



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

February 11, 2024

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday ~ 6:00 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.

Sacrament of Marriage

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.

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





Dear Parish Family,

Happy Feast Day to all of you. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us! On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous for the first time with a burst of wind that moved a wild rose in the grotto, even though the other trees and bushes were not moving. Then she saw the Lady. In Bernadette's words,

"As I raised my head to look at the grotto, I saw a lady dressed in white, wearing a white dress, a blue girdle and a yellow rose on each foot, the same color as the chain of her rosary; the beads of the rosary were white ... From the niche, or rather the dark alcove behind it, came a dazzling light."

Those two little gusts of wind began a remarkable series of events which have blessed the world from that very moment. The Lady told Bernadette to dig in a specific spot, and we were given the miraculous healing waters of Lourdes. On March 25th the Lady revealed Her title, saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Isn't it inspiring that so much began with a moving rose and an attentive little girl? This is our heritage here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. I see that wild rose moving in all that Jesus is doing in everything from our Holy Masses to our youth activities. The dazzling light of the grotto is evident with the celebration of each Sacrament. The gust of the Holy Spirit is evident in every meeting, dinner, social activity, intergenerational celebration, family catechesis, and each act of kindness. The rose stirs in the hearts of our staff, our Parish Pastoral Council, Vocations Team, Coordinating Team, the many volunteers, and the various ministries.

The rose stirs. The healing waters flow. The Light of Christ shines. The Blessed Mother smiles.

A Blessed & Holy Feast Day to all of you!

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Joyfully Yours,

Fr. Michael



February is dedicated to The Holy Family

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, February 11

~Intergenerational Pancake Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
~K.O.C. Selling Gun Bingo tickets after Mass (Until Sold Out)

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

~Finance Committee Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday

~K.O.C. selling Clam Chowder after Ash distributions

Friday, February 16

~Homeschool Meeting in Rectory Classroom (1:45 - 3:15 p.m.)

~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.

~First Penance Retreat ~ 6:00 p.m.

~Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 17

~First Penance ~ 10:00 a.m.

~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.

~Youth Group Board Game Activity ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 18

~Youth Mass ~ 10:30 a.m.

~Teen Chat with Father Mike & Grades 8 - 12 @ 11:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10 ~ St. Scholastica

4:00 p.m. Eleanor & Louis Mazzante (By Family)

Sunday, February 11 ~ World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick

8:00 a.m. World Day of the Sick

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, February 12

9:00 a.m. Helen Schamberg (By Family)

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 a.m. Mary Kranz (Masteller Family)

2:00 p.m. Holy Mother Church (By Romey Fagnano Family)

Wednesday, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Beth Pagana (Joe & Teresa Moore)

12:00 p.m. Distribution of Ashes (No Mass)

6:00 p.m. Robert A. Lecce (Lisa Lecce & Family)

Thursday, February 15

No Mass Scheduled

Friday, February 16

9:00 a.m. John Pida (By Matthew & Laura Brann Family)

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Julia Reisner (By K.O.C. Council #14329)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Parish Office Closure

The office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of President's Day. We will reopen February 20 @ 9:30 a.m.


Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) February 3 & 4, 2024

Loose	\$	591.00
Offertory	\$	6,124.00
Initial Envelopes	\$	5.00
Maintenance	\$	480.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	22.00
Votives	\$	121.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Christmas	\$	465.00
Easter	\$	50.00
Easter Flowers	\$	25.00
TOTAL	\$	7,884.00

Diocesan Collections


Eastern Europe	\$	5.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	249.00
TOTAL	\$	354.00

Knights Of Columbus

- **CLAM CHOWDER** will be sold on Ash Wednesday, February 14, after each Mass and Ash distribution, while supplies last. 
- **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. Tickets are being sold after all Masses until SOLD OUT.

Upcoming Youth Events

February 17 ~ Board Game Activity is scheduled for Grades 5-12 from 5 - 7:00 p.m. (Flyers were handed out during class.)

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

Readings For The Week

Monday:	<i>James 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-76; Mk 8:11-13</i>
Tuesday:	<i>James 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-19; Mk 8:14-21</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-17; 2 Cor 5:20; Mt 6:1-18</i>
Thursday:	<i>Deu 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-6; Luke 9:22-25</i>
Friday:	<i>Isaiah 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-19; Mt 9:14-15</i>
Saturday :	<i>Isaiah 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Luke 5:27-32</i>
Sunday:	<i>Gen 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15</i>

Palms Needed?

Please consider bringing in your palms from last year for us to burn and use for the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Drop off at entrance of Church in the basket provided. Thank you.

Be Aware!

If you receive a notification from Fr. Mike or any area priest asking for donations or special requests, PLEASE DISREGARD and DO NOT reply.

Holy Hour 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 Deanery Dates

- Wed., Feb. 21.** @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Immaculate Conception
- Wed., Feb. 28** @ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Joseph the Worker (with Bishop Bambera)
- 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

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, Ann Dorin, Cliff Hales, Al and Karen Marlett, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer

SUPER BOWL?

Ministry Corner by Deb Steinbacher

Why, you ask, would this month's Ministry Corner address the Super Bowl? February of this year marks the beginning of Lent so, certainly, that would be a more appropriate topic. Well, as a people of life we are called to care for one another from conception to natural death and the Super Bowl reminds many of us of a horrific tragedy occurring worldwide. The tragedy is human trafficking. The Super Bowl and other large-scale events promote fun, parties, and for this month, "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" for the thousands involved on or around February 11. So, the wonderful celebration of our Feast Day and the fun of the big game mean nothing but pain for the young men and women, and even children, victims. This horror is not confined to Las Vegas; it can happen in any community. "It is estimated that approximately 1,000,000 people are trafficked each year globally and that between 20,000 and 50,000 are trafficked into the United States, which is one of the largest destinations for victims of the sex-trafficking trade." (Alise Wooditch, Leonard Steverson, Britannica, 01/17/2024). Please, learn the signs and report suspected human trafficking to Federal law enforcement by calling 1-866-347-2423. Above all, pray for hearts to be changed and for the efforts of those working to rescue the victims!

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.



Sponsor Of The Week



We highlight **McCoy Excavating** this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors. Thank you.

Collection Counter Schedule

February 12, 2024 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann

Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

February 20, 2024 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary

McNamara, Carol Everett



Did you know that the vocation of marriage is a call to a life of holiness and selflessness within the relationship between a man and a woman. Marriage between two baptized persons is a sacrament, meaning their relationship conveys in a distinctive way the bond of love between Christ and His people.

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