



## Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 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 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



*"I am the Good Shepherd," says the Lord;  
"I know my sheep, and mine know me."*

### 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.

# What are we to do?



Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion.

By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see [Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10-11; Acts 2:34](#)). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see [Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23; 37:24](#)).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see [Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16-17](#)). He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn

## CARNATION SALE

The annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be held after all Masses the weekend of **May 13-14**. Carnations will be sold for \$1.00 each. Commemorative flowers may be purchased and will be placed on the altar or at the Blessed Mother statue. Vases will be provided. This is the only fundraiser for the chapter and your support is greatly appreciated as we strive to protect mothers, and defend the sanctity of life! Thank you and God bless you!

## *April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament*

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

- ~ **Sunday, April 30**  
Religious Education classes ~ 1 through 8  
Confirmation Interviews with Father Mike  
Parish Picnic Planning Meeting—9:00 a.m. ~  
Meeting Room  
VBS Planning Meeting ~ 11:30 a.m. ~ Parish Hall
- ~ **Monday, May 1**  
Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, May 2**  
Coordinating Team Meeting ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, May 5**  
First Communion Family Gathering ~ 5:30 p.m.  
First Communion Rehearsal ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Sunday, May 7**  
Religious Education classes ~ 1, 3-8—last class  
First Communion & May Crowning ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Interviews with Father Mike

### Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

4/22-23/23

Loose	\$	515.00
Offertory	\$	6,039.00
Maintenance	\$	21.00
Fuel	\$	2.00
Votives	\$	90.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	108.00
Ascension	\$	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,802.00</b>

#### Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	6.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16.00</b>

### Graduation Class of 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish invites you and your family to Graduation Mass and Reception on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.



*RSVP to 570-368-8598 or  
email to [parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org)  
by May 31, 2023.*

### OLOL Knights to Sponsor Scholarship



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 21, 2023.

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena  
Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter  
4:00 p.m. Joe Mazzante (*Wife & daughters*)  
*Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69*

#### Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Linda Jean Raby (*Donna Lynn Becker*)  
*Acts 2:36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20-25*

#### Monday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker  
9:00 a.m. Rose Imrisek (*Daughter*)  
*Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-4; Jn 10:11-18*

#### Tuesday, May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
9:00 a.m. Robert Kranz (*Romey Fagnano Family*)  
*Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30*

#### Wednesday, May 3

Saints Philip and James  
9:00 a.m. Kathy Thomas (*Rob Thomas & family*)  
*1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14*

#### Thursday, May 4

NO MASS  
*Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-27; Jn 13:16-20*

#### Friday, May 5

First Friday  
9:00 a.m. Tim Edwartoski (*His Wife*)  
*Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6*

#### Saturday, May 6

First Saturday  
9:00 a.m. Mary Fedorko (*Family*)  
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter  
4:00 p.m. James Dorin (*Family*)

#### Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. First Communion Class

### Collection Counter Schedule

**May 1—Group 1**—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach,  
Wendy Marshalek  
**May 8—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara,  
Carol Everett

### 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.



**Ministry Corner**  
**What the World Needs Now**  
 Deb Steinbacher

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love" are words penned by lyricist Hal David in 1965. Mr. David went on to say that love is the only thing that there is just too little of and that it is for everyone. He was certainly correct in those assertions. But, saying that we need more love is easy. Love is a noun - and a verb. Tackling the problem is more difficult and might even take courage. How can we act on our dear Lord's command to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31)? To take action we must be willing to speak up and defend the most vulnerable among us. We must be stronger in our stance. Support crisis pregnancy centers, support mothers in need, help the poor and the homeless, support the missions, pray - we must be truly Catholic. As we prepare to enter the month of May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, may we love our neighbors more than ourselves and take action to defend and care - "not just for some, but for everyone" (Hal David)! God bless you.*

**Montoursville Backpack Program**

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

**Mark Your Calendar**

Pro-Life  
 Baby Shower  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**2:00 p.m.**



**Prayer List for the Month of May**

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

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Gerald Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Cliff Hales, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Nancy Moyer, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Carl Ulsamer,

*Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Your faithful!*

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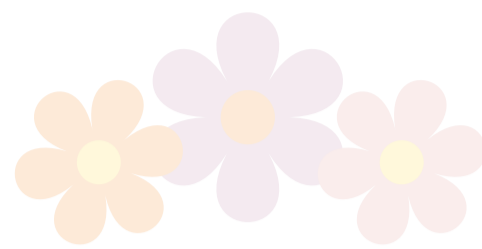




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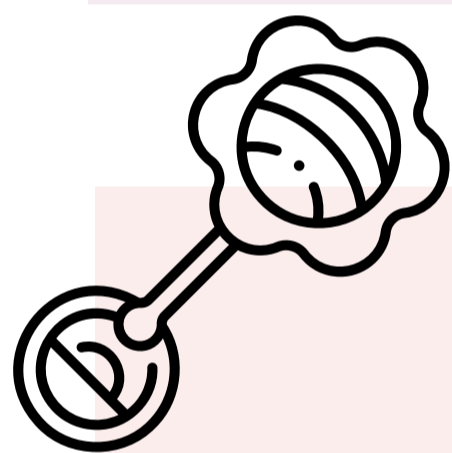
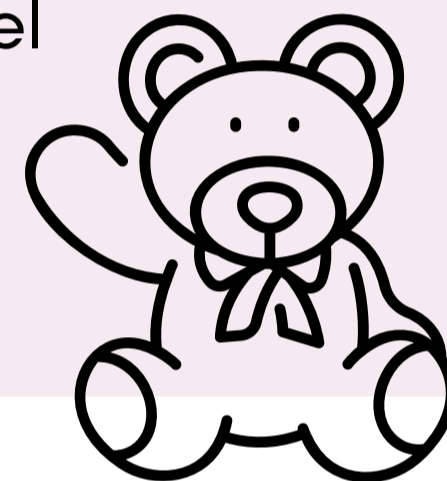


# Help Mothers and Their Babies



The Pro-Life Group at Our Lady of Lourdes is collecting donations to support the incredible work done at Good Counsel Homes. This Catholic non-profit organization consists of 4 homes in the New York City area that shelter expectant and new mothers with their babies. These mothers heroically chose life, and Good Counsel Homes work to help these women back on their feet by providing housing, basic life necessities, and education. Items collected will be sent to Good Counsel Homes and distributed as needed to these mothers and their children.

Learn more at: [goodcounselhomes.org](http://goodcounselhomes.org)



## Desired Donation Items

- Diapers
- Enfamil Gentlease Infant Formula
- Baby clothes
- Gift cards for the mothers
- Donations can be placed in the playpen at the main entrance and the baskets at the side entrances of the church.
- Monetary donations will be given in full to Good Council Homes

## Parish Baby Shower - May 21st

We invite parishioners of all ages to celebrate with a baby shower in honor of mothers who have chosen life! Come and enjoy door prizes, children's activities, and a light lunch with cake, along with a speaker from Good Counsel

Homes, Michael Phelps! All baby shower gifts (no wrapping necessary) will be included in the donations sent to Good Counsel Homes, to directly benefit those in need. We look forward to seeing you there!

