



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 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.

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Parish Council

Rita Clayton
Deb Steinbacher
Paul Moerschbacher
Jamie Wieder
Mary Etta Legarski
Sharon O'Malley
Keith Kuzio
Colleen Brown
Kaycie Gerrity
Lydia Baylor

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.



***“Come after me, and I will make you
fishers of men.”*** Matthew 4:19

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

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our readings are filled with light, joy and hope. I love the above passage as it names some of the land, tribes and nations to which this light is being given. Paraphrasing Matthew the Gospel writer, I will say, "Land of Montoursville, beyond the green bridge, people of Lycoming County — the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light."

Of course, this is the light of Christ, but what really blesses me, is that it is the Light of Christ who is enlivening our parish. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes we have been so blessed with presence of. Our Lord and Our Lady. Visitors often remark that they "feel the presence when they come here to worship, and even when they come to one of our dinners. They also regularly comment on how many young families and beautiful children we have. I have to admit that I glow with gratitude to God and to all of you who make this parish possible, when I hear these comments.

My homily this week will further illustrate some of the wonderful ministries and outreaches you make possible by your generosity and participation. Our Family Catechesis is cutting edge in the world of parish programs of education. Our very special project reaching out to families for several years after the baptism of their children is amazing. We are rebuilding our youth program with the help of 3 energetic and devoted volunteers. Financially, we are holding steady, though sometimes financial considerations limit our ability to do more in serving our Lord in others. There is always room for improvement, and you make that growth possible.

I am enthusiastic, hopeful and filled with joy when I think about my second term as your pastor. You will be receiving a special brochure introducing our *To Love and Serve Jesus Christ* Program. This is the theme we have chosen. I think it captures the nature of our Parish and of Our Lady, Herself. All we do, and all we are is to love and serve Jesus, to the Glory of God the Father. I invite each of you to join together and participate in securing our parish's future.

The future is bright when we, like the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali steadfastly follow the Light of the One who saves us. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is being called by God to shine His Light. Let us joyfully shine together.

In His Peace, Light and Joy,

Fr. Michael McCormick



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

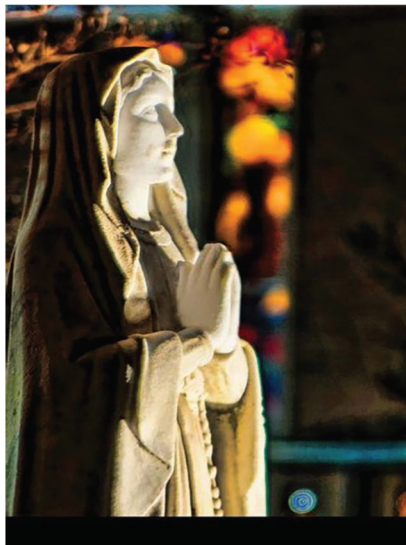
March 8

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

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

To Love and Serve Jesus Christ—A Note from the Pastor



This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “To Love and Serve Jesus Christ” Program. I’m proud to be part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church community. On Commitment Weekend, January 28 and 29, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Our Lady of Lourdes Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

I ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card.

A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- ~ mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included, or
- ~ bring your card to Mass next Sunday, or
- ~ visit our parish website at

<https://www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org/>

and complete an electronic Commitment Card

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to me, please indicate so on your card and I will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Our Lady of Lourdes Church!

Save
the
Date

Saturday, February 11—Parish Feast Day—Mass at 9:00 a.m. and anointing of the sick, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, February 19—Lenten Intergenerational Families of Faith activity—9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.—family activities and refreshments

Wednesday, March 8—Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera—Our Lady of Lourdes will host the members of the Deanery churches when Bishop Bambera comes to pray Vespers and Adoration and Benediction here in March. Please take an hour for quiet prayer during the Holy Season of Lent.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023
5:00 P.M. ~ 7:00 P.M.
PICKUP IN THE CHURCH HALL

Take
Outs
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DINNER TO INCLUDE:
SPAGHETTI AND HOMEMADE MEATBALLS, DINNER SALAD
BREAD/BUTTER & DESSERT

***TICKETS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE
BEGINNING JANUARY 16
ADULTS ~ \$12.00
CHILDREN ~ \$5.00 (AGES 10 & UNDER)**

Community

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Sunday, January 22

Religious Ed ~ Grades 1, 2, 7, 8 meet ~ 9:00 a.m.
Family Catechesis ~ Grades 3-6 ~ 9:00 a.m.

~ Monday, January 23

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

~ Friday, January 27

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

~ Sunday, January 29

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.

2023 Tax Statements Now Available

Tax statements for contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in 2023 are now available. Please call the church office to have one sent to you.



Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast

Saint Lawrence Parish Hall

800 West Central Ave South Williamsport

Sunday January 22nd 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

Ministry Corner

Fifty Years

By Deb Steinbacher

FIFTY YEARS! Abortion has been legally killing babies for fifty years in this country. As of last year, *more than 63 million babies have died* at the hands of abortionists. Yes, *Roe v. Wade* was overturned last year. We have discussed that and we know that abortion is not illegal in all states. It is sad that we must enact legislation to end it, but would abortion truly end with a law? Murder is illegal, but that hasn't stopped people from killing one another. Armed robbery, assault, rape - any number of actions have been deemed crimes and are illegal - yet they continue. Why? God is not at the center of all of our lives. What can we do about violent sins? We can, and must, pray. We can also take action. The annual March for Life in Washington was not discontinued and probably will not be until the right to life is afforded to all, especially the most vulnerable in our society. Until abortion is unthinkable, we must do what we can to prevent it. To quote Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, in #WhyWeMarch, "*Our prayers and witness are about civil rights, the civil right to life and to equal protection under the law, guaranteed by our constitution, for the most fragile, marginalized, and threatened, - the tiny, innocent baby in the womb.*" Certainly, there are physical limitations that may preclude some of us from marching, but we can all pray and we can all speak out! God bless you as you work to end the scourge of abortion in our state and our country!

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," to 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 dioceseofscranton.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 nhojdorf1@yahoo.com or 570-447-9679. Come out for a fun-filled evening!

Blessed be the Most Holy Name of Jesus!

Worship and Service

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Vigil of the Third Sunday in 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 (*Family*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Is 3:23-9:3; Ps 27:1-14; 1 Cor 1:10-17; Mt 4:12-23

Monday, January 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
9:00 a.m. Fr. Leo McKernan (*Ed & Deb Steinbacher*)
Heb 9:15-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 24

Miraculous Medal Novena
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. Mary Fedorko (*Family*)
Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2-11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul
9:00 a.m. Dolores & Dick Sharar (*Denise Sharar*)
Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday, January 26

Saint Timothy & Saint Titus
NO MASS
2 Tim 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-10; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Helen Schamberg (*Vera McClellan*)
Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Joe Mazzante (*J, M, L*)
Heb 9:2-14; Ps 47:2-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Robert & Dorleen Probasco (*Family*)
10:30 a.m. Ethelyn Ulkus (*John & Mary Lou Fulginiti*)
Zeph 2:3-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

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)

1/14-15/2023

Loose	\$ 760.00
Offertory	\$ 8,882.00
Maintenance	\$ 274.00
Votives	\$ 81.00
Fuel	\$ 84.00
Religious Education	\$ 22.00
Christmas	\$ 226.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Total	\$10,354.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priest	\$ 134.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
Mission-Latin America	\$ 5.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00
Human Development	\$ 1.00
Total Diocesan Collections	\$ 185.00

Collection Counters Schedule

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

January 30—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

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 Myers Insurance Agency

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Myers Insurance Agency**. 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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