

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025



FILL US ALL WITH
Joy

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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.

Welcome!

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm- OLOL
Saturday 5:30 pm- Resurrection
Sunday 8:30 am - Resurrection
Sunday 10:30 am - OLOL
Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am
OLOL
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Resurrection

Adoration

Monday 6-7 pm—OLOL
Tuesday 9-noon—Resurrection

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3-3:30 pm—OLOL
Tuesdays—10-11:00 am
Resurrection
Anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the parish office for
information on scheduling a
Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrange at least six months
in advance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office when
someone ill, hospitalized, or
homebound wishes to receive the
Sacraments.

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

If interested in learning more about
the Catholic Faith,
contact Susie Mann.

Parish Membership

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

Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

Happy 3rd week of Advent!



Called to Serve!

We welcome our new Altar Servers, Marie & Rosie Aguirre pictured with Father Sean and August Schwartzman pictured with Altar Server, Owen Fagnano.



Here is Your God Sunday Bible Reflection by Scott Hahn

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours.

He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see Isaiah 29:18–20; 61:1–2).

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see Matthew 6:25–34). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see Isaiah 30:18).

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."



The Third Week of Advent

The Week At A Glance

Sun., Dec. 14— Faith Formation Grades 1-8— 9 a.m.
Youth Candy Sale After 10:30 a.m. Mass
Mon., Dec. 15— Adoration 6-7 p.m.
KOC 7 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 18— Children's Play Practice 6 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 20— OCIA Rite of Welcoming 4 p.m. Mass

Oplatki ~ Christmas Wafers

The tradition of sharing Oplatki is a symbol of family unity, reconciliation, and the spirit of Christmas. Oplatki wafers are available at the main entrance to the church.

Faith in Action ~ The Giving Tree

Our Annual Giving Tree will be available beginning Monday, November 24. Please take a card off the tree, instructions will be inside. This year we are asking for Weis Gift cards in the amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20. Donations will help support the ministry of Shepherd of the Streets. Thank you so much for your support!



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m.—Choral Prelude
3:30 p.m.—Children's Play—Our Lady of Lourdes
4:00 p.m.—Children's Mass—Our Lady of Lourdes
5:30 p.m.—Children's Mass—Church of the Resurrection

December 25—Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.—Church of the Resurrection
10:30 a.m.—Our Lady of Lourdes

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

December 31—5:30 p.m. ~ Our Lady of Lourdes
January 1—9:00 a.m. ~ Church of the Resurrection



Prayer List for the Month of December

Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Lisa Carlin, Cindy Cillo, Dottie Dincher, John & Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, D.G., Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Jerry Lariviere, Kip Lawson, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al, Karen & Jill Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Joe Mifsud, Jim Pagana, Shelley Sechler, Anna Smith, Dave Steinbacher, Ed Steinbacher, Mary Steinbacher, Bill Weaver, Kathleen Hales Wertz, Daniel Whitmoyer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer, Isaac Wrench

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m. Rita C. Koch (by Rita A. Koch)

Sunday, December 14

10:30 a.m. Father John Manno (by Romey Fagnano Family)

Monday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Mary Jo Cillo (by the Shuhler Family)

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Marie B. Pagana Zurinsky (by Frances Mazzullo)

Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. James & Helen O'Brien & James Nestlerode by (Jan & Karen Ransdorf)

Sunday, December 21

10:30 a.m. Ginger Paulhamus (by Jim Pagana)

Offertory Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

December 6/7, 2025

Loose	\$ 361.00
Offertory	\$ 6,740.00
Maintenance	\$ 373.00
Utilities	\$ 40.00
Votive Candles	\$ 135.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 148.00
Christmas	\$ 365.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 778.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00

TOTAL \$ 8,945.00

Diocesan Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

Care & Education of Priests	\$ 340.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 25.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ 9,310.00

Collection Counter Schedule

Monday, December 15

Group 1

D. Simms, B. Fry, W. Marshalek

Monday, December 22

Group 2

G. Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett



Our Lady of Lourdes Direct Contribution Program

Giving online is easy.

*Visit the church website www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org

*Click "online giving" *Click the "Button" box

*At the top of the page click on "Sign-up"

*Create a profile by entering your name, email, and password

*Click "Create account" *A confirm email & code will be sent

*Enter the code *Click on "Offering" or other offertory options

*Enter \$ amount, frequency & start date *Click "add to basket"

*Click on "Continue to Payment" *Click on Bank Account * Enter bank information. Problems call the parish office for help.

Church of the Resurrection An Advent Festival of Music & Carols

Sunday, December 14 ~ 3:30 p.m./Chancel Bells of First United Methodist and The First UMC Cantata Choir

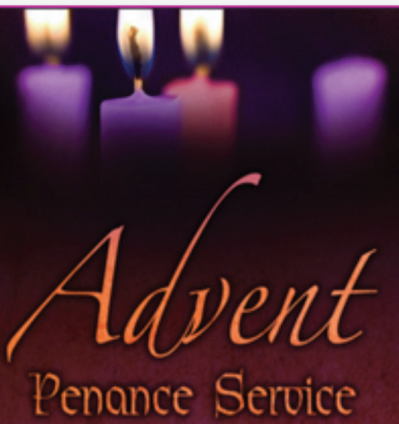
Sunday, December 21 ~ 3:30 p.m./The Williamsport Music Club, Ryan Workman, President

Doors open 30 minutes prior to start of each performance. Light Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Area Parish Penance Service

Wednesday,
December 17th
@ 6:30pm
In the Church

St. Joseph the
Worker Parish



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Bold and Beloved

Women's Retreat

Inspired by the teaching of St. Hildegard of Bingen
January 30-February 1, 2026

For more information, call (570) 207-2213 x1100

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

Register at dioceseofscranton.org

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
through
DECEMBER 5TH!!!

Registration closes January 16, 2026

Annette Bergeon
Keynote Speaker

Michael Corsini
Worship Leader

We want to welcome the following to
our parish family:

Tony & Cindy Eiswert
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Sage & Tyler Koch and son, Saylor
Joseph & Carole Cardone
Kevin & Joanne Pompeo
The Montoya Family



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