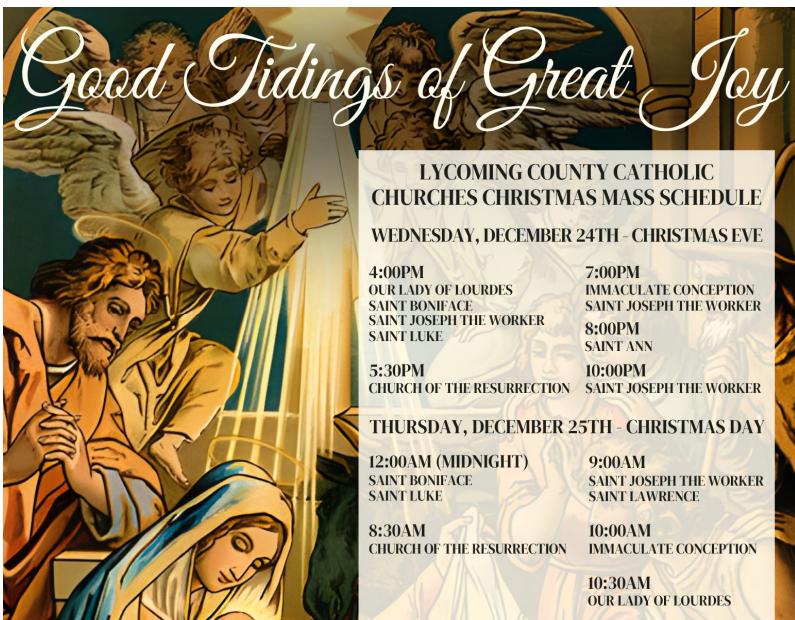
G. Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett

### **Monday, December 29**

#### **Group 3**

J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan  
B. Fry





### LYCOMING COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM OUR LADY OF LOURDES SAINT BONIFACE SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER SAINT LUKE	7:00PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER
5:30PM CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION	8:00PM SAINT ANN
	10:00PM SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00AM (MIDNIGHT) SAINT BONIFACE SAINT LUKE	9:00AM SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER SAINT LAWRENCE
8:30AM CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION	10:00AM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	10:30AM OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*May the Joy of the Angels,  
The Eagerness of the Shepherds,  
The Perseverance of the Wise  
Men, the Obedience of Joseph and  
Mary and  
The Peace of the Christ Child be  
yours this Christmas.*

*Father Sean & Staff*



*Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor*

Father Alan Bower will be speaking at all Masses next weekend on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia and Central and South America. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic Ministry.

### 2026 Lector Workbooks

**Don't forget to pick up your 2026 Lector Workbook. Copies are located in the room off the main entrance.**

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