



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

October 1, 2023

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Hours

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

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.

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

Parish Membership

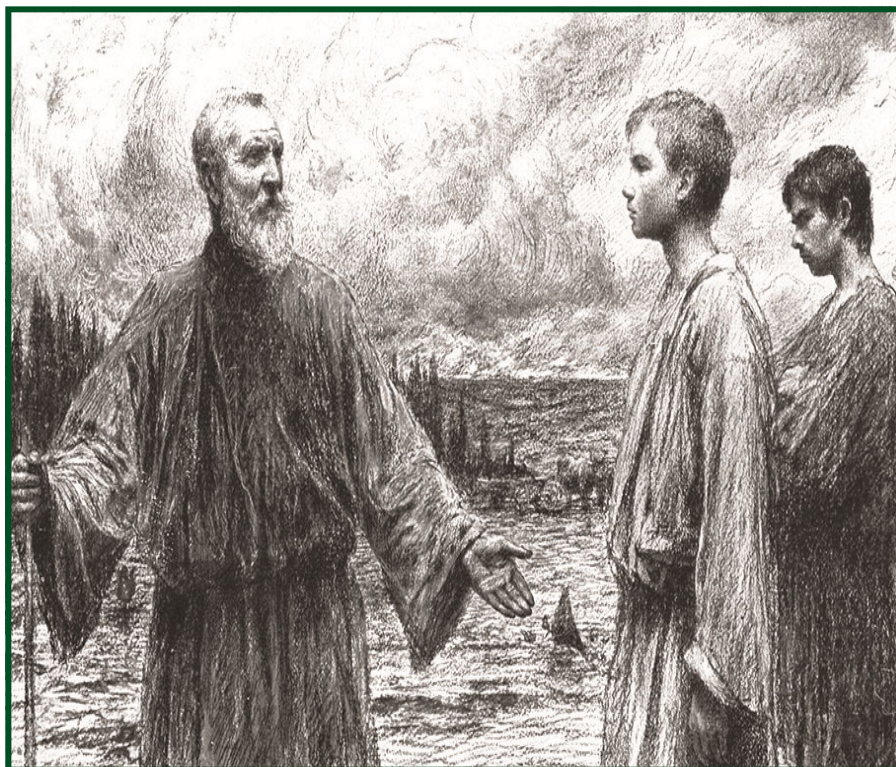
New parishioners are
always welcome
Please call the parish office
to register.

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Council 14329

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Mary Etta Legarski
Sharon O'Malley
Keith Kuzio
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Matthew 21:28-32

“What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?”



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As usual, there are a hundred things I would like to share with you in my bulletin letter. I will begin with a reminder that October is the Month of The Most Holy Rosary. In fact, the Feast day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is October 7th. This year it falls on the first Saturday of the month, which is a happy coincidence because each 1st Saturday we have a special Mass of Reparation with devotions, including the Rosary, and an opportunity to go to Confession.

This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday and World Communion Sunday. In addition we will be gathering with area Churches and Pro-Life Groups for the Life Chain this Sunday from 2:30-3:30. Even though the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade, abortions abound as the recognition of the dignity of human life at all ages continues to erode. Many of our national policies are a direct affront to our Creator, Who created us in His Image. Life is now disposable for almost any reason, including age, inconvenience, economic cost of care, and even for certain opinions (consider how portions of this *cancel culture* treats anyone with traditional values). I would love to see all of you there to give witness to Christ and stand with those who value the lives of all. By the way, don't forget that the Rosary is a very powerful source of grace and victory in Jesus Christ. Pray it regularly, preferably at least once a day.

On a happier note, we will have the traditional blessing of animals and pets on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi this Wednesday, October 4th, at 6:30 pm in the parking lot. If it rains we will be in the parish hall. All are invited to bring their animal friends of any color, culture or breed for this blessing. May this blessing of St. Francis of the pets entrusted to our care help us to be better stewards of all our Lord has given to us.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



WELCOME AGES
ELEMENTARY and Older!

Walking Tacos!

Drinks!

FUN!



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT!

Event: **DODGEBALL!**

When: Friday October 6

Where: OLOL (Rain or Shine)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME FALL
to our OLOL Family!

From Gracie, Father
Mike and Staff.



Blessings of the animals for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi will take place on Wednesday, October 4 @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring your pet for a celebration of God's creatures. We are inviting all of our furry and feathered friends for a special blessing by Father Mike.

In addition to a blessing and a treat for your pet, refreshments will be served. No need to sign-up.

Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing.

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, October 2
 ~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 ~Knights of Columbus ~ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 4
 ~Blessings of the Animals ~ 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 5 ~ Office Closed
 ~Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, October 6 ~ First Friday
 ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 ~Youth Ministry Event ~ **Dodgeball** - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 7 ~ First Saturday
 ~Catholic Underground NYC trip - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 8
 ~Religious Education (Grades 1-8) 9:00 a.m.

Offertory Collections
 (Includes on-line contributions)

September 23-24, 2023

Loose	\$	601.00
Offertory	\$	5,801.00
Maintenance	\$	21.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	2.00
Votives	\$	5.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	3.00
Holy Day ~ All Saints	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	6,454.00
<u>Diocesan Collections</u>		
Care & Education of Priests	\$	5.00
TOTAL	\$	5.00

Collection Counter Schedule

October 01 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
October 08 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan



FAITH IN ACTION

For the month of **OCTOBER**, soap and body wash for all ages will be collected. God Bless!



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.

Opportunities to Serve

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 at 570-368-8598.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 2 ~ The Holy Guardian Angels
 9:00 a.m. For the health of Alex Mazzante (By Marilouse Mazzante)
Tuesday, October 3
 9:00 a.m. Helen Schamberg (By Marge Burfeindt)
Wednesday, October 4 ~ St. Francis of Assisi
 9:00 a.m. Harry & May Hanna (By Family)
Thursday, October 5 ~ NO Mass
Friday, October 6 ~ St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
 9:00 a.m. Pat Renehan (By Ellen)
Saturday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Arthur Girio (By Family)
 4:00 p.m. Henry L. Koch (By Rita A. Koch)
Sunday, October 8
 8:00 a.m. Robert Bamonte (By Alicia and Family)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings for the week

Monday: Zech 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23; Mt 18:1-10
Tuesday: Zech 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-12; Ps 19:8-11; Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-9; Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-29; Ps 69:33-37; Luke 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



Choir practices are every Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Come New Members! New Voices! ALL ARE WELCOME! Contact JoMarie Latini @ 570-666-4915 for more information.



Annual Lycoming County Life Chain

Life Chain meets today, **October 1, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on the Golden Strip (in front of the Truist Bank).** Please join us for this peaceful and prayerful demonstration to end abortion.

Prayer List for the Month of October

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, Matt Hales, Rosemary "Cate" Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, JoMarie Latini, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Alex Mazzante, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Justin Reed (Father's nephew), Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Kim Singer, Sofia Steinbacher, Shawn Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Christine Quinn, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

A day in New York City

WHO: High School Students
WHAT: New York City Trip
 Catholic Underground
WHEN: Sat., October 7, 2023

The day will consist of seeing the sights of Manhattan, attending Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral and ending with worship and songs of praise with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Space limited !! Call Sharon O'Malley at (717) 683-9737.



A Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Oh, most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in the necessity; there are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3times)

Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3times)

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who give me the divine right to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in the short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory.

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

Anonymous



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