

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

January 21, 2024

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Third 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

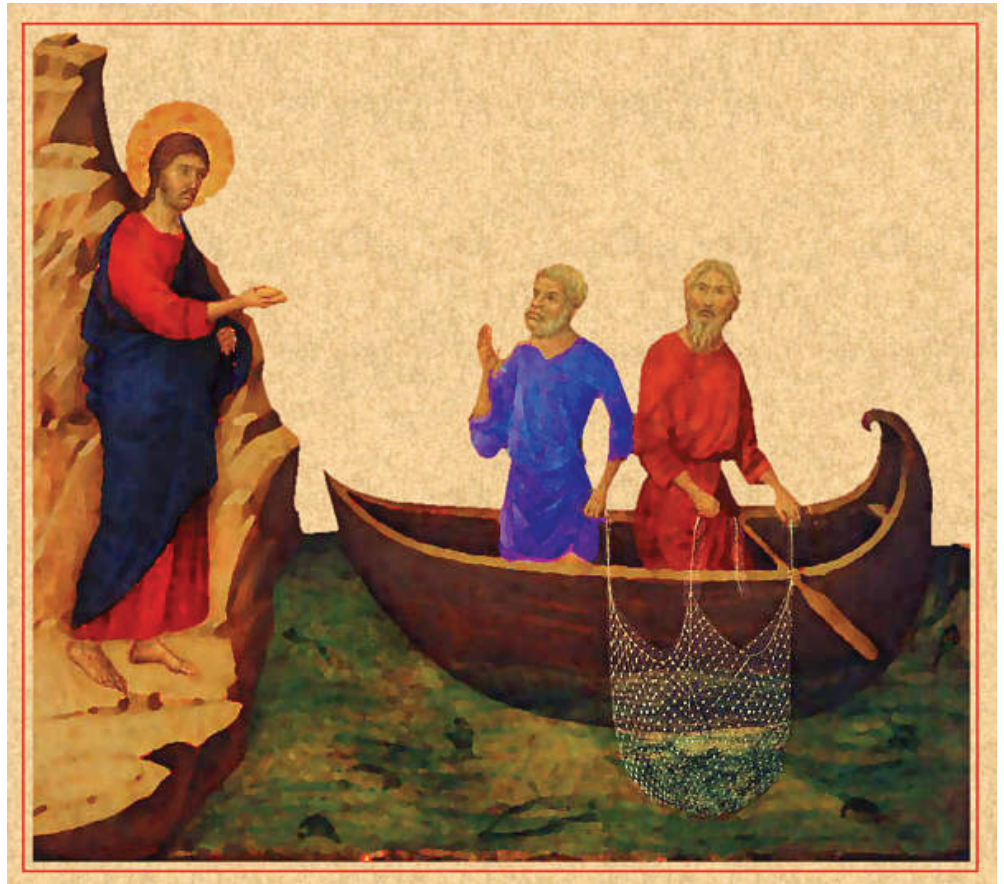
New parishioners are
always welcome
Please call the parish office
to register.

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



*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men."*

Mark 1:14-20

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.*



Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As you may know, we have recently formed our Vocations Ministry Team at the direction of the Diocese of Scranton. We will be looking to expand the team as we begin to discern what we can and what we need to do as a Parish to foster healthy vocations to which God has called each of us, be it the Priesthood, Religious or Married life. We really want to keep awareness of vocations at the top of our minds and always in our prayers.

This weekend we read from the Gospel of Mark, the call of the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John, to become “fishers of men”. “Come after Me,” says our Lord, “and I will make you fishers of men.” Often I take delight in the clever use of language our Lord uses to get our attention: fishers of men, pearls of great price, faith the size of mustard seeds. Clever as it may be, the intent far exceeds mere cleverness. God comes to us in the ordinariness of our daily lives. He speaks of what we know and points to what may be unknown to us.

This is true of all our Sacraments. Common “stuff” becomes the matter He uses to bring us grace. He did not concoct some mysterious chemical to cleanse us in Baptism. He used common water. He uses bread and wine to become His body and Blood. And He uses our own natural talents and interests to call us to use them for the sake of the Kingdom. He speaks to us in the most ordinary times and places.

One way of putting this is that when the four heard the call to be fishers of men, they realized, felt, knew that letting down their nets was no longer enough, whereas putting out into the deep in response to the call of Jesus is the secret of true joy. Are you fishing for joy, contentment, inner peace, purpose or understanding? Well, I know of Someone who can help you with all that and more. Hear His Call and follow after Him.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael

**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS**

“Whatsoever you ask in my name, I will give you.” ~Jn 14:14

Did you know?

The word “vocation” is derived from the Latin word “vocare”, which means a calling or summoning. A vocation is God’s invitation to love and serve him and his Church in a particular state or way of life, leading to holiness. It is a call to live on earth in a way that will impact eternity.



January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, January 22
 ~Holy Hour & Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 ~Pro-Life Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23
 ~Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m.
 ~Parish Pastoral Council ~ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 25
 ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 27
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.
 ~Spaghetti Dinner in Hall ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Take Out Only)
 ~K.O.C. Selling Gun Bingo tickets after Mass

Sunday, January 28
 ~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.
 ~K.O.C. Selling Gun Bingo tickets after each Mass
 ~Coffee Chat (Grades 8-12) ~ 11:30 a.m. in the Hall

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) January 13 & 14, 2024

Loose	\$	937.00
Offertory	\$	9,600.00
Initial Envelopes	\$	105.00
Maintenance	\$	357.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	87.00
Votives	\$	83.00
Religious Education	\$	21.00
Christmas	\$	345.00
Holy Day ~ Solemnity of Mary	\$	83.00
TOTAL	\$	11,618.50

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	213.50
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00
Retirement Fund	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	258.50

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.



Collection Counter Schedule

January 22, 2024 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington,
 Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
January 29, 2024 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan
 Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20 ~ St. Fabian and St. Sebastian
 4:00 p.m. Jay Martin (By Dave and JoAnne Mondell)

Sunday, January 21 ~ Word of God Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Bob & Mary Kranz (Jan & Karen Ransdorf)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 22 ~ St. Vincent
 9:00 a.m. Jim Lucas (By The Lucas Family)

Tuesday, January 23
 9:00 a.m. Blanche Opetosky (By Gerri Dunn)

Wednesday, January 24 ~ St. Frances de Sales
 9:00 a.m. Mary Fedorko (By Family)

Thursday, January 25
 No Mass Scheduled

Friday, January 26 ~ St. Timothy and St. Titus
 9:00 a.m. Dolores & Dick Sharar (By Denise Sharar)

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)

Readings For The Week

Monday: 2 Sam 5:1-10; Ps 89:20-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sam 6:12-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sam 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday: Tim 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-10; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sam 12:1-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Deu 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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, 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.

Take
Outs
Only



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024
5:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM

DINNER TO INCLUDE:

**Spaghetti & Homemade Meatballs, Dinner Salad,
 Bread/Butter, & Dessert**

Tickets are being sold after each Mass and are available at the Church office....until SOLD OUT.
ADULTS ~ \$12.00 CHILDREN (10 & Under) ~ \$6.00

“TO LOVE AND SERVE JESUS CHRIST”

Intergenerational Sunday

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR LENT



Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, & Donuts

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

- **An activity is planned**
- **Planting clover to honor Saint Patrick**
- **Learn more about the three disciplines: Prayer, Fasting and Works of Love**
- **Meet your fellow parishioners in a fun, prayerful and interactive setting**
- **Celebrating World Marriage Sunday**

~Sign up sheets are at the entrances of the Church~

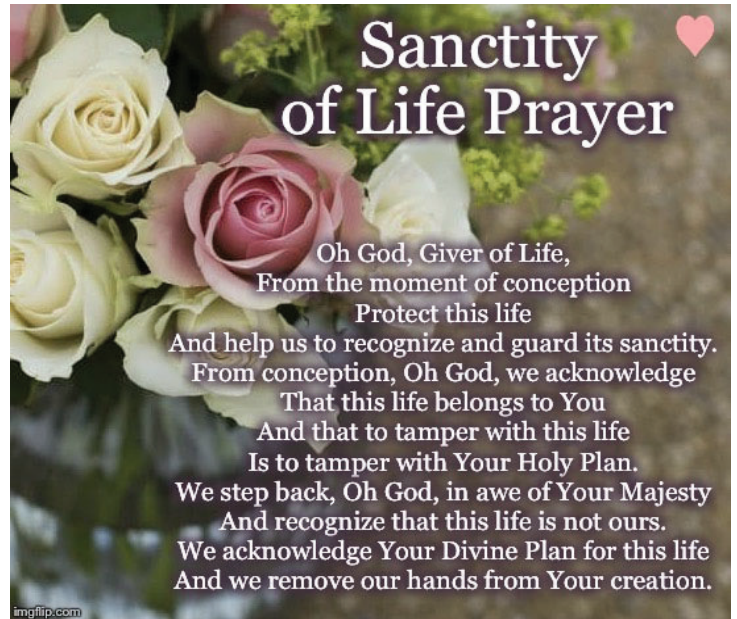
**You can also call the parish office @ 570-368-8598/email the parish office@
parishoffice@ourladyoflourdes.org or contact Mrs. B. at #570-666-5300.**

Sanctity of Life Sunday



You knit me together in my mother's womb

- Psalm 139:13



Sanctity of Life Prayer

Oh God, Giver of Life,
From the moment of conception
Protect this life
And help us to recognize and guard its sanctity.
From conception, Oh God, we acknowledge
That this life belongs to You
And that to tamper with this life
Is to tamper with Your Holy Plan.
We step back, Oh God, in awe of Your Majesty
And recognize that this life is not ours.
We acknowledge Your Divine Plan for this life
And we remove our hands from Your creation.

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Giving Tree



Thank you to all who contributed to the Giving Tree this year. The total collected this Christmas season was \$2,630.00.

Love Never Ends

The next gathering for Love Never Ends will be closer to April. If you should have any questions, call Curt Fink at #570-490-8230 or contact the parish office.

Attention Jr. High and High School Students!

Come join Father Mike for a "Coffee Chat"!

January 28 @ 11:30 a.m., in the parish hall for coffee, donuts and conversation!



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.



Opportunities to Serve

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently seeking **Extraordinary Ministers** and **Lectors** for our weekend Masses. Please consider offering your *time* and *talent* to these beautiful ministries. If you have any questions please reach out to us at the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council

We would like to thank the following whose term to serve on Parish Pastoral Council has come to an end. Rita Clayton, Deb Steinbacher, Paul Moerschbacher and Kaycie (Gerrity) Persun. Please welcome our newest members, who have been elected to Council, Kevin Mann, Anne Logue, Alissa Jacopetti, and Stacy Gerrity. And as always, we thank those who continue to serve.

WELCOME

Please *welcome* the newest member of our parish family,
Miles Patrick McCusker
son of Tim & Trisha McCusker, who was recently baptized at OLOL.
May the Lord bless you and fill your heart with love and grace.

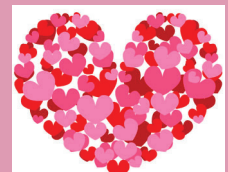
Music Ministry

Please consider joining the Choir in the New Year. Practices are Thursday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Contact Jo Marie Latini @ 570-666-4915.



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 28.

Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34



Coffee Chats
Women of the Parish

Please join us at the home of Lydia James on January 27 at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to study St. Edith Stein, Seeker of the Truth. To attend please text Lydia at #570-419-9744 or email Lydia at djams25@gmail.com and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.

St Lawrence Parish
Pancake & Sausage
Breakfast

January 28th
8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Delicious fluffy Pancakes - Sausage - Eggs - Scrapple - Applesauce - Tasty Treats - Coffee & OJ -

Adults \$10
Kids under 12 FREE

buy tickets now or at the door
Judy 570-323-8202 or Pat 570-323-6422

St. Lawrence Parish Hall
800 W. Central Ave.
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EZRA 10:4
A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD
Rev. Alex Roche

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College Age +

Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke
Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office
MARCH 1-2, 2024
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DIocese of SCRANTON
Women's Retreat
Bold and Beloved
Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux
January 26-28, 2024
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

Kara Kardell
Sinner striving for sainthood. Wife and mother of 3.

Fred Shellabarger
Husband, Father, Spiritual Ancestor. Big Kid Who Loves Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
(Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations)
Thursday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin.
SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION and SOCIAL.
Live music by Joel Kankiewicz

Ancient Order of Hibernians Presents
Annual "Knight At The Races" will be Friday, January 26, 2024, at the St. Joseph the Worker Fleming Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. First race at 7:00 p.m.
Contact John Comerford @ 570-321-1505 or email nhojdrofl@yahoo.com.

Sponsor Of The Week
RDF Tax Services/Romey Fagnano is our bulletin sponsor for the week. Thank you for your continued support to the Church.

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 01/12/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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