

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.

Office Closed on Thursdays
Fridays ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days ~ As scheduled

Daily Mass ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ M, T, W, F

Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at 7:00 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.

RCIA

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are always welcome
Please call the parish office to register.

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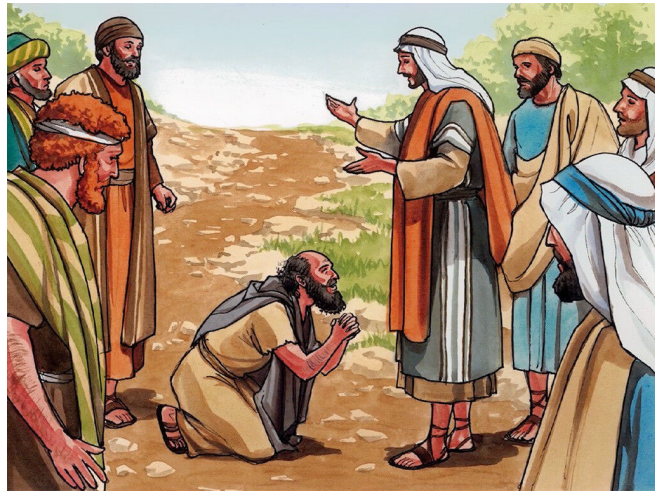
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2022



Our Lady of the Rosary

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.

From the Pastor's Desk



Life by Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see [Romans 1:17](#); [Galatians 3:11](#); [Hebrews 10:38](#)). We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see [Galatians 2:20](#)).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn
President and Founder

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

2023 Mass Intention Book Is Open

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is now open.

In order that all parishioners have the opportunity to remember or memorialize their loved one on special dates we have a few guidelines:

- * Each family may schedule up to three Masses, however, there is no limit on unscheduled Masses.
- * An individual may only have a Mass offered once every two weeks.
- * Recently deceased parishioners might take precedence.

Parish Faith Formation

Handbooks and registration forms were mailed to families who participated in our Parish Faith Formation Program last year. If you are new to the parish or if your child will be entering first grade in the fall, please contact Mrs. B. at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org. If you have not received the packet, please contact Mrs. B. as soon as possible.

Classes begin today, Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m. for Grades 1-8.

Volunteers are needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word and Youth Masses. For more information, contact Mrs. B at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Make a Joyful Noise!!



Choir practice is held Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Come and make a joyful noise with us—no auditions and you don't have to read music—just love to sing and praise the Lord.

thank you!

Thank you to all who helped make our Parish Festival such a great success through donations, volunteering to set up, work, and clean up, and for all who attended the festival. More details to come.

Annual Life Chain

Please join in the annual Lycoming County Life Chain on **October 2** from 2:30-3:30 on the "Golden Strip". We will meet in our usual spot in front of what is now the Truist Bank for an hour of prayerful demonstration for the protection of pre-born babies. This event is sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and signs will be provided. A donation of \$1.00 is requested, if you are able. You may also bring chairs if you are unable to stand for that time. All ages are welcome to join in this very important event to witness to the sanctity of human life.

Bible Study

Deacon Steve Frye's seven-week Bible study, which began last Wednesday, continues this week on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. He continues through the six sessions of *The Eucharist: A Bible Study for Catholics*, by Father Mitch Pacwa, as follows:

October 5: Words of Sacrifice

October 12: Behold, the Lamb of God

October 19: Eat My Body, Drink My Blood

October 26: The Eucharist and Passover

November 2: Christ's Priesthood and the Eucharist

Please call the parish office, 570-368-8598, to sign up, so we have enough books for participants. Participants should also bring a Bible and note-taking materials.

The cost of the book is \$11 and books can be purchased at class.

Cafeteria Wisdom



In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples. "Only take one. God is watching."

Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY UPDATED PARISH WEBSITE

Community and Service

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~**Sunday, October 2**
Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ Grades 1-8
- ~**Monday, October 3**
Holy Hour ~ 6:00~7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, October 4**
NO MASS
- ~**Wednesday, October 5**
NO MASS
Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~**Thursday, October 6**
Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, October 7**
First Friday
Confessions ~ 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- ~**Sunday, October 9**
Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ Grades 1-8

REMINDER



Because of the Convocation of Priests this week, daily Masses for Tuesday, October 3, through Thursday, October 6, will be celebrated at St. Boniface at 8:00 a.m. There will be NO 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence on Tuesday, October 4.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS— INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Who is it for?

~ Adults & teens who have not been Baptized, those who have been Baptized yet never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, or those who are already Baptized in another Christian denomination, but would like to learn more about Catholic Christianity.

What's it like?

~ R.C.I.A. is not a classroom format, but rather experiential. It is based on reflections upon Sunday Scriptures. It answers the question: "Why do Catholics do that?"

When does it start?

~ Sessions have already begun. For more information Please contact the parish office at 570-368-8598 or email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Be Not Afraid

The 7th annual Diocese of Scranton "**Be A Catholic Man Conference**" at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, will be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2022**, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$40, which includes morning coffee and a box lunch. The schedule includes coffee at 7:00 a.m., rosary at 7:15, speakers, lunch, confessions, Adoration and Benediction, and Mass at 1:45 p.m. Register at beacatholicman.com/register-here.

Ministry Corner Crisis?

By Deb Steinbacher

Many of us seem to want to deem as a crisis an unexpected pregnancy. This immediately classifies pregnancy as a problem. How we deal with that problem depends very much on our perspective. Today, let's look at this from the perspective of the culture of death. The culture of death includes not just the crisis of pregnancy, but also the crisis of aging, illness, and our ability to be productive. Pope Francis stated in the *National Catholic Register* that, "*Human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. We have created a 'throwaway' culture which is now spreading. In this way life, too, is discarded.*" So, if we are not seen as useful, we can be eliminated! Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone asked in *Catholic World Report*, "*When politicians pontificate about abortion as a choice or even a human right, do we see beyond the rhetoric to the ugliness of what they propose: the deliberate snuffing out of innocent lives, each one of them unique, irreplaceable, and loved by God?*" This writer would suggest that this applies to all convenience killings - abortion, euthanasia, and assisted-suicide. As a people of life, we must pray and we must act to help the most vulnerable among us, no matter their age or how their so-called productivity is viewed. Their lives matter to the Lord, and they should matter to us!

Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying

that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Red Cross Bloodmobile



The Knights of Columbus, Council #14329, is sponsoring a Red Cross Bloodmobile here at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday, October 10, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Go to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment to donate blood.

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 1

First Saturday
St. Therese of the Child Jesus
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mondell &
Arduini Families
(Steve & Kathleen Mondell)
Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Mary & Frank Kiodo
(Randy & Sue Wright & Family)

Sunday, October 2

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time
8:00 a.m. Dorothea Bacher
(John & Mary Etta Legarski)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, October 3

9:00 a.m. Douglas Dusza
(Romey Fagnano Family)

Tuesday, October 4

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 5

NO MASS

Thursday, October 6

NO MASS

Friday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00 a.m. Andrew & Anna Krupa
(Gloria Gomb)

Saturday, October 8

Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Joe Mazzante (Sue & daughters)

Sunday, October 9

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Pat Kelly *(The Kelly Family)*
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1-10; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1-15;
Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-14; Ps 117:1-2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105: 2-7;
Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4;
2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Sponsor of the Week Johnson's Cafe

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Johnson's Cafe**. We appreciate their support, and the support of all our advertisers. Please support them as they support Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

9/25-26/22

Loose	\$ 375.00
Collection	\$ 7,117.00
Maintenance	\$ 79.00
Fuel	\$ 4.00
Votives	\$ 89.00
Religious Education	\$ 2.00
Christmas	\$ 1.00
Collection Total	\$ 7,667.00
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$ 8,850.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Care & Education of the Priests	\$ 12.00
Human Development	\$ 1.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 23.00

Collection Counters Schedule



October 2—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

October 9—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

Faith in Action

For the month of October we will be collecting **rice and soup** for the United Churches Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bins at the doors of the church.



We continue to collect **16 ounce jars of peanut butter** to help support the Montoursville Area School District Backpack Program. Please help us feed the hungry. Drop off donations inside the church entrances.



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.

M.B., James Bender, Theresa Brown, Dave Bonus, Joanie Campbell, Ron Clayton, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Grant Falls, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, Geraldine Hamm, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Karen Marlett, Lois O'Malley, Denise Miller, Nicole Selleck, Denise Sharar, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Stephen Updegraff, Debbie Winterer, Christine Watts Wright

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