

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

 $Monday \sim \frac{\textit{Adoration}}{6:00 \text{ p.m.}} - 7:00 \text{ p.m.}$

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.

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

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.

<u>Parish Membership</u>
New parishioners are
always welcome
Please call the parish office
to register.

Knights of Columbus Council 14329

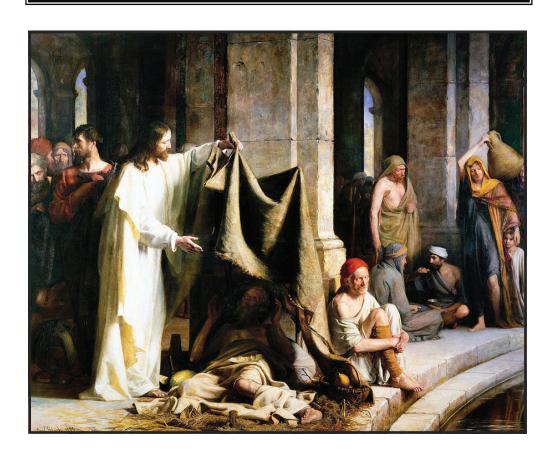
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church January 28, 2024

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



For He had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon Him for to touch Him, as many as had plagues.

And unclean spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him.

Mk 3:10-11

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 is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him."

Dear Parish Family,

This week we are celebrating the 4th Week of Ordinary Time. As with the call of the Disciples, Jesus comes to us in the ordinary circumstances of our lives. With common situations and easily understood examples, He reveals the light and glory of God, which includes His own nature. He does so that we may come to know, worship and love our Triune God. He also continues to teach us that we might be, "free of anxieties" (1Cor. 7:32). This is the basic nature of Ordinary time, as we count off the weeks (ordinal numbers: 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.).

There is really not true separation between Ordinary time and the other Seasons of the Church year. With our 4 seasons of Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall, we often experience unseasonable weather. Sometimes spring feels like winter with snow and freezing temperatures. Other times Spring is unseasonably warm, feeling more like the height of summer. Right now, winter feels pretty much like winter!

Just as there are crossovers within the different seasons, so too in the Seasons of the Church. Actually, we experience this crossover phenomenon all year long. Every Sunday is a celebration of Christmas and Easter, Advent and Lent, Holy Week and Pentecost, and Ordinary Time. Granted, this is an over-simplification, but hear me out.

Each time we gather for Mass the following occurs:

- ~Christ is born, not in the manger but on the Altar.
- ~As on Good Friday, He gives us His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity for our salvation.
- ~Every Mass is Easter as our Lord is given up, raised in Holy Communion.
- ~Each Mass is a Lent of repentance, and an Advent of preparation for His coming.
- ~Never is a Mass celebrated without the considerable Pentecostal presence of the Holy Spirit.

St. John Newman reminds us that in Ordinary Time the Lord "continues to reveal to us strange truths about ourselves, about God, about our duty, about the world, about heaven and hell." Often He teaches us wondrous thoughts which can barely be put into words. So let us adhere to the Lord without distraction. Let us live in His Divine Will so that in our prayer, worship, work, playing and charitable affairs we may always do so, as St. Paul instructs, "for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction." (I Cor. 7:35).

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



Did you know that the Church recognizes the vocations of married, religious, and priestly life. People in all vocations are called to holiness and are equal in dignity in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, January 28

~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.

~K.O.C. Selling Gun Bingo tickets after each Mass

~Coffee Chat (Grades 8-12) with Fr. Mike ~11:30 a.m. in Hall Monday, January 29

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

Friday, February 2 ~ First Friday

~Candlemas Day ~ Blessed Candles (\$3:00 Donation requested) ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 3 ~ First Saturday

~First Saturday Mass Devotions & Confessions ~ 9:00 a.m.

 \sim Confessions $\sim 3:00$ p.m.

~Blessing of throats after Mass in honor of Saint Blaise

~K.O.C. Selling Gun Bingo tickets after Mass

Sunday, February 4

Retirement Fund

TOTAL

~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.

~Blessings of throats during Mass in honor of Saint Blaise

~Senior Citizen "Ziti For Your Sweetie" Meal ~ After 10:30 Mass

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) January 20 & 21 2024

January 20 & 2	1, 2024	
Loose	\$	653.00
Offertory	\$	5,314.00
Initial Envelopes	\$	15.00
Maintenance 1	\$	8.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	117.00
Votives	\$	69.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Christmas	\$	503.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	15.00
Holy Day ~ Solemnity of Mary	\$	30.00
TOTAL	\$	6,725.00
Diocesan Colle	<u>ections</u>	
Human Development	\$	3.00
World Mission/Latin America	\$	175.00

Collection Counter Schedule

January 29, 2024 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Barb Gallagher February 5, 2024 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes,

Bonnie Fry, Mary McNamara

Care and Education of Priests



3.00

1.00

182.00

2024 Tax Statements Now Available

Tax Statements for contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes in 2023 are now available. Contact the office to have one sent to you.

Be Aware!

If you receive a notification from Father Mike or any other area priest, asking for donations or special requests, PLEASE DISREGARD and DO NOT reply. We still have a hacking situation going on.

Knights Of Columbus

- Free Throw Contest being held at Bishop Neuman High School this Sunday, February 4, at 1:00 p.m. All ages welcome! Contact Curt Fink @ 570-490-8230 with any questions.
- Third Annual Gun Bingo, sponsored by our Knights, will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Bald Bird Brewery in Jersey Shore. Tickets are being sold after all Masses this weekend and thereafter until SOLD OUT.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27 ~ St. Angela Merici

4:00 p.m. Caroline Fessler (By the Catino Family)

Sunday, January 28 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Ann Prato (By Marie Zurinsky)

Monday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Margie Krahl (By Hiserman Family)

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Mary Eck (By Kimble Family)

Wednesday, January 31 ~ St. John Bosco

9:00 a.m. John Pida (By Romey Fagnano Family)

10:30 a.m. Shirley Lecce (@ SJNRA) (By Lisa Lecce & Family)

Thursday, February 1

No Mass Scheduled

Friday, February 2 ~ The Presentation of the Lord 9:00 a.m. Viola Tudor (By Claire Cillo)

Saturday, February 3 ~ Št. Blaise; St. Ansgar

9:00 a.m. Helen Mooney (Bequest) ~ First Saturday Mass

4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell (By Steve & Kathleen Mondell)

Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Phil & Doris Rotondi (By Dave & Linda Rolley) 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings For The Week

2 Sam 15:13-14; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 2 Sam 18:9-10; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43 Monday: Tuesday:

2 Sam 24:2-17; Ps 32:1-7; Mk 6:1-6 Wednesday: Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-12; 1 Chron 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Luke 2:22-40 Friday: Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 Job 7:1-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mt 1:29-39 Sunday:

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, D. Jane Brown, Margaret Campbell, Chris Coleman, Gerald Dincher, Diane DeTato, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Rosemary "Cate" Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Justin Reed (Father's nephew), Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Kim Singer, Sofia Steinbacher, Shawn Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Christine Quinn, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

We are updating our prayer list. Please contact the office by February 5, if you wish to have your loved one remain on the list. Thank you.

Senior Citizen Ziti For Our Sweeties

When: Sunday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. in Hall Who: OLOL Senior Citizens and Senior Friends Cost: FREE (Youth Group wants to serve you

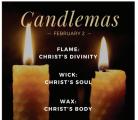
and *thank* you!)

Menu: Ziti, Salad, Italian Bread & Ice Cream

~DOOR PRIZES~

There will be limited seating, so RSVP by calling or texting Kathleen McMahon @ 570-419-1471 by January



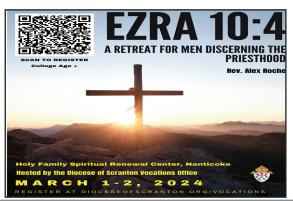


What is Candlemas Day?

Candlemas is celebrated February 2 on the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. (Luke 2:22-40) Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to Jerusalem for the purification rites.

This day celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Feast of the Holy Encounter (Jesus, Mary, Joseph with Simeon and Anna).





<u>Sponsor Of The Week</u>



It's My Party Store is our bulletin sponsor for the week. Thank you for your continued support to the Church.

Faith In Action



January is baby month! We will be collecting diapers, baby wash, baby shampoo and wipes. 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$31,992.00 (78.03% of goal) with pledges and donations from 158 families (24.16%) of the parish as of 01/19/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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