



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

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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

Wendy Bonus

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Rita Clayton

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Second Sunday of Advent
Peace

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



Dear Parish Family and Friends,

This weekend, the Second Sunday of Advent, Matthew records part of John the Baptist's sermon. It is a blistering sermon calling for repentance. It is so blistering that at one point he calls the Pharisees and Sadducees a "brood of vipers". I imagine that would constitute quite a bit more than a micro-aggression these days! And yet...might it not be something we need to hear? Yours truly, included.

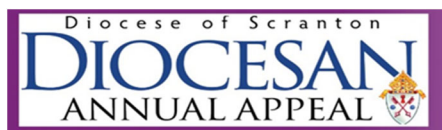
Not that we are anything like a brood of vipers, but we all are involved in that process of repenting. I have a priest friend who says that Confession is not only a Sacrament, but the Divine Will of God. Confession and repentance are His Will for us. So these words from John the Baptist are timely and well taken as we light the Candle of Peace on our Advent wreath. There is no peace without Christ, and there is no relationship with Christ Jesus without repentance. Here is something I find quite interesting. The Lord Jesus (Matthew 4:17) began His preaching of the Gospel with the very same words with which John the Baptist began his preaching (Matthew 3:2), "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Thus endeth the sermon. :-) Thus beginneth and "continueth" a life of joy and glory in Christ.

Advent Blessings!
Fr. Michael



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Gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal impact the lives of our brother and sisters in need each day. As Christmas draws near, 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 63% of our Appeal goal of \$41,000 by pledging \$25,917 as of November 14, 2022. *Thank you,* all who pledged so far, for your generosity!

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Please join us for Sung Vespers, or Evening Prayer, every **Sunday evening in Advent at 7:00 p.m.** Consider taking thirty minutes of quiet time for prayer at this holy (but busy) time of year.

The Giving Tree

The Annual Giving Tree will be up until **Monday, December 19**. By request, we will be switching to Weis gift cards only, in amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20. Thank you for your generosity.

Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal

Practices for the Posada, which will be performed at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, before 4:00 p.m. Mass, will be held at:

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training session on **Sunday, December 4, at 9:15 a.m.**

Love Never Ends

The next meeting of *Love Never Ends*, our grief support group, will be on Friday, **December 9, at noon**, in the parish hall. This will be our Christmas Party. Please call Curt Fink at 570-490-8230 for information or to sign up.

Pro-Life Dedication & Reception

Please join our Pro-Life Committee on **Monday, December 12, at 9:30 a.m.**, for the dedication of the Pro-Life Region in our parish hall vestibule. There will be a light reception afterwards.

Area Advent Penance Services

Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 4—2:00 pm

St. Joseph the Worker

Wednesday, December 14—7:00 p.m.

SJNRA at St. Boniface Church

Thursday, December 15—1:00 p.m.

Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, December 21—7:00 p.m.

Come Home for Advent & Christmas

Save the Date

Friday, December 9 ~ Noon

December luncheon-Christmas Party

Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.

December 4, 14 & 21

Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day

December 7 ~ Vigil ~ 6:00 p.m.

KofC Lighting of the Manger ~ after Mass

December 8 ~ 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols ~ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

Vespers ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday evenings

December 4, 11 & 18

Advent Penance Service

Our Lady of Lourdes & Resurrection

Wednesday, December 21 ~ 7:00 p.m. at

Church of the Resurrection

*O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Community

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Sunday, December 4

Religious Ed Classes ~ Grades 1-8
Altar Server Training ~ 9:15 a.m.
Vespers ~ 7:00 p.m.

~ Monday, December 5

Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.
Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.

~ Tuesday, December 6

Finance Council ~ 6:00 p.m.
Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m.

~ Wednesday, December 7

Immaculate Conception ~ Vigil Mass ~ 6:00 p.m.
Lighting of the Manger ~ after Vigil Mass
Advent Bible Study ~ 7:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception
Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Choir practice after 6:00 p.m. Mass

~ Friday, December 9

Love Never Ends Christmas Lunch ~ 12:00 p.m.
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

~ Sunday, December 11

Religious Education Classes ~ grades 1-8
Vespers ~ 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Corner

Mercy

By Deb Steinbacher

During this season of Advent, we are not only blessed with the preparations for the coming of our Lord and our Holy Day of Christmas, but we are also blessed with the Holy Day that honors the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are many who mistakenly believe that the Immaculate Conception is all about the conception of Jesus. They do not know, or do not believe, that our Blessed Mother was conceived free from the stain of original sin. Rather than discussing the theology of the Immaculate Conception, another train of thought might be considered. As a people of life, we know that we need to pray for those who are the most vulnerable, but do we pray for those who do not believe in the sanctity of life? Do we pray for those who profess their Catholic faith but who pick and choose that which they believe and that which they deny? As part of our ministry, let us consider the mercy extended to us all as a result of Mary being conceived without original sin and then saying yes to being the mother of our Lord. This is the source of the mercy that is available to us, born with the stain of original sin and all of us sinners who are in need of salvation! To quote Mother Angelica from the 11/30/93 Mother Angelica Live Classics on EWTN, "*The whole reason for Advent is the mercy of the Eternal Father towards you and me.*" Amen, Mother! With that in mind, let us include in our ministry prayers for mercy and conversion for all who are fallen away or who believe only what they want to believe. Have a blessed second week of Advent!

Faith in Action

We will be collecting hats and mittens *of all sizes* through the month of December. Please place any donations in the bins at the church entrances.

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.

St. Andrew Novena Prayer

Hail and blessed be
the hour and moment in which
the Son of God was born
of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant my desires
[mention prayer petition here]
Through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
And of His Blessed Mother. Amen
*(Pray reverently and devoutly
15 times a day until Christmas)*

*St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr,
Pray for us as we prepare to celebrate
the birth of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.*

Prayer List for the Month of December

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

James Bender, Theresa Brown, Dave Bonus, Joanie Campbell, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Grant Falls, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, Geraldine Hamm, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Lois O'Malley, Denise Miller, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Denise Sharar, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer, Christine Watts Wright

Please note: With the First Sunday of Advent, the start of the liturgical year, we also re-start our prayer list. If you have a loved one you would like to remove, or one you would like to remain on the prayer list, please notify the Parish Office by December 15.

Save the Date

"*Night at the Races*" will be back on Friday, February 3, 2023, sponsored by Ancient Order of Hibernians, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall. (watch for more information in future bulletins)

Worship and Service

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
(*Romey Fagnano Family*)

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Eleanor, Louis & Joe Mazzante (*Family*)
Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:8

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. James Bower (*Family*)
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Lewis & Margaret Phillips
(*Dave & Linda Phillips*)
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop

9:00 a.m. Charles Jean (*Family*)
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Valentine Burchanowski & Diane Gorman
(*Mary Burchanowski*)
Is 40:25-32; Ps 103:1-10; Mt 11:28-30

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

6:00 p.m. Robert Kranz (*Shuhler Family*)

Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Joyce Hatlee (*J. D. Fuller*)
6:00 p.m. Rita C. Koch (*Rita A. Koch*)
Gen 3:9-20; Ps 98:1-14; Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 9

St. Juan Diego

9:00 a.m. Tim English (*Family*)
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 10

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Steven & Dana Grady (*Susie & Wayne Moore*)
Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9-13

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Dorothea Bacher (*John & Mary Legarski*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Is 35:1-10; Ps 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

11/19-20/2022

Loose	\$ 751.00
Offertory	\$ 6,513.00
Maintenance	\$ 110.00
Fuel	\$ 6.00
Votives	\$ 113.00
Religious Education	\$ 3.00
Christmas	\$ 51.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 70.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 15.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 15.00
All Souls	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 7,687.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Care & Education of Priest	\$ 38.00
Human Development	\$ 169.00
Mission	\$ 10.00
Total Diocesan Collections	\$ 227.00

11/26-27/2022

Loose	\$ 639.00
Offertory	\$ 4,201.00
Maintenance	\$ 78.00
Fuel	\$ 17.00
Votives	\$ 119.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
Initial Envelopes	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 5,125.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Educations of Priests	\$ 11.00
Human Development	\$ 71.00
Total	\$ 82.00

Collection Counters Schedule

December 5—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek


December 12—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

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