

# Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 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.

## 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



## *Welcome, Father Cummings*

*We welcome Father Charles Cummings to Our Lady of Lourdes and thank him for helping out this week and next as Father Mike recovers from his surgery.*

## His Mercy Endures

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see [1 Peter 4:17](#)). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see [2 Corinthians 5:7](#)). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see [Hosea 2:20–25](#)). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see [Revelation 4:11](#)). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm.  
This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

### **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



### **Ladies Night Out**

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 p.m.

Don Patron Mexican Restaurant

1503 East Third Street

Williamsport

RSVP to the parish office

570-368-8598 or

parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org



Please plan to attend our 2023 Vacation Bible School planning meeting on Sunday, April 30, at 11:30 in the parish hall. For more information, please call Donna Mothersbaugh at 570-244-8010.

### **MINISTRY CORNER**

#### **BABY SHOWER**

Deb Steinbacher



*Please save the date!*

May 21st at 2:00 p.m., the Pro-Life Group will host a baby shower to benefit our Parish Mission, Good Counsel Homes. Many of us have been blessed with

abundance in our lives and even more blessed with a parish that is willing to share that abundance! Please join us for a light lunch, fellowship, a guest speaker from Good Counsel Homes, and more. If you cannot attend the shower, there will be collection receptacles available. There will be more information to follow but, in the meantime, please pray for mothers and babies to be safe, cared for, and loved! God bless you!

## *April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament*

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

- ~ **Sunday, April 16 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Religious Education ~ grades 1-8 ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Mercy Service w/ Capuchins ~ 2:00 p.m.
- ~ **Monday, April 17**  
Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, April 18**  
Baptismal Catechesis ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, April 19**  
Ladies Night Out ~ Don Patron ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Sunday, April 23**  
Family Catechesis ~ grades 3, 4, 5, and 6  
Religious Education class ~ 1, 2, 7 and 8

### Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

4/8-9/23

Loose	\$	1,307.00
Offertory	\$	2,975.00
Maintenance	\$	178.00
Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	53.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	6,145.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,666.00</b>

### Diocesan Collections

Holy Land-Good Friday	\$	313.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$	51.00
Rice Bowl	\$	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>414.00</b>

### Collection Counter Schedule

- April 17—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
- April 24—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

### Love Never Ends

The next Love Never Ends luncheon will be held on Friday, April 28, at noon in the parish hall. Call Curt Fink at 570-490-8230 to attend or for information.

### Faith in Action

For the month of April, we will be collecting **shampoo and conditioner**. Please place 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 15

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish  
*Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1-21; Mk 16:9-15*

#### Sunday, April 16

*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
8:00 a.m. John Null (*The Lee Family*)  
10:30 a.m. Bernard Imrisek (*Daughter*)  
*Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31*

#### Monday, April 17

NO MASS  
*Acts 4:23-32; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8*

#### Tuesday, April 18

NO MASS  
*Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-5; Jn 3:7b-15*

#### Wednesday, April 19

NO MASS  
*Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21*

#### Thursday, April 20

NO MASS  
*Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2-20; Jn 3:31-36*

#### Friday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Edward Saar (*Leila Johns and family*)  
*Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1-14; Jn 6:1-15*

#### Saturday, April 22

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter  
4:00 p.m. Tom King (*Fran*)  
*Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-19; Jn 6:16-21*

#### Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Treese (*Family*)  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
*Acts 2:14-33; Ps 16: 1-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35*



### 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, Gerald Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, 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, Isabel Shumbat, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

**SJNRA spring craft fair**

Saturday April 22  
 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
 901 Penn Street  
 Vendors Needed  
 \$30 per 10x10 spot-1 table-2 chairs  
 Contact Malissa Heim at  
 570-323-9953 or  
[admissions@sjnra.org](mailto:admissions@sjnra.org)  
 with any questions  
 to sign up to be a vendor

*Jesus,  
 I trust in You.*



**Quo Vadis Days**

The Vocations Office is happy to announce the dates for our annual Quo Vadis Days!

This year's gathering will take place June 26-28th at Marywood University.

High school men will have the opportunity to socialize, pray, and hear talks with other young men from throughout the Diocese of Scranton to help discern God's call in their lives.

Those interested should speak with their pastor about participating. For more information, visit

[vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org)

or call (570) 207-1452.

Registration will be available on the Diocesan website after Easter!

**Resurrection Church**

Church of the Resurrection in Muncy is seeking a secretary—a great fit for a mom or retiree looking for a part-time position. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Duties include answering the telephone, scanning documents, bank deposits, typing, filing, data entry, working with Word, Outlook and Publisher, working with staff, the public, vendors and the Diocese. \$15 per hour. Please submit your resume to [resurrection@windstream.net](mailto:resurrection@windstream.net) or drop off to the church office.

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