

Parish Office Hours

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED*

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor**

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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
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.

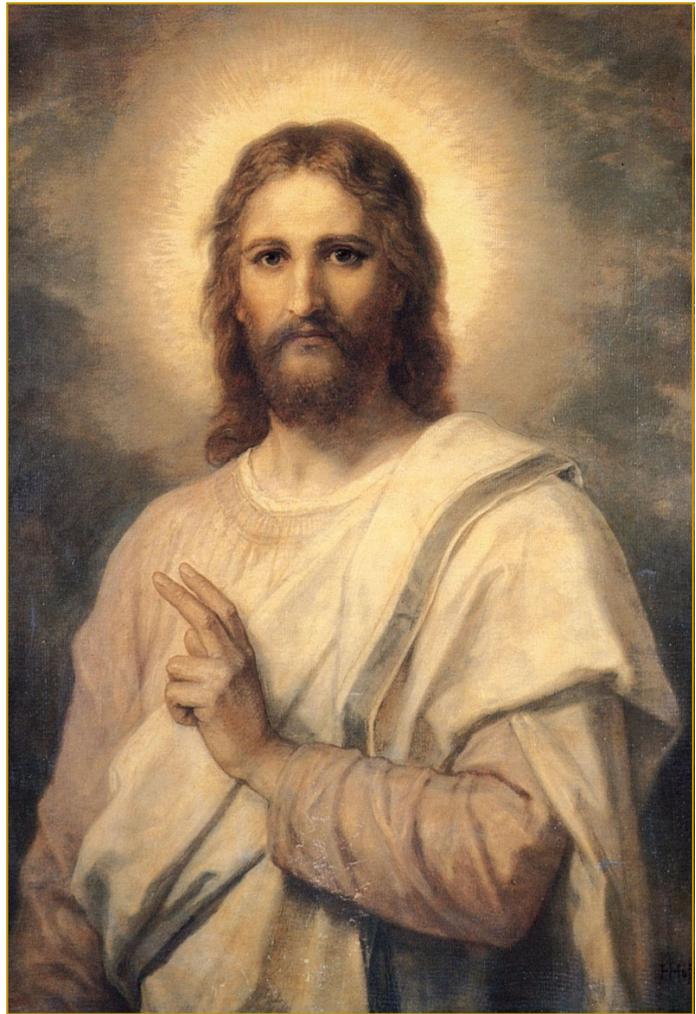
Parish Membership

New parishioners are
always welcome
Please call the parish office
to register.

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Jamie Wieder
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Keith Kuzio
Colleen Brown
Kaycie Gerrity
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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past week was filled with joy with our annual Vacation Bible School taking place. We had 35-40 children and about a dozen or more of older kids, along with a wonderful crew of adult volunteers. After a rousing round of singing, we would begin each day with prayer, and then we would read one of the parables which set the theme of the day. It was a grand success, especially with the leadership of Donna Mothersbaugh. It was her first year as coordinator. Great job, Donna!

I mentioned that we read a parable each day because our Gospel this weekend is another one of the Parables our Lord Jesus taught. At VBS we learned that a Parable is a story that Jesus taught using earthly things to explain divine realities, and each parable is a treasure. The parable of the wheat and tares, sometimes called the parable of the wheat and weeds, is another treasure our Lord shares with us. Scripture scholars tell us that this parable can be understood on two or three levels.

The first level is the situation in which Jesus and His disciples were living. Jesus is constantly being criticized for inviting the outcast to eat with Him as an anticipation of God's salvation. He answers by saying that it is for God to make the separation and that God will do so only at the end. Then it will be clear who are the wheat and who are the tares. Doubtless there will be some surprises! For Jesus, the wheat and tares were the disciples verses the authorities (scribes and Pharisees). Secondly, for the evangelist Matthew it was non-believing Israel and the members of his Church. The third level of understanding, as is true for all Scripture for it is truly timeless, is for us. There are tares as well as wheat in the Church now, and there need be no premature attempt to separate the wheat from the tares in its present life. The Lord and His Angels will separate the wheat from the darnel.

Beyond the descriptions, however, is the treasure. At each level the point remains the forbearance of God. What the world does not know is the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father. What the evil one cannot accept is that despite all his evil works, the will of God will triumph. The wheat will be gathered into the barn of God's Kingdom. Amen. Alleluia.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



Save the Date

September 15 & 16 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Our next Parish Festival Planning Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. If you are interested in helping in any way, please plan on attending.

Friday Night: It's Aloha Night! Roast Pork Dinner with a Hawaiian flare.
Entertainment: Leo & KG with Family Traditions

Saturday Night: Polish Night ~ Authentic homemade pierogies, stuffed cabbage, haluski and dessert
Entertainment: Lenny Weber, One Man, One Guitar, One Good Time! Playing live Interpretations of classic 70's, 80's & 90's music

Plus our regular delicious food! Hot Sausage, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Walking Tacos, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream, Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade, Homemade Pies

Donations Needed:

Pumpkin Stand: Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Pumpkin Stand." Please place in the offertory or drop off at the parish office. Questions? Contact Judy DeGregorio at 570-368-2705.

Basket Raffle: Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Basket Raffle." Please place in the offertory or drop off at the parish office. Pre-made baskets should be valued at \$50-\$75. Questions? Contact the parish office.

Cake Wheel: If you love to bake, please consider making a donation for our cake wheel. Sign-up sheets will be available soon at the main church entrance. Questions? Call Bonnie Fry at 602-316-3245

12 oz. Pepsi products, 16.9 oz bottled water, wine –750 ml bottles (drop off parish office), glassware for dime pitch

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 24**
Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Pro-Life Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m. in the hall
- ~ **Wednesday, July 26**
Parish Festival Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m. in the hall
- ~ **Thursday, July 27** ~ Office Closed
- ~ **Friday, July 28**
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

July 15/16

Loose	\$	362.00
Offertory	\$	7,437.00
Maintenance	\$	145.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	82.00
Votives	\$	70.00
Religious Education	\$	21.00
Christmas	\$	3.00
Total	\$	8,120.50

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	100.50
Retirement Fund	\$	23.00
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00
Human Development	\$	3.00
Total	\$	151.50

thank you

Collection Counter Schedule

July 24 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes, Norma Stryker, Bonnie Fry

July 31 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

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.



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Matthew 25:36-37

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 23

- 8:00 a.m. Phil and Doris Rotondi (By Dave and Linda Rolley)
- 10:30 a.m. The People of our Parish
- Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 86:5-16; Mt 13:24-30

Monday, July 24

- 9:00 a.m. Barbara Swartz (By Karen and Jan Ransdorf)
- Ex 14:5-18; Ps 54; Mt 12:38-42*

Tuesday, July 25 ~ St. James, Apostle

- 9:00 a.m. Arthur McClellan (By Family)
- Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28*

Wednesday, July 26 ~ Saints Joachim and Anne

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (By the Romey Fagnano Family)
- Ex 16:1-15; Ps 78:18-28; Mt 13:1-9*

Thursday, July 27 ~ No Mass

Ex 19:1-20; Ps 54; Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 28

- 9:00 a.m. Julie C. Reed (By Joanne Bower)
- Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23*

Saturday, July 29 ~ St. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

- 4:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan (By Carol Sullivan)
- Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1-15; Jn 11:19-27*

Sunday, July 30

- 8:00 a.m. Patricia and David G. Bonus (By David and Wendy Bonus)
- 10:30 a.m. The People of our Parish
- 1 Kings 3:5-12; Rom 8:28-30; Ps 119:57-130; Mt 13:44-46*

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, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Justin Reed (Father’s nephew), Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Kim Singer, Johanna Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

Love Never Ends

Our monthly meetings will resume on Friday, September 29 at noon. Hoping your Summer is full of blessings.

Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference on August 4,5,6 at the University of Scranton Campus. Are you - or someone you know - in need of a touch from the Lord? Is there need for healing in body, mind, spirit, finances, relationships, anything? God is our Healer! Bob Canton, Mother Lucy Lukasiewicz, Deborah DeRosia and Bob Valiante are scheduled to speak. This is a full weekend conference with meals and accommodations available right on campus - or you can commute and register for whatever day/part of a day you can attend. For more information, please go to ccrscranton.org/conference or email at registration@ccrscranton.org or call 570-334-2214. Between 10am - 2pm.

Nourishing Body & Soul

Adult Faith Sharing
 Sunday, Aug. 13 & Sunday, Aug. 27
 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

During these two sessions we will reflect on "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist." Bring your Bible. A light breakfast will be served. All are welcome.



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.

Church of the Resurrection Vacation Bible School
 August 6—August 10 from 6-8 pm.
 Food Truck Party ~ On a Roll with God
 Preschool—6th Grade
 For more information on how to register contact Resurrection parish office 570-546-3900 or email parishoffice@resurrectiononline.net.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
 Father McCormick will be blessing backpacks at all Masses the weekend of August 19 & 20.

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