

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
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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 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.

Knights of Columbus Council 14329

Parish Council

Rita Clayton
Deb Steinbacher
Paul Moerschbacher
Jamie Wieder
Mary Etta Legarski
Sharon O'Malley
Keith Kuzio
Colleen Brown
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Lydia Baylor



**YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD
A HOLY NATION
A PEOPLE OF HIS OWN
CALLED OUT OF DARKNESS
INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT**

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.*

Building His House



By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house.

His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see [Psalm 118:22](#); [Isaiah 8:14](#); [28:16](#)).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see [1 Corinthians 3:9, 16](#)). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see [Exodus 19:6](#)). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#); [Romans 12:1](#)).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see [Acts 19:20](#)) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see [1 Peter 1:23](#)).

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn

Carnation Sale

The annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be held after all Masses the weekend of **May 13-14**. Carnations will be sold for \$1.00 each. Commemorative flowers may be purchased and will be placed on the altar or at the Blessed Mother statue. Vases will be provided. This is the only fundraiser for the chapter and your support is greatly appreciated as we strive to protect mothers, and defend the sanctity of life! Thank you and God bless you!

Pro-Life Baby Shower

Our Pro-Life Committee will be hosting a Baby Shower on **Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m.** The speaker will be Michael Phelps of Good Counsel Homes. There will be a light lunch. Items for donation—diapers, wipes, Enfamil Gentlease formula, baby clothes, gift cards for mothers—may be placed in the playpen in the vestibule or the basket at the parish hall entrance.

April is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament

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

- ~ **Sunday, May 7**
Religious Education classes ~ 1, 3-8—LAST DAY
First Communion & May Crowning ~ 10:30 a.m.
- ~ **Monday, May 8**
Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, May 9**
Parish Pastoral Council and Coordinating Team
Joint Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, May 10**
SJNRA Mass ~ 10:00 a.m.
Knitting Group ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Parish Hall
- ~ **Saturday, May 13**
Confirmation Rehearsal ~ 6:30 p.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

4/29-30/23

Loose	\$ 570.00
Offertory	\$ 5,396.00
Maintenance	\$ 501.00
Fuel	\$ 2.00
Votives	\$ 136.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
Easter	\$ 113.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 6,739.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$ 31.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 332.00
Total	\$ 363.00

Baptismal Congratulations

Congratulations to Gatlin Schneider, son of Justin and Beth Schneider, who was baptized here at Our Lady of Lourdes last Sunday. Welcome!

Graduation Class of 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish invites you and your family to Graduation Mass and Reception on **Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.**

RSVP to 570-368-8598 or
email to parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org
by May 31, 2023.

OLOL Knights to Sponsor Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus Council #14329 will again sponsor their annual Senior Award. OLOL high school graduating seniors should stop by the parish office and pick up a Scholarship Application.

Deadline for returning the applications to the parish office is **May 21, 2023**.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 6

- First Saturday
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Fedorko (*Family*)
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter
- 4:00 p.m. James Dorin (*Family*)

Sunday, May 7

- Fifth Sunday of Easter
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. First Communion Class

Monday, May 8

- 9:00 a.m. Lorraine McCormick (*Romey Fagnano Family*)
Acts 14:5-18; Ps. 115:1-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. George & Beryl Rolley (*Dave & Linda Rolley*)
Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 10

- St. Joan of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Eck (*Sue & Gerry Kimble & sons*)
- 10:00 a.m. St. John Neumann Regional Academy
Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 11

- NO MASS
- Acts 115:7-21; Ps 96:1-10; Jn 15:9-11*

Friday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m. Helen Schamberg (*Marge Burfeindt*)
Acts 115:22-31; Ps 57 8-12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13

- Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter
- 4:00 p.m. Mary Kranz (*Thaler Family*)
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 14

- Sixth Sunday of Easter
- 8:00 a.m. Carmela Catino (*Catino Family*)
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Acts 8:5-17; Ps 66:1-20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Collection Counter Schedule

- May 8—Group 2**—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
- May 15—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

Faith in Action

Our Faith in Action Committee has received an urgent, special request from one of our nursing homes for new and/or gently-used shirts for men and women. This will be our Faith in Action collection for the month of May. Please be as generous as always for this special collection. We continue to collect **16 ounce jars of peanut butter** to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Drop off donations inside the church.

5th Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023



Coffee Chats *for* Women of the Parish

Women (ages high school and up) are invited to join us for “Coffee Chats” at the home of Lydia James on May 20 at 10:00 a.m. We will be starting a study on St. Therese of Lisieux: The Science of Love. Along with a discussion there will be a brunch and of course, coffee! If you are interested in attending send an email to Lydia at ldjames25@gmail.com or text at 570-419-9744 and she will send you the study chapters along with other details.

Adult Faith Sharing

Nourishing Body & Soul

Wednesday, May 17 & May 24 at 6 p.m.

During these two sessions, we will continue to renew & deepen our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Bring your Bible, as we will be looking at how all through Salvation History God has been preparing His people for the Eucharist. A light supper will be served. Please call the office at 570-368-8598, email – parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org or use the sign-up sheets at the entrances to the church.



The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man. St. Maria Goretti

Congratulations First Holy Communion Class

Please pray for the following children who received their First Holy Communion. May Jesus, the true Bread of Heaven, stay always in their hearts.



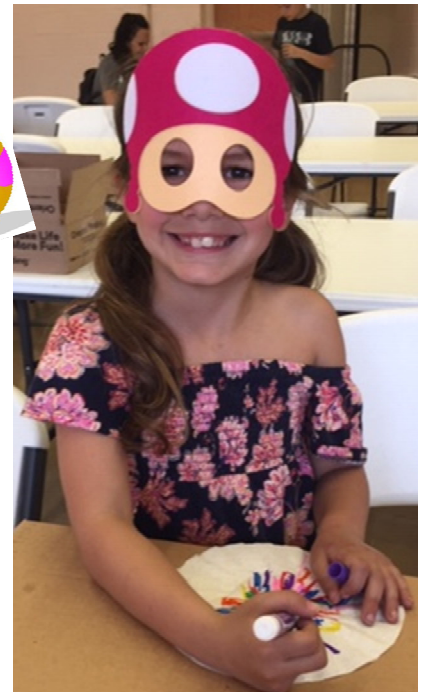
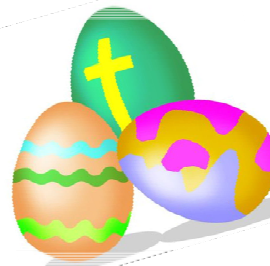
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In Appreciation

As our Catechetical Year draws to a close we want to thank the following dedicated volunteers who taught the faith to the young people of our parish: Grade One: Amy Berkheiser, Grade Two: Donna Mothersbaugh (First Holy Communion Coordinator), Grades Three & Four: Marta Hernandez & Jamie Wieder, Grades Five & Six: Vida Saylor, Grade Seven: Jackie Baylor, Grade 8: Susie Mann (Confirmation Coordinator), Family Catechesis Support Team: Diane Mauray, Heather Fagnano, Sharon O'Malley, Protecting God's Children Instructor: Joe Akers

Easter Egg Hunt

Special thanks to Rachel & Bob Nolan and Samantha & Jessica Kemock for coordinating our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was a super fun day for the children of our parish!



Ministry Corner

Perspective

Deb Steinbacher

As I was praying for guidance for this week's Ministry Corner, the Holy Spirit focused my attention on a television program guest who stated (and I paraphrase) that a certain politician needs to be less stringent in regard to abortion laws. This person objected to the law that prohibits abortion after 6 weeks gestation and thought that prior to 16 weeks would be preferable. He contended that women do not often know that they are pregnant at or before 6 weeks. Our Catholic faith teaches us that human life begins at conception and that abortion is an intrinsic evil - no matter the age of the baby in utero. But, I must take to task the perspective that prior to 16 weeks is preferable from a scientific viewpoint, as well. This person has very obviously not done the homework required to make such a statement. Babies at that age are moving, making facial gestures and, prior to that at about 14 weeks, can suck their thumbs. *Babies at this age, and earlier, feel pain!* As a people of life, we must do all that we can to educate as many as we can. Abortion is not a simple procedure that merely removes a clump of cells. *Abortion kills, painfully, a human baby!* We must do all that we can to support mothers in need and their children. We must also pray. Please pray that soon abortion will be unthinkable and that all children will be loved and wanted.

God bless you!

Adult Faith Formation

Nourishing Body & Soul—Come, Holy Spirit

Please join us for Adult Faith Formation on Wednesday, May 17 and 24 at 6:00 p.m. The sessions will include a light supper and discussion and Bible study to renew and deepen our relationship with Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Please call the office at 570-368-8598 or sign up on the sheets at the church entrances.

Prayer List for the Month of May

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, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Nancy Moyer, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

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