

# **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

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**February 25, 2024** 

**Second Sunday of Lent** 





# Parish Office Hours

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

# <u>Mass Schedule</u>

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  $\sim 5:00$  - 6:00 p.m. Saturday  $\sim 3:00$  - 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,

As we continue to move through Lent, symbolically our time with Jesus in the desert, we may already be struggling with our resolve to fast, pray and give alms. We, especially in our great country, are so accustomed to immediately satisfying all our needs and desires. Are you having a rough day—go ahead and grab that cookie, beer or whatever distraction we find helps us. If we feel a pang of hunger, we are often too quick to forget the call to fast. Sometimes, without even thinking we drive through McDonalds or go to the fridge and down a burger or a ham and cheese sandwich even though we are called to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent.

One of the purposes for our Lenten observances is to help us observe what we may take for granted. The intent is not to discourage us, but to make us more aware of the blessings of God, and to remind us that others suffer hunger and poverty each day without even the benefit of knowing that our Lord Jesus is there to comfort and aid them in their times of need. In addition to reminding us to be grateful, we are also called to help those in need with our sustenance and prayers. I love the fact that this Sunday we read about the mountain top experience the disciples had when Jesus was Transfigured before them.

Jesus took them up onto the mountain in order to show them His kingship before they witnessed His passion, to let them see His mighty power before they watched His death, to reveal His glory to them before they beheld His humiliation. The Lord takes us to that scene that we may not become discouraged. We are given this shared experience of witnessing to the divinity of Christ, especially when our human nature fails us so very often. We are given a glimpse of the divinity of Christ and a "preview" of the glory to come—His and ours.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



# February is dedicated to The Holy Family

# This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

## Saturday, February 24

~Confirmation Retreat ~ St. Ann's

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

~Baptism 5:00 p.m. ~ Isabella Iris Bower

### Sunday, February 25

~Religious Education (Grades 1-7, No Grade 8)

~Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ 10:30 a.m.

~Baptism 11:30 a.m. ~ Karson John Lisowski

#### Monday, February 26

~The Light Is On For You ~ Adoration & Confessions 5:30-7 p.m.

~Pro-Life Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

# Friday, March 1 ~ First Friday

~Confessions after 9:00 a.m. Mass (Every Friday during Lent)

 $\sim$ Stations of the Cross  $\sim 4:00$  p.m.

 $\sim$ Confessions  $\sim 4:30 - 6:00$  p.m.

 $\sim$ Stations of the Cross  $\sim 7:00$  p.m.

# Saturday, March 2 ~ First Saturday

~First Holy Communion Retreat ~ 11:00 a.m.

~K.O.C. Gun Show @ Bald Bird Brewery ~ 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

~ Religious Education (Grades 1, 3-6, 7 & 8, No Grade 2.)

### Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) February 17 & 18, 2024

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Loose	\$	699.00
Offertory	\$	8,498.00
Maintenance	\$	217.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	97.00
Votives	\$	132.00
Religious Education	\$	21.00
Christmas	\$	3.00
Easter	\$	25.00
Easter Flowers	\$	50.00
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	45.00
TOTAL	\$	9,812.50
Diocesan Coll	ections	
Eastern Europe	\$	50.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	158.50
Human Development	\$	3.00
Retirement Fund	\$	73.00
TOTAL	\$	284.50

# **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 <u>The Mercy of God</u>. 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.



# **Knights Of Columbus**

All 350 tickets have been sold for the Third Annual Gun Bingo, being held on March 2, at Bald Bird Brewing in Jersey Shore. Thank you to all who helped so far with the selling of tickets and preparation to making this a success! See you there!

### **Mass Intentions**

### 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

#### Monday, February 26

9:00 a.m. John Null (By Daughter Alicia and Family)

Tuesday, February 27 ~ St. Gregory of Narek

9:00 a.m. Edward Schultz (By The Brown Family)

#### Wednesday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Gavin Peretti (By Legarski Family)

Thursday, February 29

No Mass Scheduled

<u>Friday, March 1</u> ~ World Day of Prayer 9:00 a.m. Stella Yucha (By Chris Coleman)

#### Saturday, March 2

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass ~ End to Abortion (By Romey

Fagnano and Family)

**Sunday, March 3** ~ Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Charles Jean (By Linda and Dave Rolley)

10:30 a.m. Karen Navich (By Barb Burchanowski)

# **Readings For The Week**

Monday: Dan 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-13; Luke 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10-20; Ps 50:8-12; Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-16; Mt 20:17-28 Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-6; Luke 16:19-31 Thursday: Gen 37:3-28; Ps 105;16-21; Mt 21:33-46 Mic 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-12; Luke 15:1-32 Friday: **Saturday: Sunday:** Gen 22:1-18; Ps 116:10-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



# 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



# OLOL Fish Dinner

 $4:30 \sim 7 \text{ pm}$ 

PICK ~ UP IN CHURCH HALL **Carry-Out Meals** 

Fri. March 8, 2024

(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

# **OUR CALL TO** SERVE

# to those who have given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

Those whose lives you change are grateful for your gift

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has a goal of \$41,000 and has raised 83% (\$33,827) to date.

To donate, scan the QR code, visit annualappeal.org or call (570)207-2250



For your past generosity, prayerful consideration and future sharing — thank you and God bless your loved ones!

# **Sponsor Of The Week**

We highlight FASTSIGNS this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors.



Prayer Service for Peace and to Commemorate the Second Year of War in Ukraine

Sunday, February 25, 2024 2:30 p.m. Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

### 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.

# **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.

# 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, Mark Brumbach, Joanie & Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Al and Karen Marlett, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

# **Collection Counter Schedule**

February 26, 2024 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan

March 4, 2024 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenses, Wendy Marshalek, Bonnie Fry



PRAY FOR Vocations

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