

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

NOVEMBER 24, 2024



Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday ~ 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.

Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday ~ 6:10 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
(during Adoration)
Friday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
& 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office
whenever someone is ill,
hospitalized, or homebound, who
wishes to receive Communion.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are
always welcome.
Please call the parish office
to register.

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OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Contact Susan Mann

Parish Pastoral Council

Lydia Baylor	Anne Logue
Colleen Brown	Keith Kuzio
Stacy Gerrity	Kevin Mann
Alissa Jacopetti	Sharon O'Malley
MaryEtta Legarski	Jamie Wieder

CHRIST THE KING

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Almighty, everlasting God, Who in Thy beloved Son, King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things anew; grant in Thy Mercy that all the families of nations, rent asunder by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most gentle rule. Who with Thee lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Father Michael S. McCormick

Pastor

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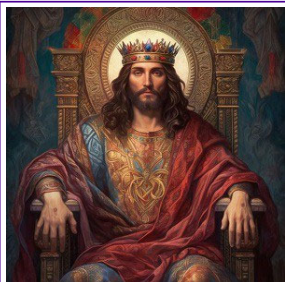
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Mission Statement

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 through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Solemnity of Christ The King



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We end each liturgical year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. This year, and going forward, we will be proclaiming our King Christ Jesus with the joyful sound of bells. Yes, I am quite excited to let you all know that our new Carillon bell system has been installed. Many thanks to Susie Mann for all she did to get the system installed and working. I was hoping and praying that we would have them in time for Christmas, and she got them done in time for Thanksgiving! Great work, Susie. Special thanks, also to Nick Catino and his guys who got the bell tower cleaned out this summer, and the wiring up to the bell tower last week.

I can hardly grasp the fact that the season of Advent begins next week. We have many opportunities this Advent to help us prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. We have listed them as *Upcoming Parish Events* in this bulletin. Please mark your calendars so that you don't miss the blessings Jesus wants to give you as you prepare for Christmas. Starting off the season with a bang, there are several events on December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent:

The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will attend and sing at our Sunday Masses. *INSPIRATION!* They will "premier" their Vocation Film after the 9am and the 10:30 am. Refreshments will be provided. If you missed the grand premier at Immaculate Conception Church several weeks ago, here is your chance! It is a beautiful presentation of their way of life. (And...there is a fun blooper reel at the end). *JOY!* Also on that first Sunday of Advent, the Youth Ministry Team is sponsoring a Family Movie Afternoon at AMC theater. *FUN!*

The Blessings Abound at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Mike



Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory

As the Month of November draws near its end, please remember to pray for those who have died.

According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would greatly ease the suffering of those holy souls in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

CELEBRATING PARISH LIFE



Special thanks to Alissa Jacopetti for organizing our first ever Trunk or Treat and to all who donated candy and decorated their trunks. A fun time was had by all!!



Youth Community Service Project

There were a lot of leaves flying on Nov. 6 when our young people raked leaves for our homebound.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer



I am *thankful*, heavenly Father, for all the blessings You have given to me, my family and friends. These blessings include the wonderful opportunities that You have shared with me.

I am *grateful*, Lord, for all the people that You have placed in my life that make my life joyful and meaningful. Allow me to show them how thankful I am to have them.

I am *blessed*, Loving God for the constant love and care You give to me and for the many graces You have bestowed upon me.

May I live this Thanksgiving Day and every day to follow, being *thankful* and *grateful* for all that You have *blessed* me with.

Amen.



Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines Fatima, Spain, & Lourdes

July 7—16, 2025

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The following is an update for the July 7-16, 2025, summer Pilgrimage to Spain, Fatima & Lourdes. We currently have 8 people from our parish tentatively committed to join us. We would like to have at least 20 people registered to make this trip a reality.

Our account manager, Cat Rainone from 206 Tours, will contact us sometime in January to give us a count of the number registered. We have reached out to the Churches in our Deanery by asking them to post the one-page flyer in their church entrances. We also inquired about putting an ad in their respective bulletins.

If you are planning to join us, please register soon at www.206tours.com/LOL so we have an approximate number of people going. We need to reserve round trip transportation to Newark Airport at an approximate cost of \$200.00 per person. We are grateful that 206 Tours makes the online process for registration rather easy with a (message us) box for questions along the way. We will set up a meeting for some time in January, in the hall, for LOL parishioners and anyone from other churches who wish to join us or need more information. We can also discuss our transportation options to the Newark Airport.

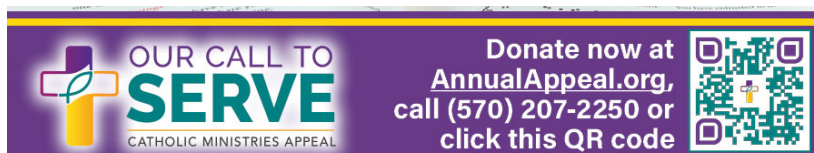
Father Mike, John and I are looking forward to this Pilgrimage to provide us with a spiritual & social opportunity to gather with Catholics from LOL & our neighboring parish communities! We do hope you will join us! For questions, please e-mail me at: mlegarski@gmail.com.

Thank you and God Bless,

Fr. Michael McCormick, Spiritual Director

Mary Etta & John Legarski, Group Leaders

Giving Tuesday is a global initiative that encourages people and organizations to donate their time and money to charitable causes on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. The goal is to inspire generosity and support for causes and communities worldwide. This Giving Tuesday, December 3rd, please prayerfully consider Our Call to Serve by donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your gift of any amount matters - for example, a \$25 donation provides food and material assistance to the 25,281 families and seniors who rely on a Catholic Social Services food pantry right here in our Diocese. Please help us reach our 100% participation goal for the appeal!



The Week At A Glance

Sunday, November 24 *Feast of Christ the King*
~Advent Wreath after both Masses

Monday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*
~6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
~7:00 Ladies Group

Tuesday, November 26
~ 9:00 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, November 27
Office Hours 9:30-12:30

Thursday, November 28 *Happy Thanksgiving*
Office Closed

Friday November 29
Office Closed
~9:00 a.m. Confessions after Mass
~ 5:00-6:00 p.m. Confessions

Saturday November 30 *St. Andrew, Apostle*
~ *Begin the Saint Andrew Novena for Christmas!*
~Confessions 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Offertory Collections: Weekend of November 16/17

(Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	628.00
Offertory	\$	7539.00
Maintenance	\$	65.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	32.00
Christmas	\$	3.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
All Saints	\$	10.00
Votives	\$	82.00

TOTAL \$ **8360.50.**

Diocesan Collections

Rice bowl	\$	25.00
CHD	\$	324.00
Catholic Home Miss	\$	10.00
Religious Retirement	\$	3.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	43.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$	8766.00

We are in serious need of:

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors

Please consider offering your time and talent to these essential ministries. If you have any questions please reach out to us at the parish office .

Collection Counter Schedule

Nov 25: Group 2 G. Farrington, W. Marshalek , C. Everett
Dec 03: Group 3 J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan

Faith In Action

Giving Tree for the month of December.

We continue to collect Peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program.

Mass Intentions

~**Saturday, November 23**
4:00 p.m. Jay Finkbeiner (by Judi Swanson)

~**Sunday, November 24**
8:00 a.m. Fr. Peter Sanders (by Helen Hiserman)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

~**Monday, November 25**
9:00 a.m. Kathleen Pagana (by James Pagana)

~**Tuesday, November 26**
9:00 a.m. John Catino (by the Catino Family)

~**Wednesday, November 27**
9:00 a.m. Joseph Panetta (by Anthony Panetta)

~**Thursday, November 28** THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS
9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving to God

~**Friday, November 29**
9:00 a.m. Gerald McGee Sr. (by Kim, Jerry, Nick & Chris McGee)

~**Saturday, November 30**
4:00 p.m. Eleanor & Louis Mazzante (by Family)

~**Sunday, December 1**
8:00 a.m. Delia Vogel (by Family)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish



Women of Lourdes ~ Save the Date

Hands to Work~Hearts to God ~Holy Hour, fellowship and special service project for the home bound and nursing homes. Nov. 25th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Christmas Craft Night Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. The ladies will be making 3 different crafts for our nursing home residents

Upcoming Parish Events—Mark Your Calendars

—**December 1st** The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will be attending and lending their angelic voices in song at our 8am & 10:30am Masses. Following both Masses they will be premiering their new Vocation Film. Please plan on staying after Mass. There will be refreshments.

—LOLO Youth/Family Movie Matinee at 3:30 to see *Moana 2*. The movie is free thanks to a generous donation. Snack packs will be provided for youth. Text or call Rachel Nolan at 814-341-6928.

—**December 4th** Ladies Christmas Party 6:00 pm

—**December 7th** 2 BIG EVENTS:

1-3:00 pm **St. Nicholas Party** in the Hall &

5:00 pm Fellowship and Presentation on Our Lady of Gaudalupe by Mrs. Cathy Asbury.

—**December 8th** Outing to see the Live Nativity in Morris, PA. RSVP required: Jamie Wieder at 570-506-9999.

—**December 13th** Our annual *Love Never Ends* Christmas Party will be held in the Hall at Noon. All who have lost a spouse, recently or in years past, are invited to offer support and encourage one another with faith and friendship.

Prayer List for the Month of November

Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al and Karen Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Aaron Murray, Mary Shuhler, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

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Giving Tuesday December 3, 2024

Perhaps you might consider giving this year to your Parish for the Annual Appeal or towards the recently installed Bells.

Annual Appeal-Our Call To Serve

Our thanks go out to everyone who has contributed thus far.

Around the Deanery

~Advent Lessons & Carols to be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, Dec. 1. at 2:00 pm.

~Rummage Sale At St. Joseph The Worker Fleming Center. Saturday, December 7th, 8am-1pm.

~Nazareth Group A young woman's group (grades 9-12) conducted by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, will meet on Saturday, December 7, from 11am-4:30 pm. Please RSVP by December 6th to Sr. Clare at 570-745-3334

~Williamsport Deanery Rosary Rally Saturday, December 14th Beginning with 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. More Information coming soon.

~End of Year Retreat Sponsored by Lycoming County Catholic Young Adult Group, the retreat is on Dec. 21, 2024 at St. Joseph The Worker Parish starting at 8:00 a.m. The topic is "Intimacy with the Holy Spirit". The cost is \$12.00. RSVP by 12/6: HRAINEY65@GMAIL.COM



Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest, or reach out to Fr. Alex, the Vocations Director at 570-207-1452 or VOCATIONS@DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG

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