

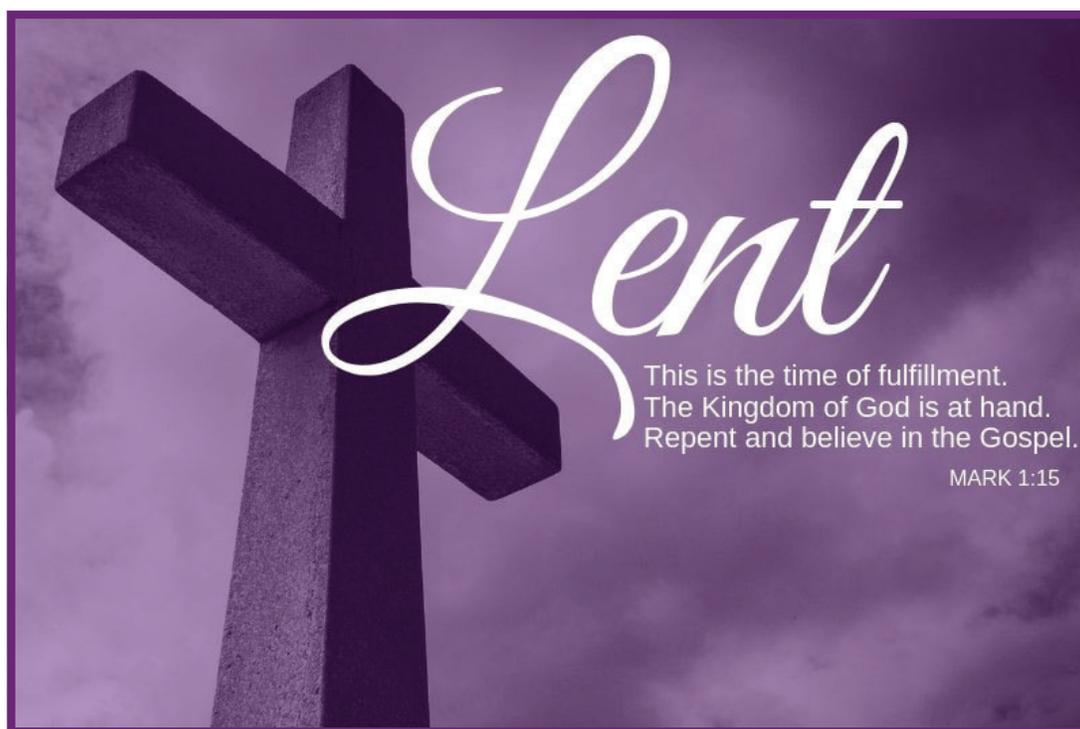


Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday ~ Office Closed

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.

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.
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.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office
whenever someone is ill,
hospitalized, or homebound
wishes to receive Communion.



Dear Parish Family,

We have begun the Solemn Season of Lent. The Church asks us to fast, pray and give alms to mark this period of repentance. The following quote is taken from the Ceremonial Of Bishops.

“The Annual Lenten season is a fitting time to climb the Holy mountain of Easter. The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises”.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities for prayer, confessions, and parish gatherings, as found in the bulletin. I have also listed below the Diocesan guidelines all designed to help us have a Holy Lent.

- ◆ Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday.
- ◆ Volume II of the Liturgy of the Hours is used from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost Sunday, the close of the Easter season.
- ◆ All Memorials of Saints occurring during Lent are observed as Optional. Hence, they may be omitted or observed as commemorations.
- ◆ Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil; nor is the *Te Deum* sung on Sundays of Lent.
- ◆ During Lent the Altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing. On the fourth Sunday of Lent (“Laetare”) and on Solemnities and Feasts, musical instruments may be played and the Altar decorated with flowers.
- ◆ The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relations to the themes of baptismal renewal and penance. The Gospels and readings from the Hebrew scriptures have been selected for their mutual relationship.

Just as a reminder, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Universal Fasting and Abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

*Prayerfully yours,
Father Michael*



The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. *However, you may choose to fast and/or abstain beyond the obligatory norms. Any age can give up something for Lent, even our children of school age.*

February is dedicated to The Holy Family

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, February 18

~Youth Mass ~ 10:30 a.m.
 ~Teen Chat with Father Mike & Grades 8 - 12 @ 11:30 a.m.
Monday, February 19 ~ Office Closed for President's Day
 ~The Light Is On For You ~ Adoration & Confessions 5:30-7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

~Youth Ministry Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
 ~Road To Resurrection ~ Immaculate Conc., Bastress @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23

~Confessions after 9:00 a.m. Mass (Every Friday during Lent)
 ~Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m.
 ~Confessions ~ 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
 ~Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

~Confirmation Retreat ~ St. Ann's
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.
 ~Baptism 5:00 p.m. ~ Isabella Iris Bower

Sunday, February 25

~Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ 10:30 a.m.
 ~Baptism 11:30 a.m. ~ Karson John Lisowski

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17

4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell (Dave & JoAnne Mondell)

Sunday, February 18 ~ First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Julia Reisner (By K.O.C. Council #14329)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, February 19

9:00 a.m. Dolly Forsyth (By Denise Sharar)

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Ann Gehret (By Norma Stryker)
 1:30 p.m. Mary Ann Gnull (By Dorin Family)

Wednesday, February 21 ~ St. Peter Damian

9:00 a.m. Beverly DiRocco (By her Husband)

Thursday, February 22 ~ The Chair of St. Peter, The Apostle

No Mass Scheduled

Friday, February 23 ~ St. Polycarp

9:00 a.m. Terry Horn (By Joe & Judy DeGregorio)

Saturday, February 24

4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Bamonte (By The Lee Family)

Sunday, February 25 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Helen Mooney (By Hiserman Family)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Upcoming Youth Event

February 18 ~ Next "Teen Chat" with Fr. Mike and for Grades 8 -12, @ 11:30 a.m.



Be Aware!

If you receive an email or text from Fr. Mike or any area priest asking for donations or special requests, PLEASE DO NOT reply. It is *not* Fr. Mike's number and by responding, it goes to the hacker.

Readings For The Week

Monday: *Lev 19:1-18; Ps 19:8-15; Mt 25:31-46*
Tuesday: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-19; mt 6:7-15*
Wednesday: *Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-19; Luke 11:29-32*
Thursday: *1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19*
Friday: *Ez 18:21-28; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19*
Saturday : *Deu 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48*
Sunday: *Gen 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15*



Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) February 10 & 11, 2024

Loose	\$	762.00
Offertory	\$	9,739.00
Initial Envelopes	\$.00
Maintenance	\$	193.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	92.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	10.00
Holy Day ~ Solemnity of Mary	\$	10.00
TOTAL	\$	10,814.00

Diocesan Collections

Eastern Europe	\$	667.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	148.00
TOTAL	\$	815.00



Road to Resurrection with Bishop Bambera

St. Joseph the Worker will host a Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come for this hour of prayer before the Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Road to Resurrection

Wed., Feb. 21. @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Immaculate Conception
Wed., Feb. 28 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Joseph the Worker
Wed., Mar 6 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Resurrection
Wed., March 13 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Lawrence
Wed., March 20 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Ann

Penance Services

Sun., Mar. 17 @ 2:00 p.m. ~ St. Luke (Jersey Shore)
Mon., March 25 @ 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. ~ OLOL
Wed., Mar. 27 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ St. Boniface

Spaghetti Dinner Profit

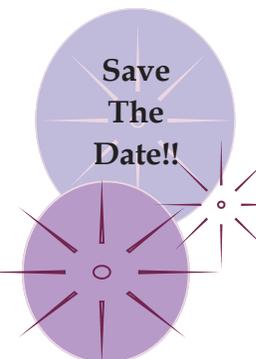


Thank you to everyone who purchased dinner tickets, donated and helped with the Spaghetti Dinner. Our Profit was \$1,736.24 with proceeds going to Youth Activities at our Parish. See you at the Fish Dinner!



Knights Of Columbus

- **Want Gun Bingo Tickets?** Call John Legarski @ 570-998-2959 or email at John.Legarski@gmail.com. First come, first serve for the remaining tickets available.
- **Final Meeting** for Knights & Volunteers, to discuss upcoming Gun Bingo Event, will take place February 19, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this important meeting.
- **Third Annual Gun Bingo**, sponsored by our Knights, will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Bald Bird Brewery in Jersey Shore.



OLOL Fish Dinner

Fri. March 8, 2024

4:30 ~ 7 pm

PICK ~ UP IN CHURCH HALL

Carry-Out Meals

(Dining Area will be open

for Sit-Down Option)

Adult \$14 ~ Child \$6

*Tickets can be picked up at
the Church Office.*

**Dinner to include: Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw,
Stewed Tomatoes, Roll and Dessert**

Lenten Save the Dates

Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul

Please join us on Wednesday, March 13, and Wednesday March 20, at 6:00 p.m. for a light meal, followed by an adult discussion on the *The Mercy of God*. Sign up sheets are available at each entrance of the Church, or call/email the Office to sign up.

Praying the Stations of the Cross as a Family

Please join us on Friday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m. for Family Stations of the Cross. The evening will begin with a Lenten meal in the Hall, followed by the Way of the Cross for Children. Sign up sheets are at each entrance of the Church, or call the Office.



Prayer List for the Month of February

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

D. Jane Brown, Joanie & Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Al and Karen Marlett, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

Sponsor Of The Week

We highlight **Steinbacher, Goodall, Yurchak** this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors.

Faith In Action

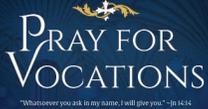
We will be collecting *toothbrushes* and *toothpaste* for the month of February. Thank you and God bless.



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.

Collection Counter Schedule

February 20, 2024 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
February 26, 2024 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan



Did you know...A priest is expected to be a man of prayer and contemplation. With this deeper, intimate knowledge of the person and work of Christ, the priest is sent forth to minister to Christ's people. During a priest's ordination, his soul is changed forever, and he now stands *in persona Christi capitis*, or "in the person of Christ, the head (of the Church)."

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