



# Our Lady of Lourdes Church

## October 29, 2023

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### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Friday 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.  
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 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 Council

Rita Clayton  
Deb Steinbacher  
Jamie Wieder  
Mary Etta Legarski  
Sharon O'Malley  
Keith Kuzio  
Colleen Brown  
Kaycie Gerrity  
Lydia Baylor



*The main point of Christianity was this: that  
Nature is not our mother; Nature is our sister. We can  
be proud of her beauty, since we have the same Father.*

C.K. Chesterton

# TO LOVE AND SERVE JESUS CHRIST

Each of you has gifts that only you can share. Add your hands to the work of Jesus Christ here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please check any ministry or activity that you might be interested in.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## WORD

- Adult Faith Formation
- Baptismal Instruction
- Catechist (Grades 1-8)
- Family Catechesis
- Highschool Faith Formation and Activities
- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
  - Becoming a Catholic/Completing Sacraments of Initiation
- Vacation Bible School

## WORSHIP

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Funeral Altar Server (Adult)
- Greeters
- Lectors
- Liturgy Committee
- Music Ministry
  - Cantors
  - Choir Members
  - Instrumentalists
- Ushers
- Vocation Ministry Team
- Youth Mass Volunteers
- Youth Altar Servers

## COMMUNITY

- Coordinating Team (Works with Parish Pastoral Council To Implement Programs & Activities)
- Fellowship Sundays Committee
- Festival Committee
- Fundraiser Dinners
- Ladies Group
- Knights of Columbus
- Love Never Ends (Gathering With Those Who Have Lost a Spouse) ~ Helpers Needed
- Nursing Home & Homebound Visitations
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Picnic
- Parish Trips & Pilgrimages
- Prison Ministry
- Pro-Life Group
- Youth Group (Plan Activities for Youth & Families)

## SERVICE

- Collection Counters
- Funeral Luncheons
- Hospitality Group
- Maintenance Support (Special Projects)
  - Electrical/Painting/Plumbing
  - Parish Hall ~ Set-Up/Tear Down
  - Periodic Church Cleaning
  - Landscaping
  - Special Talents \_\_\_\_\_
- Publicity/Photography

**Completed forms can be dropped in the basket at the entrance of the Church or Parish Office.**



# Celebration of Parish Life

*Sunday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.*

All are welcome to stop by the parish hall to learn more about the wonderful things happening in our parish, along with fun activities for the children and breakfast served by our 7th & 8th grade students.

*We are spotlighting the Knights of Columbus and our Music Ministry this week.*



Pictured to the left, is one of the angel statues gracing our front lawn at our parish. OLOL Order of the Nights of Columbus # 14329 have donated these beautiful angels to the Church.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on Feb.6, 1882, with a mission of charity. At present, it is the largest fraternal organization in the world with over 4 million members Worldwide through various fund-raising efforts. They have provided donations to the Expectations Women's Center of Williamsport, Lewisburg, Special Olympics of Lycoming County, Good Counsel, Shepherd of the Streets, Family Promise, and to recent disaster relief causes throughout the Supreme Council of the Knights. Because of our mission of Charity, we have provided support for OLOL Pro Life Group in its mission of the support for right to life.

If you wish to join the order, contact any Knight, or send an email to Grand Knight, John Legarski at [john.legarski@gmail.com](mailto:john.legarski@gmail.com). Our website is [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

*We can do no great things ~ only small things with great love. ~Mother Teresa*

To the right, is our wonderful Music Ministry director Jo Marie Latini (top left) and members of Our Lady of Lourdes Choir. Choir practices are every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. They are always welcoming new members and new voices! Please consider being a part of this beautiful ministry.

We would like to welcome Rich Cummings as organist at our 8:00 a.m. Mass and cantor, Elizabeth Legarski. Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish.

For more information, contact Jo Marie Latini at 570-666-4915.



*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. The second is like it. You Shall love your neighbor as yourself...The whole law and the prophets depend on these two.*  
(Matthew 27:37-40)



Dear Parish and Friends,

This weekend we are given that beautiful teaching of our Lord Jesus regarding The Greatest Commandment. On the surface this teaching of Jesus seems to be something akin to the Beatles song, "All We Need Is Love" ta-ta-ta-ta da. However, there is something deeper, ever more profound, and yet just as simple going on here. This Love goes beyond the human affection we have for one another.

Saint Augustine reminds us that when Jesus speaks about love "there is no need to select some special text," or passage of Scripture regarding Commandments, The Law or the teaching of the Prophets to learn what is required of us. Every page of the Bible extolls the love of God. From the Biblical account of creation at the beginning of time to this very day, God has been calling us to live according to the Divine Revelation given to us through the Sacred Scriptures and the teachings of the Church by loving God with all that we have and all that we are.

Being a disciple of Christ Jesus does not entail a *slavish adherence* to a list of rules and laws. We do, indeed, need to live according to the teachings of Jesus and His Church, but we do so as a loving response to what He is providing. Under the Law and the Prophets many people followed God out of fear. With the New Covenant in Christ Jesus that old veil (the law) obscuring the ancient promises of God has been drawn back, or as the Scripture recounts were "torn in two" at the Crucifixion of our Lord. The veil has been lifted! God's love was present under the old covenant just as it is under the new, though then it was more hidden and fear was more apparent. Now love is more clearly seen and fear is diminished.

So let love joyfully grow stronger in our hearts, minds and souls. This love of God and neighbor, given to us in Christ makes us more secure, banishes fear, and gives us the strength, courage and conviction to follow Jesus always. He is, after all, the Way, the Truth and the Love of our lives.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael

## All Souls

Each year, during the month of November, we commemorate the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us to their eternal rest.

**We pray for the following who were buried from our parish since November, 2022.**

Mary J. Kranz  
John William Pida  
Caroline J. Fessler  
Rita E. Remener  
Shirley Lecce  
Mary Irene Lambert  
Walter Eugene Calvert  
Dorothy Louise Kettler



Tomasa Mendez-Gonzalez  
Nancy Lee Robbins  
Barbara Jo Buehler  
Donald W. Klingerman  
Jacklen D. Eiswerth  
Kenneth Richard Cox  
Samuel Park Yoder

**Let us also pray for all who have lost loved ones who were not members of the parish.**

**All Souls' Day Mass ~ Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on November 2 at 6:00 p.m.**

***\*This is a Special Mass of Remembrance.***

A time of fellowship will follow in the parish hall.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

# The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

## This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

**Sunday, October 29**  
~Celebrating Parish Life ~ Intergenerational ~ 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, October 30**  
~Homeschoolers All Saints Day Party in Hall 9:30 - 1 p.m.  
~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 1**  
~Youth Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 2 ~ Office Closed**  
~All Souls Reception in Hall after 6:00 p.m. Mass  
~Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, November 3**  
~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 5**  
~ Religious Education Grades 1-8 meet @ 9:00 a.m.

## Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

October 21 & 22, 2023

Loose	\$	800.00
Offertory	\$	5,569.00
Maintenance	\$	48.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	2.00
Votives	\$	54.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Holy Day - All Saints	\$	5.00

**TOTAL** \$ 6,479.00

## Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	6.00
World Mission	\$	945.00
Human Development	\$	8.00
Retirement Fund	\$	23.00

**TOTAL** \$ 982.00

## Collection Counter Schedule



**October 30 ~ Group 2** Glenda Farrington,  
Mary McNamara, Carol Everett  
**November 6 ~ Group 3** Judy DeGregorio,  
Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan

## ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints' Day Masses (*Holy Day of Obligation*) are October 31, (Vigil) at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

All Souls' Day Mass ~ Commemoration of the Faithful Departed ~ is Thursday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m.

~Reception to follow All Souls' Mass~

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

For the month of **OCTOBER**, soap and body wash for all ages will be collected. God Bless!

We continue to collect *16 oz. jars of peanut butter* to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Drop off donations inside the Church or the Church office.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, October 29

8:00 a.m. Mark Hartland (By Hartland Family)  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

### Monday, October 30

9:00 a.m. Kathleen Pagana (By Jim Pagana)

### Tuesday, October 31

9:00 a.m. Beverly DiRocco (By Her Loving Husband)  
5:00 p.m. Ron and Mark Paulhamus (By Ginger Paulhamus)

### Wednesday, November 1 ~ All Saints' Day

9:00 a.m. Annika Steinbacher (By Grammy and Grampy)  
6:00 p.m. Robert Buff Jr. (By OLOL Parish Pastoral Council)

### Thursday, November 2 ~ All Souls' Day

6:00 p.m. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

### Friday, November 3 ~ First Friday ~ St. Martin de Porres

9:00 a.m. John Burfeindt (His Family)

### Saturday, November 4 ~ First Saturday ~ St. Charles Borromeo

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (By Romey Fagnano Family)  
4:00 p.m. Michael Farenish (By Brown Family)

### Sunday, November 5

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Helen Schamberg (By Karen & Jan Ransdorf)

## Readings for the week



**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2-21; Luke 13:10-17  
**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Luke 13:18-21  
**Wednesday:** Rev 7:2-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Mt 11:28  
**Thursday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 6:37-40  
**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-20; Luke 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-29; Ps 94:12-18; Luke 14:1-11  
**Sunday:** Mal 1:14; Ps 141:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7-13; Mt 23:1-12

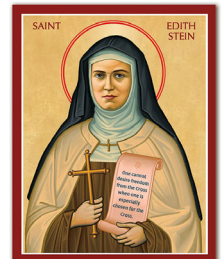
## Prayer List for the Month of October

*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, Matt Hales, Rosemary "Cate" Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Alex Mazzante, 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

## Coffee Chats ~ Women of the Parish

Please join us for "Coffee Chats" at the home of Lydia James on November 11 at 9:30 a.m. We will be studying St. Edith Stein, Seeker of the Truth. To attend please email Lydia at [ldjams25@gmail.com](mailto:ldjams25@gmail.com) or text at #570-419-9744 and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.







Your gift to the *Diocesan Annual Appeal* supports 10 seminarians currently studying to be priests for the Diocese of Scranton

## Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the following Our Lady of Lourdes candidates as they begin their final year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation being held this Spring.

Marleigh Bainbridge	Lily Brewer
Sophia Brewer	Owen Fagnano
Benjamin Gotshall	Camryn Herr
Jay Houseknecht	Taryn Jacopetti
Reagan Johnson	Cale Klingerman
Bobby Nolan	Macy Tran
Mason Tran	Bella Wieder



### Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$9,455 (23% of goal) with pledges and donations from 48 families (8%) of the parish as of 10/20/2023. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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