

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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Summer Office Hours

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

Office Closed on Thursdays and Fridays

Mass Schedule

Saturday ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days ~ As scheduled

Daily Mass ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ M, T, W, F

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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2022



Oh my Jesus, give me your strength
when my weak nature rebels against
the distress and suffering of this life of exile,
and enable me to accept everything
with serenity and peace.
With my whole strength I cling to Your merits,
Your sufferings, Your expiation, and Your tears,
so that I may be able to cooperate with You
in the work of salvation.

Give me strength to fly from sin,
the only cause of Your agony,
Your sweat of blood, and Your death.
Destroy in me all that displeases You
and fill my heart with
the fire of Your holy Love
and all Your sufferings.

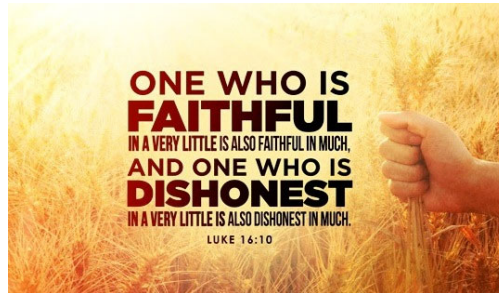
Clasp me tenderly, firmly, close to You
that I may never leave You alone in Your cruel Passion.
I ask only for a place of rest in Your Heart. Amen.

Padre Pio's Pray to Jesus

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,

I am taking this opportunity to thank all of you who were so faithful in helping with our Festival this year. Even though this is being typed before the event, I know from experience that in large and small ways many of you have come together in support of our Parish year after year. Beginning with the early planning meetings several months ago, we evidenced a viable parish and a spirit of commitment. Even in the midst of all the hard work, never once did we lose sight of the fact that this is all being done for the betterment of our Parish and to the Glory of God.

Fr. Joe Hornick of happy memory was often heard proclaiming, "Take care of the pennies and the dollars take care of themselves." In other words, "one who is faithful in little, will be faithful in much."

Joyfully and Faithfully Yours,

Fr. Michael

*Prayer Service for an End
to the
War in Ukraine*

Sunday, September 25, 2022
2:30 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter
(315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton)

Led by
FR. MYRON MYRONYUK
*Pastor, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic
Church of Scranton*

and
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
Bishop of Scranton

* A goodwill offering will be collected at the conclusion of the Prayer Service *

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Make a Joyful Noise!!



Choir practice begins again this **Thursday, September 22**, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Come and make a joyful noise with us—no auditions and you don't have to read music—just love to sing and praise the Lord.

Come join the fun!

Love Never Ends

Love Never Ends is a special ministry of support and fellowship for those who have lost a spouse. The next gathering will be held at noon on **Friday, September 23**. All are welcome.

Bible Study



Deacon Steve Frye will be leading a seven-week Bible study, beginning **Wednesday, September 28**, at 7:00 p.m. He will be going through the six sessions of *The Eucharist: A Bible Study for Catholics*, by Father Mitch Pacwa, as follows:

September 28: Old Testament Background

October 5: Words of Sacrifice

October 12: Behold, the Lamb of God

October 19: Eat My Body, Drink My Blood

October 26: The Eucharist and Passover

November 2: Christ's Priesthood and the Eucharist

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office so we have sufficient copies of Father Pacwa's book for all attendees.

Parish Faith Formation

Handbooks and registration forms were mailed to families who participated in our Parish Faith Formation Program last year. If you are new to the parish or if your child will be entering first grade in the fall, please contact Mrs. B. at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org. If you do not receive the packet, please contact Mrs. B. as soon as possible.

Classes will begin on Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m. for Grades 1-8.

First Holy Communion Parent/Child Meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word and Youth Masses. For more information, contact Mrs. B at 570-368-8598 or religioused@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Prayer to St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

(Feast Day—September 21)

O Glorious St. Matthew,
through the grace of
God Our Father,
you gave us the Holy Gospel,
which brings us joy and life.
Inspired by your example,
I ask for your assistance
in all my needs.
Help me to follow Christ
and remain faithful to His
service. Amen.

Thursday September 22



St. Padre Pio

(Feast Day—September 23)

May Jesus comfort you
in all your afflictions.
May He sustain you
in dangers,
watch over you always
with His grace, and indicate
the safe path that leads to
eternal salvation.
And may He render you
always dearer to His Divine
Heart and always more worthy
of Paradise. Amen.

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www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org

Community and Service

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Monday, September 19

Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.

~Tuesday, September 20

Mass Intention Book opens after 9:00 a.m. Mass

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

~Wednesday, September 21

Mass @ SJNRA ~ 10:00 a.m.

~ Friday, September 23

Love Never Ends Lunch ~ 12:00 noon

Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Mass Intention Book to be Opened This Week

The 2023 Mass Intention Book will be opened immediately following Mass on **Tuesday, September 20**.

In order that all parishioners have the opportunity to remember or memorialize their loved one on special dates we have a few guidelines:

- * Each family may schedule up to three Masses, however, there is no limit on unscheduled Masses.
- * An individual may only have a Mass offered once every two weeks.
- * Recently deceased parishioners might take precedence.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in general;
- If you are an inactive Catholic having questions and concerns about the Catholic faith;
- If you have never been baptized and are interested in learning about the Catholic Church;
- If you have been baptized in another religion but are interested in Catholicism;
- If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not completed the initiation process of receiving the Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If any of the above situations apply to you, or to a member of your family, please call the parish office for more information.

Pennsylvania March for Life

The Pennsylvania Family Institute, along with the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, will be taking a bus to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on **Monday, September 19, 2022**, for the Pennsylvania State March for Life. The bus trip is partially paid for by the PA Family Institute. The cost for each seat is only \$15.00/person. The bus will depart from Beiter's Home Center at 8:00 a.m. and will return about 4:00 p.m. There will be no stops to eat, so plan accordingly. For more information or to reserve your seat, please call Doris Bush @570-745-3502.

Ministry Corner

What Is Wrong?

By Deb Steinbacher

When asked what is wrong with our country of late, most people reply that the economy is our biggest problem. Gas prices, food prices, clothing prices, etc. are causing us a great deal of concern. But is this truly what is wrong? Is this truly our biggest problem? Not so, according to Cardinal Raymond Burke! *"There is no greater evil in our time than the attack on innocent and defenseless human life. This is always and everywhere wrong."* Children in the womb are still considered to be expendable. Hearts are not changed. What can we do? Our ministry of prayer must be stronger! We must also take action! Let those government officials know where you stand! Let our church leaders know where you stand! Support pro-life efforts in our church and community! *"We need to work in every way we can to overcome this evil."* (Cardinal Raymond Burke). God bless you and God help us!

Church of the Resurrection Fall Festival

The Church of the Resurrection in Muncy will be holding their 23rd Annual Fall Festival **Friday, September 23, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 24, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.** There will be live music both nights, and lots of great food! All are welcome.

UPMC in North Central Pennsylvania

Pastoral Care Department will be hosting a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant Training at UPMC Williamsport on **September 28, 2022**, from 9 AM – 3:30 PM. If you desire to be a spiritual companion for those who are sick in any of the UPMC hospitals in North Central Pa., please consider becoming a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant. Contact Jackie Perchinski at 570-321-2215 or perchinskijm@upmc.edu by September 16, 2022. We hope you can join our mission of extending God's healing love by providing an extraordinary patient experience throughout North Central Pennsylvania.

Annual Life Chain

Please join in the annual Lycoming County Life Chain on **October 2** from 2:30-3:30 on the "Golden Strip". We will meet in our usual spot in front of what is now the Truist Bank for an hour of prayerful demonstration for the protection of pre-born babies. This event is sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life and signs will be provided. A donation of \$1.00 is requested, if you are able. You may also bring chairs if you are unable to stand for that time. All ages are welcome to join in this very important event to witness to the sanctity of human life!

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 17

Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Bernard Imrisek (*Daughter*)

Sunday, September 18

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Walter Marciniak (*The Dorin Family*)

Monday, September 19

9:00 a.m. John Burfeindt (*His Family*)

Tuesday, September 20

SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
and Companions, Martyrs
9:00 a.m. Ed Shuhler (*Marie & Joe Mifsud*)
1:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory
(*Romey Fagnano Family*)

Wednesday, September 21

St. Matthew
9:00 a.m. Francis Riedy & Joan Riedy
(*The Family*)
10:00 a.m. School Mass-SJNRA—Robert Kranz
(*Chris & Kathy Coleman*)

Thursday, September 22

NO MASS

Friday, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio)
9:00 a.m. Mary Lou O'Neill
(*Miller, Moore & Zurinsky Families*)

Saturday, September 24

Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday
of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Mike Sullivan (*Jan & Karen Ransdorf*)

Sunday, September 25

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Charles Jean (*David & Linda Rolley*)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-13; Ps 119: 1-44;
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90: 3-17; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-17;
Lk 9:43-45
Sunday: Amos 6:1-7; Ps 146:7-10;
1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Backpack Food Program Collection

We continue to collect 16 oz. 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 entrances.

"I was hungry and you gave me food."
Matthew 25:35

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

9/10-11/2022

Loose	\$ 730.00
Collection	\$ 5,253.00
Maintenance	\$ 274.00
Fuel	\$ 4.00
Votives	\$ 75.00
Religious Education	\$ 2.00
Christmas	\$ 1.00
Collection Total	\$ 6,339.00
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$ 8,850.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Care & Education of the Priests	\$ 62.00
Human Development	\$ 1.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 73.00

Collection Counters Schedule



September 19—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
September 26—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

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We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Crouse Funeral Home**. We appreciate their support, and the support of all our advertisers. Please support them as they support Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us




Prayer List for the Month of September

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

M.B., James Bender, Theresa Brown, Dave Bonus, Joanie Campbell, Ron Clayton, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Geraldine Dunn, Grant Falls, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, Geraldine Hamm, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Lois O'Malley, Denise Miller, Nicole Selleck, Denise Sharar, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Stephen Updegraff, Debbie Winterer, Christine Watts Wright.

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