



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

October 15, 2023

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Hours

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

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
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.

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 Council

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



*'Bind his hands and feet, cast him into the
darkness outside, where there will be wailing
and grinding of teeth.'*
Many are invited, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:1-14





Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Everything seems to be going fairly well here at Our Lady of Lourdes, thanks to all of you, our wonderful staff, the members of our various committees/service organizations including our chapter of the Knights of Columbus, and the many volunteers young and old. Sometimes I think that people do not know how active our parish is. That is largely my fault, because I am a bit uncomfortable with bragging. We are currently preparing for a Celebration of Parish Life, which will take place on October 29th. I do hope you plan on taking part in this day of celebration. Please mark your calendars. I know how busy our lives can be, so saving the date might keep something from taking the place of our “intergenerational” celebration together of our great Parish. (That means all ages are invited). ;-)

We will also be taking part in a shared celebration of 40 Hours Devotions with St. Joseph the Worker and St. Boniface parishes on October 24, 25, & 26. Details are in the bulletin. 40 Hours Devotion is a Roman Catholic Eucharistic Adoration. Why 40 hours? 40 Hours Devotion comes from the 40 hours that Christ's body traditionally rested in the tomb. 40 is a significant number in the Bible, often tied to trials and/or suffering: the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, and Christ was tempted in the desert for 40 days prior to the start of His ministry. The practice of 40 Hours Devotion dates to as early as 1527 A.D., introduced by St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria in Milan and Vicenza.

St. John Neumann was the first church leader in America to practice the 40 Hours Devotion. At the time, Catholics faced great opposition in his home city of Philadelphia during the Know-Nothing Riots of 1844. Anti-Catholic protesters burned two churches and continued to foster animosity towards the Catholics in the city. This may not be a major concern for us now in the United States, but we are experiencing an increasing number of Catholics who no longer believe in, or perhaps do not yet know about, the Real Presence—Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity—of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Those little hosts (as we call the bread) and the wine in the Chalice become The Body and Blood of Jesus when the priest prays the prayer over them at Holy Mass.

Keep close to Jesus in these difficult and confusing times of wars, anger, and economic hardships. Let us pray for one another, gathered together when possible, and let us celebrate with grateful hearts our beautiful parish and our Life-Giving Faith in Christ Jesus.

Joyfully yours,

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Celebration of Parish Life

Sunday, October 29
9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes

All are welcome to stop by the parish hall during our Celebration of Parish Life. Breakfast will be served by our 7th and 8th grade students. Display boards will be set up by the children in our parish Faith Formation. These displays will teach us more about Eucharistic Miracles and the many Saints who devoted their lives to Jesus and the Eucharist. There will be lots of fun activities and it is a great opportunity to learn more about the wonderful things happening in our parish. This is sponsored by the OLOL Pastoral Parish Council, Coordinating Team and Catechetical Ministry Team.

Ministry Spotlight ~ Parish Pastoral Council & Coordinating Team



Working alongside our pastor, Father McCormick, the two groups prayerfully reflect on the life and mission of our parish in the areas of Word (Faith Formation), Worship (Mass & Liturgical opportunities), Community (Intergenerational, Youth Activities, etc.), Service (outreach to the poor, homebound, etc.)

Looking back on this past year the Parish Pastoral Council & Coordinating Team have led the way or have assisted in the following areas:

- Coordinating the three parish intergenerational activities: Celebrating Parish Life, Lenten Parish Pancake Breakfast & Annual Parish Picnic.
- Providing refreshments and hospitality for: Parish Feast Day Celebration with Father Pio Mandato, Bishop Bambera's visit, etc.
- Development of a Youth Committee to focus on providing more opportunities for families and young people, Creation of a Welcoming Package for all new parishioners and Greeter Ministry.



40 Hour Devotion

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, we want to provide opportunities for our parishioners to deepen their encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Many may remember the traditional Eucharistic celebration of 40 hours. This celebration spans for three days and consists of the Celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration and Benediction.

The Williamsport Deanery will celebrate this tradition as part of the National Eucharistic Revival on October 24, 25, & 26.

Oct. 24 ~ St. Joseph the Worker
Oct. 25 ~ Our Lady of Lourdes
Oct. 26 ~ St. Boniface



- 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Benediction

Our Lady of Lourdes will begin with Mass on October 25 @ 8:00 a.m. and following with Adoration all day until 7 p.m. Then evening prayer and Benediction with music from our Music Ministry.

Sign up sheets were placed at each entrance of the Church. Please consider spending time with our Lord at this most precious occasion.



The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, October 15

~Festival Wrap Up Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the hall

Monday, October 16

~NO Holy Hour/Confessions ~ (Priests @ Convocation)

~K.O.C. Business Meeting ~ 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 19 ~ Office Closed

~Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 20

~Homeschoolers @ Rectory ~ 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

~Sullivan/Herlehy Wedding @ 3:00 p.m.

~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 22

~Religious Education (Grades 1-7) ~ 9:00 a.m.

~Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation ~ 10:30 a.m.

~Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting ~ 11:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
(By Knights of Columbus Council #14329)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, October 16 ~ St. Hedwig, St. Margaret M Alaocoque

9:00 a.m. Pat Renehan (By Ellen)

Tuesday, October 17 ~ Mass @ St. Boniface

Wednesday, October 18 ~ Mass @ St. Boniface

Thursday, October 19 ~ Mass @ St. Boniface

Friday, October 20 ~ St. Paul of the Cross

9:00 a.m. Madeline Taylor (By Molly Kelly & Family)

Saturday, October 21

4:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan (By Joi, Tim & Family)

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Robert Cappelli (By Diane & Ron Steppe)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



REGARDING AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Area priests will be attending a convocation with the Bishop. Father Cummings will be covering the daily Masses for all Churches at St. Boniface on October 17, 18 & 19, at

8:00 a.m. Confessions will be heard at 5:30 p.m. on October 16, at St. Boniface with Father Cummings.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers this weekend, October 14 & 15, are placed in loving memory of the deceased members of the Knights Of Columbus, Council 14329.



Collection Counter Schedule

October 16 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes, Bonnie Fry, Norma Stryker

October 23 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek



Offertory Collections
(Includes on-line contributions)

October 7 & 8, 2023

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| Loose | \$ | 614.50 |
| Offertory | \$ | 5,521.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 151.00 |
| Utilities & Fuel | \$ | 7.00 |
| Votives | \$ | 115.00 |
| Religious Education | \$ | 101.00 |
| Holy Day ~ All Saints | \$ | 20.00 |

TOTAL \$ **6,529.50**

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests \$ 122.00

TOTAL \$ **122.00**

Readings for the week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tim 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-18; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-11; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday : Rom 4:13-18; Ps 105:6-43; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-20; Mt 22:1-14



The OLOL K of C Council in conjunction with the American Red Cross, collected 35 pints of blood at the blood drive Monday, Oct 9th. Thanks to all who donated. Next blood drive will be Monday, May 13, 2024.



Choir practices are every Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Come New Members! New Voices! All are welcome! Contact Jo Marie Latini @ 570-666-4915 for more information.

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.

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Gerald Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Cliff Hales, Matt Hales, Rosemary "Cate" Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Alex Mazzante, 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



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ST. LUKE'S SAUERKRAUT DINNER

St. Luke's Catholic Church of Jersey Shore will hold their annual Sauerkraut Dinner on Wednesday, October 25. Lunch is being served from 11:30am-3:00 pm, dinner is from 4-7 pm and takeouts from 11:30am - 7:00pm. The dinner will consist of: Pork & Sauerkraut, Knockwurst, Mashed Potatoes, Dumplings, Apple Sauce, Bread, Home Made Pie, Coffee & Tea. Advance tickets will be available at St. Luke Church before and after weekend Masses, the Parish office and Butterff's Hardware. Advance ticket prices are \$11 for adults and \$12 at the door. Children 6-12, advance are \$5.00 and \$6.00 at the door. Children under 6 eat free.

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