



Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 02, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
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Parish Office Hours
Monday & Tuesday ~ CLOSED
Wednesday 9:30-3:30
Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED
Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Monday & Tuesday ~ NO MASS
Thursday ~ No daily Mass
Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.

Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at
6:30 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 is 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



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,

Happy Independence Day! Happy Fourth of July!

I have, from time to time, had conversations with people who sincerely feel that Catholics should not celebrate the 4th of July because it is a secular holiday. Although I would certainly not put any holiday above our Holy Days, I do think it is a good thing to celebrate and remember all that God has given us as Americans. As we commemorate the "birthday" of the United States with our fireworks, cookouts, family gatherings and perhaps by displaying an American flag, we can also include gratitude to God.

One reason for this gratitude is that America offers significant religious freedom for Catholics to freely worship. Though in recent times some of these freedoms are being challenged, we still give thanks to God for this blessing of His upon our land. Did you know that one-fourth of the nations in the world (53) include some form of legal restrictions or prohibition towards Christian activities and towards the Catholic Church specifically? Let us thank God for our freedoms and pray that these freedoms are preserved.

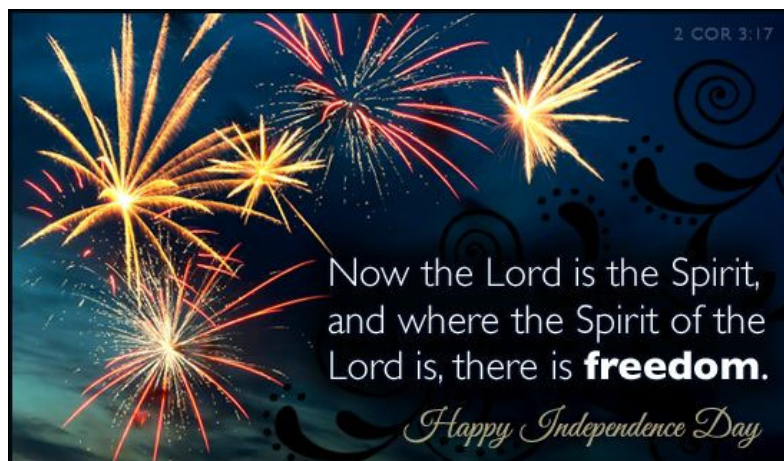
Another reason to celebrate this holiday is to show appreciation for those who defend our freedom. We can thank God for all who serve and have given their lives and served to keep us safe and free. I remember how faithful Fr. Manno was in his support for veterans, military personnel and all first responders. He was a wonderful pastor to Our Lady of Lourdes parish, and a great example/model for me. This does not mean that we have to agree with every military decision or conflict. We must, however, be thankful for all those who serve, and for their patriotic families.

Finally, on these days of gatherings with family, friends and neighbors, we ought to thank God for the opportunity to be together in peace. If you lived elsewhere, you very well might not have the opportunity to do so. Some people live where their homes and communities are threatened by civil war. Others live in fear of their towns being attacked by rebels. In certain places, Catholics must flee for their lives. We are indeed a blessed nation. Let us keep this nation free by our faithful to the Father of Freedom, Our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

Joyfully and Gratefully Yours,


Fr. Michael

BLESSED
be the
NATION
whose
GOD IS THE
LORD
psalms 33:12



The month of July is dedicated to *The Precious Blood*

To Love and Serve Jesus Christ This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~ **Monday, July 03**
Parish Office is CLOSED
NO Holy Hour/Confessions
- ~ **Tuesday, July 04 ~ Independence Day** 
Parish Office is CLOSED
- ~ **Thursday, June 05**
- ~ **Friday, July 07**
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

07/01-02/23



Loose	\$	625.00
Offertory	\$	5184.00
Maintenance	\$	31.00
Fuel	\$	17.00
Votives	\$	120.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	3.00
Total	\$	5981.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	21.00
Peter's Pence-Holy Father	\$	346.00
Total	\$	367.00

Collection Counter Schedule

- July 05 ~ Group 1** ~ Darl Simms, Carol Everett, Wendy Marshalek
- July 10 ~ Group 2** Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for the weekend of July 2 are placed in loving memory of Trisha Reithoffer by the DeGregorio Family.



Faith in Action

For the month of **July**, we will be collecting *deodorant*. Please be as generous as always for this special collection.

We continue to collect 16 oz. jars of peanut butter to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Drop off donations inside the Church or the Church office.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 2

8:00 a.m. Trisha Reithoffer (By the Family)
10:30 a.m. Helen Schamberg (By Dave & JoAnne Mondell)

2Kings 4:8-16; Ps 89:2-19; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 11:25

Monday, July 3 ~ St. Thomas The Apostle

9:00 a.m. Louise Patterson (By Ben and Angela Zeafla)

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

9:00 a.m. John Eck (By Steve and Kathleen Mondell)

Gen 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 5

9:00 a.m. Pat Renehan (By Ellen)

Gen 21:5-20; Ps 34:7-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 6 ~ No Mass

Gen 22:1-19; Ps 115:1-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 7 ~ First Friday

9:00 a.m. Antoinette Patynski (By The Catino Family)

Gen 23:1-4; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 8 ~ First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Tim Edwartoski (By Dave and Deb Vincenzes)
4:00 p.m. Barbara Swartz (By The Ebbert Family)

Gen 27:1-29; Ps 135:1-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday, July 9

9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Al Barnett (By the Family)

Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-14; Rom 8:9-13; Mt 11:25-30

Prayer List for the Month of July

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

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Gerald Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Cliff Hales, Rosemary "Cate" Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Nancy Moyer, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Johanna Steinbacher, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer



Our Lady of Lourdes is currently seeking **Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors** for our weekend masses. Please consider offering your *time* and *talent* to these beautiful ministries. If you have any questions please reach out to us at the parish office @ 570-368-8598.

Coffee Chat—Women of the Parish

Please join us for “Coffee Chats” at the home of Lydia James on **July 22** at 10:00 a.m. We will continue our study of St. Therese of Lisieux. To attend, email Lydia at ldjams25@gmail.com or text at 570-419-9744 and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.



DIGGING FOR TREASURE Our Lady of Lourdes Vacation Bible School

July 12-13-14 ~ 6:00—8:30 p.m.
July 15 ~ 9:00—11:30 a.m.
Followed by Family picnic at noon!!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
To help set up and tear down. Please notify the office if you are available to help.

For more information or to volunteer call or text Donna Mothersbaugh at 570-244-8010 or email religiously@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org

Youth Ministry Leadership Members Needed!

Are you concerned about our youth today?? If so, please join our team to help plan spiritual opportunities, service projects and social events for the young people of our parish and community.

We will meet on **Wednesday, July 19**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!



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