



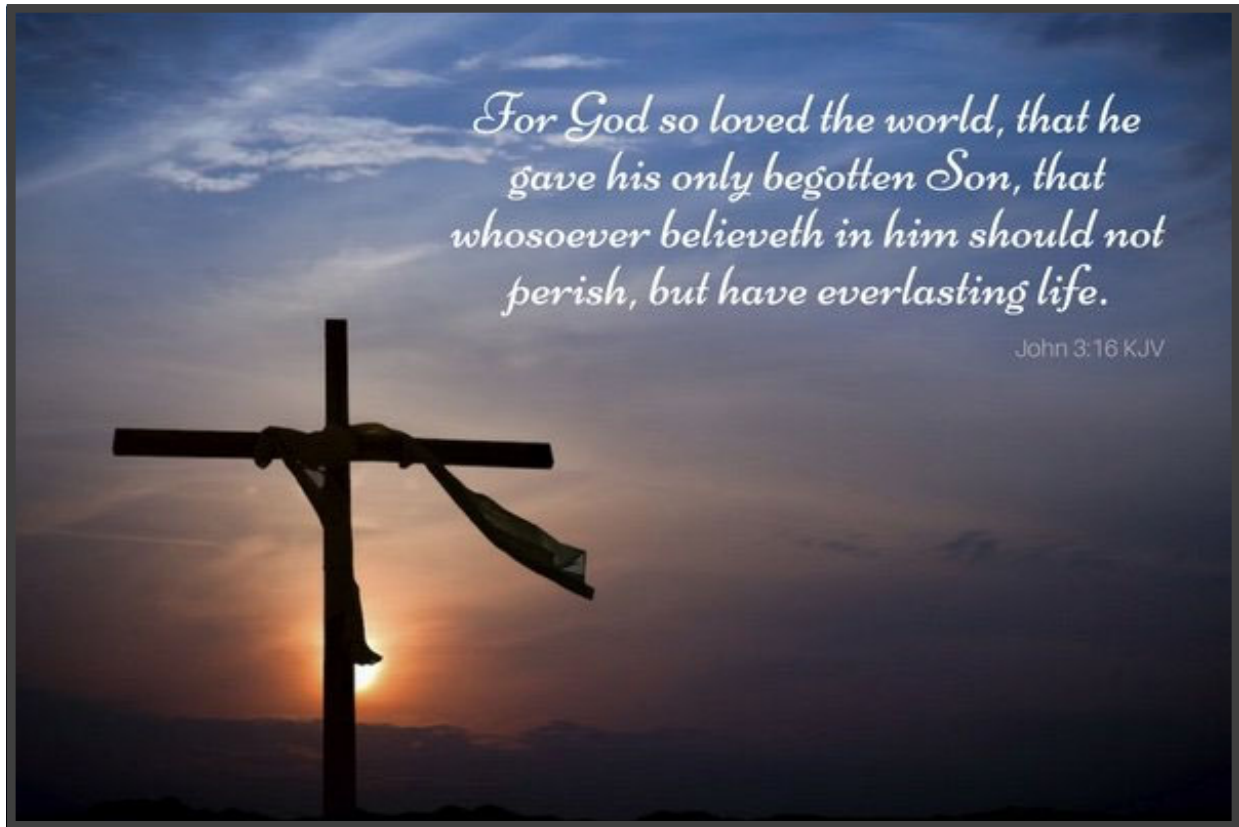
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent



*For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16 KJV

Parish Office Hours

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

Monday ~ 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at
6:30 p.m. on the
Second 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.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

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

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Gospel reading this weekend contains one of the most famous verses in the Bible: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have life.” (John 3:16) Though it is not as common as it was about 15 -20 years ago, we still see people holding up signs with “JOHN 3:16” written or even scribbled on them. A strange practice by my accounting, because those who are not Christian usually have no idea what is being advertised.

In addition to being a curiosity, I think we sell the message short when the context of that verse is not taken into account. It is not an isolated saying. Rather, this love of God is intimately connected to and finds it’s full meaning in the previous 2 verses quoted at the top of this letter.

Jesus, the self identified Son of Man, must be lifted up. That, of course, refers to His Cross upon which He is Crucified and Sacrificed for us. We glory in His Cross, which is a way of saying that without Him, and specifically without the “lifting up”, we have nothing of eternal value. Sometimes we Catholics are accused of keeping Jesus on the Cross. Ridiculous! But we must never loose sight of the fact that He did freely offer Himself on the Cross for us.

Just as the Jews remember the Holocaust, Americans remember 9-11, and some people “Remember The Titans”, we must remember that Jesus actually died and then rose from the dead. We need not try to put it out of our minds because it is not joyful. In fact, knowing this is quite uplifting! We deny neither the death nor the Resurrection. Jesus was both lifted up and raised. Believing in that truth, we are both saved and lifted up.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael

Some uplifting pictures for you of our children who received the Sacrament of Confession for the first time:



+Maria Aguirre

+Alivia Legarski

+Colsen Bennett

+Bronx Leeuwen

+Elijah Nolan

+Callie Cummings

+Eliza Wieder



Did you know....77% of newly ordained priests say they participated in the Mass by altar serving, giving them a glimpse of serving God in this special way.

March is dedicated to Saint Joseph

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, March 9
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.
 ~Youth Group Movie Night ~ 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Hall

Sunday, March 10
 ~No Religious Education ~ Spring Break

Monday, March 11
 ~The Light Is On For You ~ Adoration & Confessions 5:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13
 ~Nourishing Body & Soul ~ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 15
 ~Confessions after 9:00 a.m. Mass (Every Friday during Lent)
 ~Homeschool Meeting in Rectory Classroom ~ 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.
 ~Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m.
 ~Confessions ~ 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
 ~Family Stations of the Cross ~ Meal @ 6 p.m.~Stations @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 16
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 17 ~ Saint Patrick's Day 
 ~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.
 ~Youth Mass ~ 10:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9 ~ St. Frances of Rome
 4:00 p.m. Robert Wolf (By The Catino Family)

Sunday, March 10 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Lactare Sunday
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Baca and Waltz Families (By Pat Waltz)

Monday, March 11
 9:00 a.m. Eleanor Durmin (By Geri Dunn)

Tuesday, March 12
 9:00 a.m. John Eck (By Barbara Barnes)
 2:00 p.m. Theresa Shank (By Jeans & Brown Families) @ WeCare

Wednesday, March 13
 9:00 a.m. Ann Prato (By Theresa & Joe Moore)

Thursday, March 14
 No Mass Scheduled

Friday, March 15
 9:00 a.m. Pat Renehan (By Gloria Renehan)

Saturday, March 16
 9:00 a.m. Mary Fedorko (By Family)

Sunday, March 17 ~ Feast Day of St Patrick ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Pat Kelly (By The Kelly Family)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) March 2 & 3, 2024

Loose	\$	554.00
Offertory	\$	5,699.00
Maintenance	\$	222.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	22.00
Votives	\$	174.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	300.00
Easter Flowers	\$	15.00
TOTAL	\$	6,987.00

Diocesan Collections

Holy Land ~ Good Friday	\$	30.00
Catholic Relief	\$	5.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	208.00
TOTAL	\$	243.00

Readings For The Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2-13; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-12; Ps 46:2-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1; Ps 34:17-23; Jn 7:1-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 8:12



WELCOME

Please welcome the newest members of our parish family recently baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes.

- + *Karson John Lisowski, son of Ian Lisowski and Jessica Yoas and*
- + *Isabella Iris Bower, daughter of Caleb Bower and Megan Arney Bower*

May the Lord bless you and fill your heart with love and grace.

Collection Counter Schedule

March 12, 2024 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek,
March 18, 2024 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

Faith In Action

LENT + Pray + Fast + Give

For the month of March we will be participating in a **Lenten Food Drive**.

Suggested items: Ramen Noodles, Canned Soups, (Pop open lids preferred), Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce, Fruit Juices & Tuna (Dollar Store small packs). Please return items by the end of March.

PLEASE, no expired foods, no glass and only items suggested on the front of the bag. Thank you and God Bless.



As always, we are collecting 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program.

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, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Joanie & Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Lois O'Malley, Al and Karen Marlett, Nicole Selleck, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

Lenten Save the Dates

Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul

Please join us on Wednesday, March 13, and Wednesday March 20, at 6:00 p.m. for a light meal, followed by an adult discussion on the *The Mercy of God*. Sign up sheets are available at each entrance of the Church, or call/email the Office to sign up.

Praying the Stations of the Cross as a Family

Please join us on Friday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m. for Family Stations of the Cross. The evening will begin with a Lenten meal in the Hall, followed by the Way of the Cross for Children. Sign up sheets are at each entrance of the Church, or call the Office.

Road to Resurrection

Wed., March 13 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Lawrence
Wed., March 20 @ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Ann

Penance Services

Sun., Mar. 17 @ 2:00 p.m. ~ St. Luke (Jersey Shore)
Wed., Mar. 27 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ St. Boniface



MINISTRY CORNER for Month of March By Deb Steinbacher

This March is all about Lent until it culminates in Holy Week and the triumphal celebration of our Risen Lord on the very last day of the month! We have this entire month to offer ourselves to our Lord. How shall we accomplish this and for what purpose? We recently sang the hymn, "Change Our Hearts", and it would be very beneficial to reread and ponder the words. Especially poignant are, "still we are lured by the shadows" and "sands of the soul". With our society being more and more drawn to blasphemy, violence, sacrilegious acts, selfishness, and a lack of civility, have we been lured into complacency? Do the sands of our souls liken us to being alone in a desert without a care for others? Please pray that the Lord will, as the song asks, "change our hearts this time, your word says it can be" (Rory Cooney, Heritage Missal 2024, #361). Pray that we can make the culture of death, and turning from our Lord, unthinkable. God bless you during this month of March.

Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life

Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast ~ March 23 at 9:30 a.m. @ Holiday Inn Express. Speaker: Pam Burkholder of Expectations Women's Center. Buffet Breakfast for Adults ~ \$20, Children 2-10 ~ \$7, Under 2 ~ FREE. For tickets contact Ed or Deb Steinbacher @ 570-337-7460. Deadline is March 18.

Knights Of Columbus



On behalf of John Legarski and the Knights of Columbus 14329, they'd like to extend their sincere thanks for the Knights and all of the parish volunteers who helped make the 3rd Annual Gun Bingo a big success. Final numbers are being compiled and will be published at a later date. Thank you.

Lenten Retreat For Men

All men, ages 18 years and older, are invited to participate in an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering", on Friday, March 15 @ 6:00 p.m. till Saturday @ 2:00 p.m. at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter. Cost is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center.

For more information visit: www.beacatholicman.com or call at #570-380-5070.

Deanery Happenings

S.J.T.W. (Fleming Parish Center): "Eucharistic Miracles of the World", March 10, following 10:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Lawrence: "The Vigil Project", March 13 at 7 p.m. Live Music, Dynamic Speaking, Eucharistic Adoration.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 16, from 4 - 7 p.m. Dine-in or Take-Out ~\$15/Adults, \$5/Child.

St. Boniface: "Tenebrae", March 17 @ 4:00 p.m. Dramatic Music reflecting Jesus' final moments before the crucifixion.

St. Luke: Spaghetti Dinner, March 20. Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Dinner from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsor Of The Week

We highlight **MASTER CONTRACTORS/Nick Catino**, this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors.

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$34,052(83% of goal) with pledges and donations from 166 families (25.69) of the parish as of 03/02/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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