

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

February 4, 2024

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Fifth 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



That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but He would not let the demons speak because they knew who He was. Mk 1:21-28





Dear Parishioners,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made our Spaghetti Dinner such a great success. At the time I am typing this letter, I do not know the final results, but everything went well. Special thanks to Bobby Pulizzi for the delicious sauce and meatballs, and to everyone who “worked” the dinner. Now we begin preparing for the ziti dinner the youth of our parish are hosting this Sunday, February 4th, and for the celebration of our Feast Day on February 11th.

I enjoyed the time I spent with our teens and young adults last Sunday. They had some interesting questions which I tried to answer. I hope we can continue these “chats with Fr. Mike”. I don’t get to spend much time with our teens, so this is really important to me.

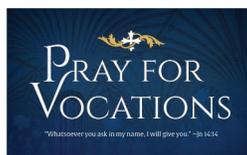
There is just so much to be thankful for. I just had this experience today in the parking lot at Weis. As I was walking to my car a lady was loudly calling out, “Sir, sir.” I’m not very accustomed to being call sir, so I kept walking, but the third time she said, “Sir”, I decided to turn around and make sure everything was alright with her. She got this big look of relief on her face and asked if I was the Pastor at that Church. I told her I was the Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes. She said she thought that was me. To make this long story a bit shorter, she said she had met me at Mass, and she was praying that God would send someone to help her, and that she had no one to turn to. Through her tears she told me her situation and asked for prayers. We prayed right there in the parking lot. Afterwards she told me that she knew she could now handle the situation since God sent me to pray with her. It was truly a graced moment.

Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus heard Simon’s prayer for his sick mother-in-law and the fever left her. There is no trouble He will not face with us and for us. Put your trust in Him. When Simon’s mother-in-law is cured, she does what Jesus Himself does. She serves those in need. She becomes a disciple. Jesus heard the prayers of that poor lady who approached me, and she got the strength to do what she had to do, which included helping her mother through a difficult time.

Jesus hears our prayers. We may not always receive a physical healing, but we can be sure that each time we come to Him He offers us spiritual healing and strength. Wellbeing of spirit involves a willingness to serve, while spiritual sickness means that I am concerned only about myself. As we pray for our various concerns, for ourselves and others, let us ask the Lord to make us truly well. Ask yourself, “What do I need from Jesus?” Are you just a spectator in the scene, or are you fighting to get close to Him? His presence brings wholeness – do you need that? People become more alive – do you need that? Simon’s mother-in-law gets the energy to serve – do you need that? Let it not be true that ‘everyone is searching for Him’ - except you.

Blessings,

Fr. Michael



Did you know that Vocations are interlaced and reinforce and support one another. Faith-filled marriages produce those who answer the call to priesthood and religious life. Marriages are stronger due to the prayers and example of holiness given to Christians each day by priests and religious brothers and sisters.

February is dedicated to The Holy Family

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, February 4

- ~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.
- ~Blessings of throats during Mass in honor of Saint Blaise
- ~Senior Citizen "Ziti For Your Sweetie" Meal ~ After 10:30 Mass

Monday, February 5

- ~Holy Hour & Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ~Knights of Columbus Business Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6

- ~Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

- ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.
- ~K.O.C. Selling Gun Bingo tickets after Mass (Until Sold Out)

Sunday, February 11

- ~Intergenerational Pancake Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
- ~K.O.C. Selling Gun Bingo tickets after Mass (Until Sold Out)

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) January 27 & 28, 2024

Loose	\$	573.00
Offertory	\$	5,862.00
Initial Envelopes	\$	15.00
Maintenance	\$	46.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	117.00
Votives	\$	90.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	53.00
Easter Flowers	\$	20.00
Holy Day ~ Solemnity of Mary	\$	30.00
TOTAL	\$	6,807.00

Diocesan Collections

Holy Land ~ Good Friday	\$	20.00
World Mission/Latin America	\$	90.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	26.00
TOTAL	\$	113.00

Collection Counter Schedule

February 5, 2024 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes,
Bonnie Fry, Mary McNamara

February 12, 2024 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann
Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek



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.



Knights Of Columbus

- **Free Throw Contest** being held at Bishop Neuman High School this Sunday, February 4, at 1:00 p.m. *All ages welcome!* Contact Curt Fink @ 570-490-8230 with any questions.
- **CLAM CHOWDER** will be sold on Ash Wednesday, February 14, after each Mass and Ash distribution, while supplies last.
- **Final Meeting** for Knights & Volunteers, to discuss upcoming Gun Bingo Event, will take place February 19, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this important meeting.
- **Third Annual Gun Bingo**, sponsored by our Knights, will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Bald Bird Brewery in Jersey Shore. Tickets are being sold after all Masses until SOLD OUT.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3 ~ St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

9:00 a.m. Helen Mooney (Bequest) ~ First Saturday Mass
4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell (By Steve & Kathleen Mondell)

Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Phil & Doris Rotondi (By Dave & Linda Rolley)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, February 5 ~ St. Agatha

9:00 a.m. Jean Taylor (Sister Ann & Family)

Tuesday, February 6 ~ St. Paul Miki & Companions

9:00 a.m. Frank & Irene Connelly (Jean & Frank Connelly)

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Jessie Bloom (Bill & Helen Miller)
10:30 a.m. Shirley Lecce (@ SJNRA) (By Lisa Lecce & Family)

Thursday, February 8 ~ St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

No Mass Scheduled

Friday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Pagana Family (By Gerri Dunn)

Saturday, February 10 ~ St. Scholastica

4:00 p.m. Eleanor & Louis Mazzante (By Family)

Sunday, February 11 ~ World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick

8:00 a.m. World Day of the Sick
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-30; Ps 84:3-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-34; Ps 106:6-22; Mk 7:31-37

Sunday: Job 7:1-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39



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, D. Jane Brown, Margaret Campbell, Chris Coleman, 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.

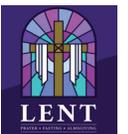
Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this year in loving memory of a deceased member of the Parish. This donation is made by her family.

Intergenerational Sunday ~ February 11, 2024

Sign up sheets are at each entrance (or call the office) for our Pancake Breakfast! Choose 9 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Activities planned! ALL AGES WELCOME!



Be Aware!

If you receive a notification from Father Mike or any other area priest, asking for donations or special requests, PLEASE DISREGARD and DO NOT reply. We still have a hacking situation going on.

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.

Sponsor Of The Week



We highlight C.J. Mertes, Plumbing & Heating this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors. Thank you.

OLOL Fish Dinner



Fri. March 8, 2024

4:30~ 7 pm

PICK ~ UP IN CHURCH HALL

Carry-Out Meals

(Dining Area will be open for Sit-Down Option)

Adult \$14 ~ Child \$6

Tickets on sale soon!

DINNER TO INCLUDE: BAKED FISH, MAC & CHEESE, COLE SLAW, STEWED TOMATOES ROLL AND DESSERT.



EZRA 10:4
A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD
Rev. Alex Roche



Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke
Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office
MARCH 1-2, 2024
REGISTER AT DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOICATIONS

Faith In Action



We will be collecting *toothbrushes* and *toothpaste* for the month of February. 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.

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 01/26/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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