

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

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Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin
did prepare a worthy dwelling for Your Son,
we humbly request that we who celebrate the apparition of the same Blessed Virgin,
may obtain health of soul and body
through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, world without end. Amen.

From the Pastor's Desk

To Love And Serve Jesus Christ

“Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father.”
Matthew 5:16

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospels of the last four Sundays we have been following the story of Jesus' early career. He went to be baptized. Then he moved to Capernaum from Galilee when John the Baptist was martyred. There He chose His apostles who, recognizing in Him nothing less than truth and the power of God, immediately followed Him. Last Sunday we heard part of his “inaugural address” from the Sermon on the Mount, the beatitudes. In them we are given a message of hope, a lesson on the very generous nature of God in bestowing His blessings, and the calling given to each of us to proclaim and share the blessings God has given us.

This week Jesus tell us not just what we are to do, but reveals who we are. God has created us to be salt and light. Salt blocks were often used as a catalyst in clay ovens so that the materials used to cook and heat would burn better. Some linguistic scholars suggest that the word for “salt” in Aramaic and Hebrew can be translated as “earth” or “clay-oven”. We are called to be the salt of the earth, and perhaps as salt of the clay oven. I don't know much about the chemical attributes of salt. But I do know what salt adds to life as seasoning, a preservative, and a wonderful treatment for a sore throat! I also understand fully what it means to be a catalyst in spreading the Gospel of Jesus: in this respect being salt means our very living should speak of the love and mercy of God. Let His message and love set the world on fire!

To love and serve Jesus Christ also means that we are to be light to those dark places of human nature: Truth to the intellect. Holiness to moral living. Help to those in need. Light to those in darkness. Again, not just doing good things, but being light to others. This is not just any light, but the very light of Christ and the very life of the Blessed Trinity. How do we become His Salt, His Light and His Life? By living in His Divine Will.

This living is not a form of religious stricture or structure. It is an exciting, joyful, hope-filled way of life found only in Christ Jesus. Become what He made you to be: be salt and light.

To Love And Serve Jesus Christ.

Most Joyfully Yours,

Father Michael



Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera

On Wednesday, March 8, we will be honored to host Bishop Bambera for the Deanery Holy Hour. The hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers (Evening Prayer), Adoration, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please mark your calendars for March 8 at 7:00 p.m. and join us in a quiet time of prayer and reflection in Lent with our Bishop.

Deanery Wide Lenten Holy Hours

7:00 p.m. in all locations

February 23—St. Rose of Lima, Carbondale
February 28—Most Holy Trinity, Cresco

March 8

***Our Lady of Lourdes
Montoursville***

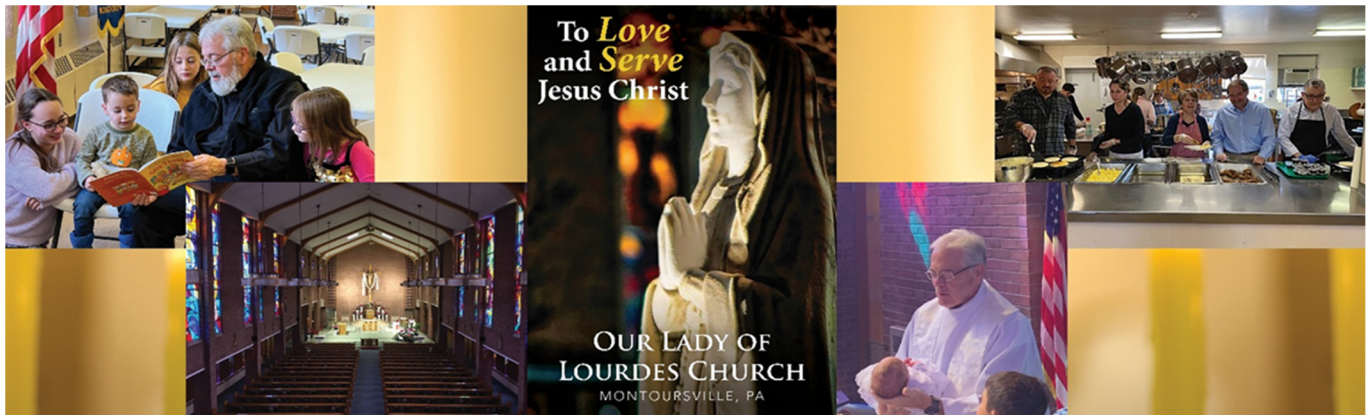
March 9—SS Peter & Paul, Towanda
March 13—St. Robert Bellarmine,
Wilkes-Barre
March 14—Mary, Mother of God, Scranton
March 20—St. Gregory, Clarks Green
March 22—Corpus Christi, West Pittston
March 23—SS Cyril & Methodius, Hazleton
March 27—Queen of Peace, Hawley
March 28—SS Anthony & Rocco, Dunmore
March 29—St. John the Baptist, Larksville

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 to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to *reflect upon and renew* your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. For those who are able—there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

For those who prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online,
please visit the parish website at
<https://www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org/>



2022 Tax Statements Now Available

Tax statements for contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in 2022 are now available. Please call the church office to have one sent to you.

DATE CORRECTION

The insert in last week's bulletin had an incorrect date for the next Youth Group meeting. The meeting is on **Saturday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m.** We apologize for any inconvenience.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our latest report on pledges made to the Diocesan Annual Appeal shows a total of \$35,492, which is eighty-seven percent of the goal set for us this year. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration—February 11 A Morning of Healing and Prayer

To Love and Serve Jesus Christ

Please join in our parish celebration of our Feast Day, Our Lady of Lourdes, on Saturday, February 11. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. The celebrant and homilist will be Father Pio Mandato. After Mass, Father Pio will lead a Prayer for Healing (for physical sickness, addictions, depression, anxieties, broken relationships, forgiveness, etc.).

Anointing of the Sick will also be available.
There will be a light reception following the Mass in the parish hall.

Community

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~**Sunday, February 5**
Religious Ed ~ Grades 1-8 ~ 9:00 a.m.
Planning Meeting—Lenten Activity ~ 11:30 a.m.
- ~ **Monday, February 6**
Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.
Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, February 8**
NO MASS
- ~ **Thursday, February 9**
NO MASS
- ~ **Friday, February 10**
NO MASS—NO CONFESSIONS
- ~ **Saturday, February 11**
Feast Day Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.
Prayer for Healing & Anointing of the Sick
Reception to Follow
- ~ **Sunday, February 12**
Religious Ed ~ Grades 1-8 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Greeters Needed

We are in need of greeters for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. For more information or to volunteer, please call Bernadine Welickovitch at 570-419-1029.

Knights of Columbus Clam Chowder Sale

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 14329 will be selling clam chowder on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, after 12:00 ashes distribution, and after 6:00 p.m. Mass, while supplies last. Please support our Knights as they support the parish.

St. Joseph the Worker Mardi Gras

Please join us for an evening of fun, music, and dancing, at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, 720 West 4th Street at the Annunciation Fleming Center for the **36th annual Mardi Gras, Saturday, February 18, 7:30 to midnight**. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Price of ticket includes buffet dinner, set ups (BYO), dancing to DJ, small games of chance, lots of door prizes and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Call 570.323.9456 or 570.772.5287. Special discount price of \$192 for full table of eight. This fundraiser for our Church supports all ministries and administrative costs.

Lenten Intergenerational Families of Faith (all ages welcome)

“TO LOVE AND SERVE JESUS CHRIST”

**Sunday, February 19, 2023
9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.**



**The morning will include:
Getting to the Heart of Lent
Activity Centers**

**Continental Breakfast
or
Light Lunch
(depending on time chosen)**

**Sign up sheets available at the
Church Entrances
or
Call: 570-368-8598**

Mass for World Day of the Sick

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate Mass for the 31st World Day of the Sick on **Friday, February 10, 2023, at 12:10 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

The commemoration of the World Day of the Sick not only provides an opportunity to devote special attention to those who are ill, but is also a celebration of God’s works of mercy, especially through those who work tirelessly in the healthcare field.

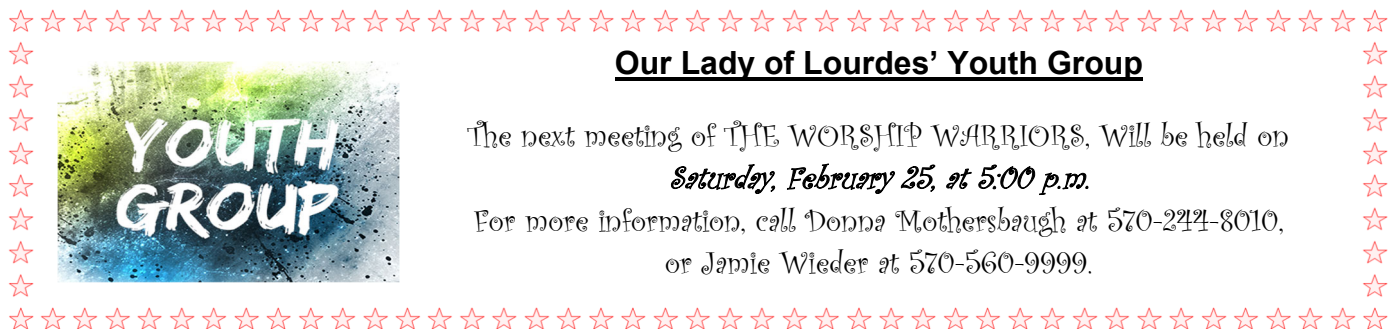
The World Day of the Sick Mass at the Cathedral will feature the Liturgy of the Anointing. CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will provide a live broadcast of the Mass and livestream the Mass on the Diocesan website, YouTube channel and across all social media platforms.

Our Lady of Lourdes’ Youth Group



The next meeting of THE WORSHIP WARRIORS, Will be held on **Saturday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m.**

For more information, call Donna Mothersbaugh at 570-244-8010, or Jamie Wieder at 570-560-9999.



Worship and Service

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4

First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Timothy Crotty (*Lorraine Lecce*)
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Eleanor & Louis Mazzante (*Family*)

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jean Taylor (*Ann Kelly & family*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-35; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7

Miraculous Medal Novena

9:00 a.m. Helen Schamberg (*Family*)
Gen 1:20-2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 8

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
NO MASS

Gen 2:4-17; Ps 104:1-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 9

NO MASS

Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-7; Mk 7:31-37

Friday, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin
World Day of the Sick Observed
NO MASS

Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 a.m. Feast Day Mass
Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-13; Mk 8:1-10
Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell
(*Steve & Kathleen Mondell and family*)

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Timothy J. Crotty (*Wife, Ruthanne*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Holy Father's Prayer Intention-February 2023 For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

1/28-29/2023

Loose	\$ 761.00
Offertory	\$ 4,624.00
Maintenance	\$ 64.00
Fuel	\$ 4.00
Votives	\$ 118.00
Religious Education	\$ 2.00
Initial Envelopes	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 1,026.00
Total	\$ 6,604.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priest	\$ 2.00
Mission-Latin	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 25.00
Human Development	\$ 1.00
Total Diocesan Collections	\$ 48.00

Collection Counters Schedule

February 6—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

February 13—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. 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 Quality Air Mechanical

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Quality Air Mechanical**. 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 January

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

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