



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

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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.

## Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

## Parish Council

Rita Clayton

Deb Steinbacher

Paul Moerschbacher

Jamie Wieder

Mary Etta Legarski

Sharon O'Malley

Keith Kuzio

Colleen Brown

Kaycie Gerrity

Lydia Baylor

## 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.



*Then the devil left him and, behold,  
angels came and ministered to Him.*

## Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament

striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment

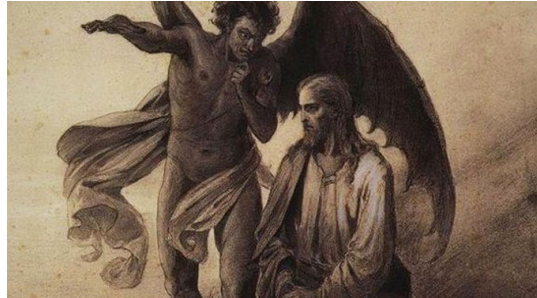
by following the example and teaching of Christ.

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.

## **Forty Days**



In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see [Luke 3:22](#); [Exodus 4:22](#)). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see [Exodus 15:25](#)).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see [Exodus 16:1–13](#)). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see [Exodus 17:1–6](#)). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see [Deuteronomy 8:3](#); [6:16](#), [12–15](#)).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see [Genesis 7:12](#); [Exodus 24:18](#); [34:28](#); [1 Kings 19:8](#); [Jonah 3:4](#)), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting [Deuteronomy 30:14](#); [Isaiah 28:16](#); [Joel 2:32](#)).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord —and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Scott Hahn

## *February is dedicated to the Holy Family*

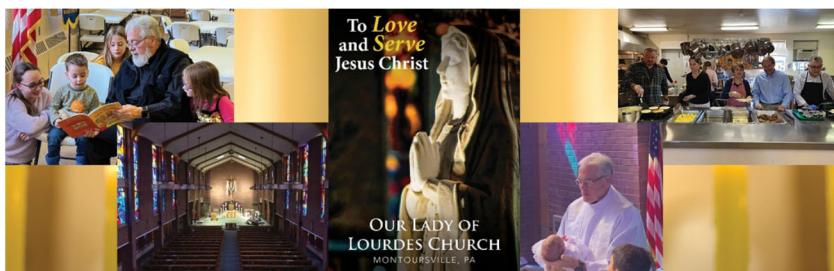
### **To Love and Serve Jesus Christ**

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card, as our parish goal is 100% participation, and it allows us to update your contact information. You may return your card by:

- ~ Mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- ~ Bringing it to Mass next weekend.
- ~ Visiting our parish website at <https://www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org/> and completing an electronic Commitment Card.

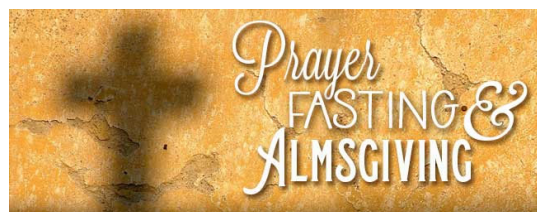
**All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, March 12.**

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### **NOTICE**

**Be advised that because work will be done on the rectory, the office will be open on a limited basis. Please call and leave a phone message and we will return your call as soon as possible.**



### **To Love and Serve Jesus Christ** **Come Home for Lent and Easter**



#### **The Light Is on for You Confession**

- ~ Mondays during Lent ~ 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- ~ Fridays ~ 4:30—6:00 p.m.
- ~ Saturdays ~ 3:00—3:30 p.m.

#### **Adoration**

- ~ Mondays ~ 6:00—7:00 p.m.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

- ~ Fridays ~ 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### **Stations of the Cross for Families**

- ~ March 10 and March 31 ~ 5:30 p.m.

#### **Fish Dinners**

- ~ March 17 and March 24 ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m.

#### **Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul**

- ~ Adult formation conversation over dinner
- ~ March 22 and March 29 ~ 6:00 p.m.



## Community

### This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

#### ~ Sunday, February 26

Religious Education ~ grades 1-8

K of C Exemplification ~ 11:30 ~ parish hall

#### ~ Monday, February 27

The Light Is On for You ~ 5:00 p.m.

Holy Hour & Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.

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

#### ~ Thursday, March 2

~ NO MASS ~

#### ~ Friday, March 3

Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m.

Confessions ~ 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 p.m.

#### ~ Sunday, March 5

Religious Ed ~ Grades 1-8 ~ 9:00 a.m.

### Ministry Corner

#### Pray More

*By Deb Steinbacher*

Our home email has been flooded with suggestions for Lent. Most of them involve the need to "pray more". For our parish, those prayers could go in many directions, as our needs are often quite diverse. However, with the murder of Bishop David G. O'Connell on February 18, this Ministry Corner is universal. It is devoted to the need for all of us to pray for the sanctity of life. Yes, again, the sanctity of life is the topic. What does this Bishop's gunshot death have to do with our pro-life efforts? As St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta admonished, *"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."* As we mourn the death of Bishop O'Connell, who has been described as a peacemaker, let us not forget to pray for his soul and the souls of all who have died as a direct result of violence - whether it be at the hands of someone else or by their own hands. We need also to pray for abortion to become unthinkable. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was prophetic when she said, *"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, killings, of wars, or of hatred...If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?"*

Let us pray!

### Pro-Life Meeting

The Pro-Life Group will meet on **Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall.

### First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the following members of our First Sacraments class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Saturday: Emerson Alexander, Jaxon Bennett, Abigail Marie Berkheiser, Avery Bolsar, Liam Brewer, Maura Rosalyn Bower, Grayson Marcus Dorman, Kamdyn E. Gleason, Emily G. Glica, Nolan Keener, Noah Kibler, Amelia Jane Kozak, Noelle Looke, Geno Francis Pulizzi, Harper Shortall, and Caleb Wrench.



## LOLO FISH DINNERS

Friday, March 17 and 24

5:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM

Carry ~ Out Only

(There will be a self-service eating area available)

Dinner to include: Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll & Dessert

TICKETS are available in the Church Office

(M, T, W ~ 9:30 A.M ~ 3:30 P.M. & F 10 AM ~ 1 PM)

\$12.00 Adults

\$6.00 Children (10 & under)

Delivery available to homebound. Please call the office to make arrangements.

# Worship and Service

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 25

Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

*Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32*

### Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mary Kranz (*Knights of Columbus*)

10:30 a.m. Al Galarneau (*Mickie & Carole*)

*Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11*

### Monday, February 27

St. Gregory of Narek

Abbott & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Harry Kelsey (*Hiserman Family*)

*Lev 19:1-18; Ps 19:8-15; Mt 25:31-46*

### Tuesday, February 28

Miraculous Medal Novena

9:00 a.m. Kathryn Moore (*Tim & Kathy Pagana*)

*Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-19; Mt 6:7-15*

### Wednesday, March 1

9:00 a.m. James Bender IV (*Aunt Deb*)

*Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-19; Lk 11:29-32*

### Thursday, March 2

NO MASS

*Esther C:12-25; Ps 138:1-8; Mt 7:7-12*

### Friday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

9:00 a.m. Anthony Vessillo (*Anthony Panetta*)

*Ez 18:21-18; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26*

### Saturday, March 4

First Saturday

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

Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

*Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48*

### Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Cheryl Hook (*Robert & Cecilia Hook*)

10:30 a.m. Gisela Akers-Dale (*Willie & Ray Weber*)

*Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9*

## Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

2/18-19/2023

Loose	\$ 783.00
Offertory	\$ 7,265.00
Maintenance	\$ 253.00
Fuel	\$ 167.00
Votives	\$ 112.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
Christmas	\$ 3.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
Initial Envelopes	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,633.00</b>

## Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priest	\$ 11.00
Human Development	\$ 3.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 3.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 35.00
<b>Total Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>\$ 52.00</b>

## Collection Counters Schedule

**February 27—Group 1**—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

**March 6—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

## Faith in Action

For the month of February, we will be collecting adult and children's toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please place any donations in the collection bins.

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.

## Sponsor of the Week Baker Insurance

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Baker Insurance**. We appreciate their support, and that of all our advertisers. Please support them as they do Our Lady of Lourdes.

## 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.*

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, Sylvia Rook, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer



## A Loving Light

The sanctuary candle will burn this year in loving memory of a deceased member of the parish. This donation is made by her family.

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