



Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
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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
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 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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Parish Council

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED
Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Hosanna! To the Son of David

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.

All Is Fulfilled

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see [Matthew 26:56](#)).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see [Matthew 27:31](#)), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see [Matthew 27:35](#)), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see [Matthew 27:39–44](#)).

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see [Romans 5:12–14](#), [17–19](#); [Ephesians 2:2](#); [5:6](#)).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see [Matthew 27:54](#)).

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn

Graduation Mass

Save the Date for the Graduation Mass on June 4 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. More information will follow, and invitations will be mailed soon.

The Practical Catholic

Take advantage of our parish’s social events! We have lots of opportunities in our parish to get to know one another. Don’t hurry out after Mass; stay and meet someone new. Join a committee or group that interests you. Volunteer your time for an upcoming event even if you can’t attend all of it. No matter your age or talents, there is a place for you in our parish community!

Ministry Corner

Holy Week

Deb Steinbacher

Father Shane Kirby posted a great suggestion on Facebook: A Holy Thursday Prayer Challenge! He invited us to organize groups to visit the Altar of Repose at as many churches as possible on Holy Thursday to pray for our priests and seminarians. Our diocese currently has eight seminarians, one of whom will be ordained in June. Although many of us must work on Thursday and cannot visit multiple churches, we can all make it part of our ministry for Holy Week to pray for our priests and seminarians, especially on Holy Thursday. God bless you during this holiest of weeks as you pray and worship.

April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament

To Love and Serve Jesus Christ This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~ **Sunday, April 2**
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- ~ **Monday, April 3**
The Light Is On For You ~ 5:30 p.m.
Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, April 5**
SJNRA School Mass~10 a.m.~High School Chapel
Community Penance Service-6:00 p.m.-St. Boniface
- ~ **Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, April 7-Good Friday**
12:00~1:30 p.m.—Church open for private prayer
1:30 p.m.~ Good Friday Liturgy
3:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross
- ~ **Saturday, April 8 ~ Holy Saturday**
Blessing of Baskets ~ 12:00 noon
Easter Vigil Liturgy ~ 8:00 p.m.
- ~ **Sunday, April 9**

Happy Easter!

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

3/25-26/23

Loose	\$ 815.00
Offertory	\$ 5,420.00
Maintenance	\$ 41.00
Fuel	\$ 2.00
Votives	\$ 101.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 165.00
Total	\$ 6,673.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief	\$ 110.00
Holy Land-Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 11.00
Total	\$ 141.00

Collection Counter Schedule

- April 3—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf
April 10—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

Faith in Action

For the month of April, we will be collecting ***shampoo and conditioner***. Please place any donations in the collection bins.
 We continue to collect ***16 ounce jars of peanut butter*** to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Please help us feed the hungry. Drop off donations inside the church.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1

First Saturday
 9:00 a.m. Patricia & David G.Bonus
(David P. & Wendy Bonus)
 Vigil of Palm Sunday
 4:00 p.m. James & Helen O'Brien & James Nestlerode
(Jan & Karen Ransdorf)
Ez 37:21-28; Ps Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Timothy J. Crotty *(Wife, Ruthanne)*
 10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14-27:66

Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Rose Fagnano *(Romey Fagnano Family)*
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Helen Schamberg *(Shuhler Family)*
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-17; Jn 13:21-38

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Pisha *(Arthur & Sue Drollinger)*
 10:00 a.m. Bob Kranz *(John & Ann Marie Dorin)(SJNRA)*
Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 6

THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 6:00 p.m. First Communion Class
Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:12-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 7

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 NO MASS
*Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2-25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
 Jn 18:1-19:42*

Saturday, April 8

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
 8:00 p.m. Easter Intentions
Gen 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-35; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-18; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-23

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Easter Intentions
 10:30 a.m. Easter Intentions
Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Prayer List for the Month of March

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Ann Marie Dorin, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Cliff Hales, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

WHAT?

The way we embrace Christ's call to **conversion**.

The step we take to express true **repentance** for our offenses.

The **confession** of our sins.

The reception of **God's pardon and peace**.

The **restoration** of our relationship with God and with the Church.

After Jesus declared that Peter would be the rock upon which he would build his Church, he said to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

(Mt 16:13-20)



After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples, extended his peace, breathed the holy Spirit on them, and sent them out saying, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

(Jn 20:19-23)

WHY?

We were born with the effects of **original sin**: disobedience toward God and a lack of trust in his goodness (Gen 3:1-11).

God the Father sent his Son, **Jesus Christ**, to save us from our sins (Jn 3:16).

Jesus accomplished his saving mission by establishing the **Kingdom of God** and by suffering, dying on the cross, rising from the dead, and ascending into heaven (Mt 5:17).

Jesus established the **Church** to continue his saving mission by the power of the Holy Spirit through the celebration of the sacraments (Mk 1:15, Jn 19:34, Acts 2: 1-4, 2 Cor 5:18).

Through **faith** in the Gospel and **Baptism**, we are first washed clean of all sin (Acts 2:38).

Through the **Sacrament of Penance**, we continue to experience the forgiveness of our sins (Mt 16:13-20, Jn 20:19-23).

HOW?

THE *ORDER OF PENANCE*

The Church celebrates the Sacrament of Penance using the *Order of Penance*.

The revised rites and formulas of the *Order of Penance* of the Second Vatican Council were promulgated in 1973. A new translation was provided in 2023.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance or **“going to confession”** is a liturgical action that consists of:

1. The Reception of the Penitent
2. The Reading of the Word of God (Optional)
3. The Confession of Sins and The Acceptance of Satisfaction
4. The Prayer of the Penitent and The Absolution
5. The Proclamation of Praise of God and The Dismissal of the Penitent

THE ACTS OF THE PENITENT

1. Contrition (sorrow for sin)
2. Confession (inward examination, outward accusation)
3. Satisfaction (an act of penance)

"Penance requires . . . the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1450)



Going to Confession in Twelve Easy Steps

1. **Examine your conscience, call to mind your sins, and then enter the confessional.**
2. The priest will welcome and receive you.
3. **Make the sign of the cross and say:** "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
4. The priest will invite you to trust in God. He may also read a text of Sacred Scripture.
5. **Say these or similar words:**
"Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been _____ long since my last confession. These are my sins..."
6. **Tell the priest your sins. Then say these or similar words:** "For these and all of my sins, I am sorry."
7. **Accept your work of penance (prayers, act of kindness, etc.) to help make satisfaction and amend your life.**
8. **Express your sorrow for your sins (Act of Contrition) in these or similar words:**
"O my God, I am sorry and repent with all my heart for all the wrong I have done
and for the good I have failed to do,
because by sinning I have offended you,
who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things.
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid the occasions of sin.
Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, Lord, have mercy."
9. **Receive God's forgiveness as the priest prays the Prayer of Absolution.**
10. **At the end of the Prayer of Absolution, reply:** "Amen."
11. **Give praise to God. When the priest says:** "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,"
conclude: "For his mercy endures forever."
12. **Go in peace and remember to say or do your penance.**



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Divine Mercy Sunday

The Capuchin Sisters will be at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Sunday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m.** to lead our annual Divine Mercy Sunday Prayers. The afternoon includes: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Music and meditation Confession Divine Mercy Chaplet Benediction



Annual Parish
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15
11:00 a.m.
Age PK thru 4th grade

Coming in May

Pro-Life
Baby Shower
Sunday, May 21
2:00 p.m.
Details to follow



Ladies Night Out



Wednesday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m.
Don Patron Mexican Restaurant
1503 Easter Third Street, Williamsport
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570-368-8598 or parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org

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