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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.

Office Closed on Thursdays

Fridays ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days ~ As scheduled

Daily Mass ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ M, T, W, F

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.

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2022



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.

From the Pastor's Desk



A Great Chasm: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14).

The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a “great chasm” fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle.

“The Lord loves the just,” we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn
Founder and President

September is dedicated to the Our Lady of Sorrows

2023 Mass Intention Book Is Open

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is now open.

In order that all parishioners have the opportunity to remember or memorialize their loved one on special dates we have a few guidelines:

- * Each family may schedule up to three Masses, however, there is no limit on unscheduled Masses.
- * An individual may only have a Mass offered once every two weeks.
- * Recently deceased parishioners might take precedence.

Parish Faith Formation

Handbooks and registration forms were mailed to families who participated in our Parish Faith Formation Program last year. If you are new to the parish or if your child will be entering first grade in the fall, please contact Mrs. B. at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org. If you have not received the packet, please contact Mrs. B. as soon as possible.

Classes will begin on Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m. for Grades 1-8.

First Holy Communion Parent/Child Meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word and Youth Masses. For more information, contact Mrs. B at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Make a Joyful Noise!!



Choir practice is held Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Come and make a joyful noise with us—no auditions and you don't have to read music—just love to sing and praise the Lord.

Come join the fun!

thank you

Thank you to all who helped make our Parish Festival such a great success through donations, volunteering to set up, work, and clean up, and for all who attended the festival. More details to come.

Bible Study

Deacon Steve Frye will be leading a Seven-week Bible study, beginning **Wednesday, September 28**, at 7:00 p.m. He will be going through the six sessions of *The Eucharist: A Bible Study for Catholics*, by Father Mitch Pacwa, as follows:
September 28: Old Testament Background
October 5: Words of Sacrifice
October 12: Behold, the Lamb of God
October 19: Eat My Body, Drink My Blood
October 26: The Eucharist and Passover
November 2: Christ's Priesthood and the Eucharist
Please call the parish office, 570-368-8598, to sign up, so we have enough books for participants.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
Thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

Prayer to St. Gabriel

O God, who from among all Your angels chose the
Archangel Gabriel to announce
the mystery of the Incarnation,
Mercifully grant that we
who solemnly remember him on earth,
may feel the benefit of his patronage in Heaven,
with Jesus who lives and reigns
forever and ever. Amen

Prayer to St. Raphael

Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the
heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of
wisdom and grace.
You are a guide of those who journey
by land or sea or air, consoler of the afflicted,
and refuge of sinners.

I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the
sufferings of this life,
as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels.
Because you are the "medicine of God,"
I humbly pray you to heal
the many infirmities of my soul
and the ills that afflict my body.
I especially ask of you the favor (*name it*)
and the great grace of purity
to prepare me to be
the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Community and Service

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Monday, September 26

Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.
Pro-Life Group ~ 7:00 p.m.

~Wednesday, September 28

Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.

~Thursday, September 29

Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m.

~ Friday, September 30

Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

~Saturday, October 1

First Saturday Devotions ~ after 9:00 a.m. Mass

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS— INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Who is it for?

~ Adults & teens who have not been Baptized, those who have been Baptized yet never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, or those who are already Baptized in another Christian denomination, but would like to learn more about Catholic Christianity.

What's it like?

~ R.C.I.A. is not a classroom format, but rather experiential. It is based on reflections upon Sunday Scriptures. It answers the question: "Why do Catholics do that?"

When does it start?

~ Sessions have already begun. For more information Please contact the parish office at 570-368-8598 or email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

St. Therese Novena

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus,
please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens
and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
I now place with confidence in your hands...

(mention in silence here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did
in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate
your "Little Way" each day. Amen

Pray 5 Our Fathers,
5 Hail Marys
5 Glory Bes

UPMC in North Central Pennsylvania

Pastoral Care Department will be hosting a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant Training at UPMC Williamsport on **September 28, 2022**, from 9 AM – 3:30 PM. If you desire to be a spiritual companion for those who are sick in any of the UPMC hospitals in North Central Pa., please consider becoming a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant. Contact Jackie Perchinski at 570-321-2215 or perchinskijm@upmc.edu by September 16, 2022. We hope you can join our mission of extending God's healing love by providing an extraordinary patient experience throughout North Central Pennsylvania.

Ministry Corner Did You Know?

By Deb Steinbacher

The World Health Organization (WHO), on 11/25/21, posted on-line that 6 out of 10 (61%) unintended pregnancies end in an induced abortion, and 3 out of 10 of all pregnancies (29%) end in induced abortion. "Around 73 million induced abortions take place worldwide each year." The WHO considers abortion care an essential health care service and "lack of access to safe, timely, affordable and respectful abortion care is a critical public health and human rights issue." The number 73 million is staggering - and so incredibly sad! There are 73 million lives lost every year to abortion. The goal of the WHO is to provide safe abortions, but can we pray that the focus could turn to safe deliveries and care for moms and their babies? These pregnancies might be unintended by the mothers, but how are they seen in the eyes of God? Can we also pray that we, as a people of life around the world, return to the morality that was meant to keep us from having all of these unintended pregnancies? Let us pray for the sanctity of life and marriage - and for the souls of the 73 million dear little ones of God!

Annual Life Chain

Please join in the annual Lycoming County Life Chain on **October 2** from 2:30-3:30 on the "Golden Strip". We will meet in our usual spot in front of what is now the Truist Bank for an hour of prayerful demonstration for the protection of pre-born babies. This event is sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and signs will be provided. A donation of \$1.00 is requested, if you are able. You may also bring chairs if you are unable to stand for that time. All ages are welcome to join in this very important event to witness to the sanctity of human life!

Be Not Afraid

The 7th annual Diocese of Scranton "**Be A Catholic Man Conference**" at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, will be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2022**, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$40, which includes morning coffee and a box lunch. The schedule includes coffee at 7:00 a.m., rosary at 7:15, speakers, lunch, confessions, Adoration and Benediction, and Mass at 1:45 p.m. Register at beacatholicman.com/register-here.

*Our Lady of Sorrows,
Pray for Us*

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24

Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday
of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Mike Sullivan (*Jan & Karen Ransdorf*)

Sunday, September 25

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Charles Jean (*David & Linda Rolley*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, September 26

9:00 a.m. Philip Schamberg (*His Family*)

Tuesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul
9:00 a.m. Ann Felix (*Dave & Linda Phillips*)

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 a.m. Kathy Wertz (*Doris Bush*)

Thursday, September 29

SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
NO MASS

Friday, September 30

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. Mary Lou O'Neill
(*Ed & Deb Steinbacher*)

Saturday, October 1

First Saturday
St. Therese of the Child Jesus
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mondell &
Arduini Families
(*Steve & Kathleen Mondell*)
Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Mary & Frank Kiodo
(*Randy & Sue Wright & Family*)

Sunday, October 2

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time
8:00 a.m. Dorothea Bacher
(*John & Mary Etta Legarski*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:11-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-16; Ps 88:10-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1-21; 40:3-5; Ps 189:1-14;
Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-17; Ps 119:66-130;
Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-11;
2 Tim 1:6-14; Lk 17:5-10

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9/17-18/2022

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| Loose | \$ 611.00 |
| Collection | \$ 7,648.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 221.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 97.00 |
| Votives | \$ 115.00 |
| Religious Education | \$ 21.00 |
| Initial Envelopes | \$ 5.00 |
| Assumption of Mary | \$ 25.00 |
| Collection Total | \$ 8,743.00 |
| Weekly Amount Budgeted | \$ 8,850.00 |

Diocesan Collections

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| Rice Bowl | \$ 25.00 |
| Care & Education of the Priests | \$ 113.00 |
| Retirement Fund | \$ 20.00 |
| Diocesan Collections | \$ 158.00 |

Collection Counters Schedule



September 26—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio,
Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf
October 2—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann
Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

Backpack Food Program Collection

We continue to collect 16 oz. 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 entrances.

Sponsor of the Week Romey Fagnano, CPA

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Romey Fagnano, CPA**. We appreciate their support, and the support of all our advertisers. Please support them as they support Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Prayer List for the Month of September




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

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