

He is not here.
HE has RISEN!
Just as He said...

Matthew 28:6

He Is Risen! Just As He Said!

Dear Parish Family,

Our broken world needs Easter now more than ever. St. Paul tells us that “If Christ be not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:14). Our observance of Easter is not just a mere recollection of the central events of Christianity. Our Easter Mass is a life-giving sacrament and sign of hope, that is realized in our lives each and every year and each and every day. Our faith is not in vain, for *He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!*

This Easter we are invited to renew that miracle of new life in Christ. Jesus renews the power of His love and mercy in our hearts and lives as we celebrate His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We are given the perseverance and grace we need for the true goal of our lives—to journey to Eternal Life.

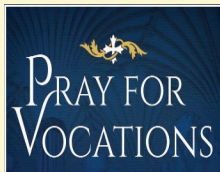
We people of faith must proclaim the Good News that this is still God’s world. We are still His people redeemed by His Son Jesus Christ. You have heard me preach that many, many times. God will not leave us orphaned. He has seen us through those days where Good Friday appeared to have won. Now is the time to feast. The somber days of Lent are over. Easter is the triumphant celebration of His victory. Let us rejoice! Alleluia! God has the last word – always. Alleluia!

May you and the entire faith family of Our Lady of Lourdes, along with all of our loved ones, have a most Blessed and Happy Easter. In this spirit of faith and hope, I wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter Season!

In the Spirit of Faith & Hope I am
Joyfully Yours,
Fr. Michael

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.



Top Ten Things You May Not Have Known About Priests

Enjoy and come back next week for #4

#5 All priests don't have the same mission.

Sure, the mission of all priests is to get people to Heaven. Every priest is definitely called to that through their vows. But not all priests have the same lifestyle. Diocesan priests answer to the bishops of their diocese, don't take a vow of poverty, receive a salary and tend to the needs of the people in their parish. Religious priests (Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, etc.), however, do take a vow of poverty, live in community with their order, and are obedient to a Superior. Their days follow a regimented schedule of prayer, meals, work, and recreation. Oftentimes specific orders have a mission, like teaching or caring for people in a certain area, and they don't receive a salary, but any money they collect goes toward the needs of their community.

April is Dedicated To The Holy Eucharist & The Resurrection



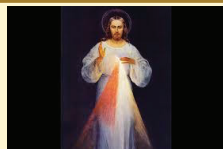
Easter Sunday Morning

Easter Egg Hunt!

Following the 8 a.m. Mass

Ages: PK-6

Where: Outside if the weather permits



Next Sunday, April 27, is **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

The Church will be open for private prayer from Noon until 2:00 pm

A Holy Hour will begin at 2pm with opportunity for Confessions until 3pm when we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Altar Servers Needed

We are in desperate need for more Altar Servers for our Sunday Masses! Currently, we only have 4 active servers. To qualify, the student must have received First Holy Communion and attend Church regularly. Servers may continue to serve through High School, extending even to college age when they are home. It is not just for our younger students.

Parents, please encourage your children to volunteer to serve at Holy Mass. Fr. Michael will provide the necessary training. It may be the one thing that helps our kids remain Catholic when they become adults.

If there are any **adults** who would be willing to serve when there are no youth to fulfill this ministry to our Lord, please let us know by calling the Parish Office: 570-368-8598



Masses For Loved Ones

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the office at 570-368-8598 or email to

parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Collection Counter Schedule

April 22 Group 3 J. DeGegorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan

April 28 Group 4 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, K. McGee

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19 Easter Saturday Vigil of Light

8:00 p.m. Easter Intentions

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Easter Intentions

10:30 a.m. Easter Intentions

Monday, April 21 Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Romey Fagnano Family)

Tuesday, April 22 Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. Nicole Selleck (by Jim Borek)

Wednesday, April 23 Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell (by Dave & JoAnne Mondell)

Thursday, April 24 Octave of Easter

No Mass

Friday, April 25 Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. Eugene Palski (by the Moore & Miller Families)

Saturday, April 26 Octave of Easter

4:00 p.m. Joe Mazzante (by Wife & Daughters)

Sunday, April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m. Kathi Pagana (by Jim Pagana)

10:30 a.m. For our Parishioners

Offertory Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

April 13, 2025

Loose	\$ 914.00
Offertory	\$ 7985.00
Maintenance	\$ 172.50
Utilities/Fuel	\$ 50.00
Easter	\$ 200.00
Votives	\$ 655.00

TOTAL **\$9,976.50**

Diocesan Collections

Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 15.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 169.50
Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$10,186.00**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!***

Prayer List for the Month April

Teresa Atwell, Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Gayne Campbell, Dottie Dincher, Ann Dorin, Deacon Matt Easley, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Siona Grzelaczyk, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Rita Koch, Claire McMahon, Jeff O'Connor, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al & Karen Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Aaron Murray, Ginger Paulhamus, Karen Ransdorf, Shelley Sechler, Mary Shuhler, Kathy Wertz, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

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

Women of Lourdes — Save The Date!

April 28th 6-8:00 pm



All ladies of the parish are welcome as we celebrate spring with an old fashioned tea party. The evening will include a light supper, a gardening project, door prizes and more.

Don't forget to bring your favorite tea cup.

Call or text 570-666-5300 or email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org for more information or to reserve a spot.

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.

ERIC GENUIS

BENEFIT EVENT FOR "CONCERTS OF HOPE"

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND | 7:00PM
SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH

326 WASHINGTON BLVD, WILLIAMSPORT

**WITH AN ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE
FOR SJNRA STUDENTS AT 10:00AM**

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AND SOLICITS DONATIONS...
TO FUND CONCERTS...

CONCERTS OF HOPE



ERIC GENUIS' MISSION IS TO PERFORM UPLIFTING, ORIGINAL CONTENT CONCERTS FOR THE **FORGOTTEN**, THE **DISENFRANCHISED**, AND THOSE WHO HAVE **LOST HOPE**, TYPICALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPRISONED, ADDICTED, HOMELESS, AND WHO ARE GENERALLY COMMITTED TO INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING DEATH ROW IN PRISONS.

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