

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 15, 2023

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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  
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Jamie Wieder  
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Keith Kuzio  
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#### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED

Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



*Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who takes away the sins of the world.*

#### 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.



### **Perfect Offering: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: “‘You are My servant,’ He said to Me.”

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God’s salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see [Acts 13:46–47](#)).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites’ door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord “passed over” these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see [Exodus 12:1–23, 27](#)).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the “Lamb of God,” as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [1 Peter 1:18–19](#)). Our Lord sings of this in today’s Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see [Hebrews 10:3–13](#)).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see [Hebrews 10:4](#)). They were meant not to save but to teach (see [Galatians 3:24](#)). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father’s call to holiness, as Paul says in today’s Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the Blood of the Lamb (see [Revelation 7:14](#)). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see [Romans 12:1](#)).

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn

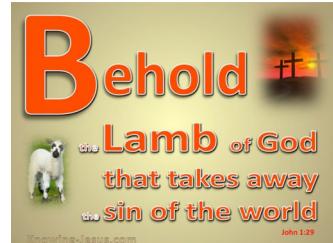
# *January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus*



***Gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. Ask God what gift you can offer Him in support of the poor, lonely and vulnerable in our Community.***

## **GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has reached 81% of our Appeal goal of \$41,000 by pledging \$33,097.00 as of January 1, 2023. *Thank you, all who pledged so far, for your generosity!*



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### **Mass for Life**

January 22, 2023, will mark the 50th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States. We are invited to pray with Bishop Bambera and the Diocese at the ***Mass for Life on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.*** at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. The Mass will also be broadcast on the Diocese of Scranton CTV and livestreamed on the Diocesan website and YouTube.



### **Knights of Columbus**

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council 14329 is holding an organizational meeting for their 2nd Annual Gun Bingo in the church hall on Monday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting is for Knights & parish volunteers who wish to help with the Bingo. All are welcome.

### **The Giving Tree**

Thank you to all who contributed for the Giving Tree this year. The total collected this Christmas season was \$2,515. Again, thank you to everyone for your generosity.

### **2023 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.



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023  
5:00 P.M. ~ 7:00 P.M.  
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# Community

## This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

### **~Sunday, January 15**

Religious Ed ~ Grades 1-8 meet ~ 9:00 a.m.

### **~ Monday, January 16**

Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.

Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.

### **~ Tuesday, January 17**

Mass at Valley View ~ 1:30 p.m.

Finance Council ~ 6:00 p.m.

### **~ Friday, January 20**

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

### **~ Sunday, January 22**

Religious Ed ~ Grades 1, 2, 7 & 8 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Family Catechesis ~ Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6

## Ministry Corner

### **January**

*By Deb Steinbacher*

January is the month during which we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. When the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of the "Son of the Most High", he also announced He would be named "Jesus." Sadly, on January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that abortion was a woman's "right" which, in this writer's mind, mocked the Holy Name of Jesus and the sanctity of human life. Thus, January is also Pro-Life Month. We might wonder why we still need a Pro-Life Month since that decision, made fifty years ago, was overturned last June, but abortion is still legal in many states (Pennsylvania included). So, we must remain active and work to protect mothers and babies. Please watch for information about activities to benefit our parish mission, Good Counsel Homes, a group of maternity homes founded by Chris Bell in 1985. Since that time, Good Counsel has "helped more than 8,000 homeless women and children move from a crisis situation to receiving concrete help and a brighter future" (Good Counsel Homes web site). So, while we give thanks for the end to Roe v. Wade, we know that there is much to be done to not only end abortion, but to make abortion unthinkable!

*Please pray for the sanctity of life! God bless you!*



Congratulations to Fiona Sharon Shah, daughter of Aris and Simone Renee Shah, who was received into the Church in Baptism on Sunday, January 8. Welcome to the Faith!

## Steubenville Information Session

**Inviting high-schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!**

**Parents & Teens: Attend our Steubenville Trip Information Session!**

**When: Sunday, January 15th, at 1pm**

**Where: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Admin Building, 711 W Edwin St.**

**Videos and more at:**

<http://sjwparish.com/steubenville/>



## **Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast**

**Saint Lawrence Parish Hall**

**800 West Central Ave South Williamsport**

**Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am -12:30pm**

**Pre-Sale Tickets Adults: \$9 Kids: 12 & under Free**

**Contact St Lawrence Parish Activity Committee**

**Dianne 570-322-3278 or Judy 570-323-6202**

## Young Catholic Women's Retreat

The Office for Parish Life and Luzerne County Catholic Young Adult Community are hosting "Chosen: A Young Catholic Women's Retreat!"

The Retreat will be held from **Friday, January 27, to Sunday, January 29**, at the Holy Family Center in Nanticoke. It is open to upperclassmen in college to forty-year-old women, and is designed to help young women root their identity in Christ while giving them a community of support and prayer. The retreat begins at 8:00 pm on Friday night and ends with 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning. The retreat will also offer guided personal prayer, small group discussions, Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunities for rest, fellowship, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register, go to diocesofscranton.org and click on the picture for "Chosen: A Young Catholic Women's Retreat- Read More" for a link for registration.

## Night at the Races

The Ancient Order of Hibernians are hosting a ***Night at the Races***, on ***Friday, February 3***, at St. Joseph the Worker, 720 West Fourth Street. Doors open at ***6:00 p.m.***; first race is at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes the horse you name, wings and other refreshments. For more information or to purchase a horse, contact John Comerford at nhojdrof1@yahoo.com or 570-447-9679. Come out for a fun-filled evening!

# Worship and Service

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 14

Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 p.m. Michael Farenish (*The Shah Family*)  
*Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-15; Mk 2:13-17*

### Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Sophie DeGregorio (*By Family*)  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
*Is 49:3-6; Ps 40:2-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34*

### Monday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(*Romey Fagnano & Family*)  
*Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-5; Mk 2:13-17*

### Tuesday, January 17

Miraculous Medal Novena  
St. Anthony, Abbot  
9:00 a.m. Joseph & Patricia Hendrick  
(*Dave & Joanne Mondell*)  
1:30 p.m. Louise Patterson (*Larry & Elena Matty*)  
(*Valley View*)  
*Heb 6:10-10; Ps 111:1-10; Mk 2:23-28*

### Wednesday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Arthur McClellan (*Family*)  
*Heb 7:1-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6*

### Thursday, January 19

NO MASS  
*Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-17; Mk 3:7-12*

### Friday, January 20

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr  
St. Sebastian, Martyr  
9:00 a.m. Wilma Finkbeiner (*Judy Swanson & family*)  
*Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8-14; Mk 3:13-19*

### Saturday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr  
Vigil of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
4:00 p.m. Ed Shuhler (*Family*)  
*Heb 9:2-14; Ps 47:2-9; Mk 3:20-21*

### Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Joseph Treese (*By Family*)  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention-January 2023 For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

1/7-8/2023

Loose	\$ 822.00
Offertory	\$ 5,055.00
Maintenance	\$ 368.00
Votives	\$ 17.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
Christmas	\$ 210.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,670.00</b>

Diocesan Collections	
Care & Education of Priest	\$ 69.00
Mission-Latin	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>\$ 79.00</b>

## Collection Counters Schedule

**January 16—Group 1**—Darl Simms, Mary Ann

Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

**January 23—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

## Faith in Action-January 2023

We will be collecting baby supplies such as diapers, pullups, wipes, baby shampoo and lotion. Please place any donations in the bins at the church entrances. Thank you so much.

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 C.J. Mertes Electrical-Plumbing-Heating

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **C.J. Mertes Electrical-Plumbing-Heating**. 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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