



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

October 8, 2023

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Twenty-Seventh 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.

Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

Parish Council

Rita Clayton
Deb Steinbacher
Paul Moerschbacher
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*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
By the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?"*

*Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away
from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit".*

Matthew 21:42-43





Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we are honored to have a long-time friend of our Parish, Fr. Charles Cummings, here to cover the weekend Masses. Referring to this weekend's Gospel, I can say with confidence that the "vineyard" of my parish is safe in his hands. Thank you, Fr. Cummings.

Just a few musings:

Last week was a wonderful week for parish life. We had the Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, with about 35-40 people in attendance. The Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi was, indeed, a blessing for all of us who love our pets. Dodgeball with the kids on Friday was great fun. Though not fun, we had the great honor of entrusting to the Lord, Jackie Eiswerth. All of this took place amongst the usual schedule of office work, Holy Hours, Confessions, religious education, hospital visits, and the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Parish Life. What a Blessing!

In this weekend's parable, Jesus tells the story of the landowner and his vineyard. We might just as well hear our Heavenly Father speaking to us, "My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; and again: I planted a vineyard and put a hedge round it." Clearly it is human souls that Jesus calls His vineyard, and the hedge He has put round them is the security of His commandments and the protection of the angels; "for the angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear him."

Let me close out with this, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there be any excellence and if anything be worthy of praise, think about these things. Then the peace of God will be with you."

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael McCormick



October And The Rosary

The Month Of The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. It is a sign of predestination.

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

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, October 9

- ~Parish Office is **CLOSED** for Columbus Day
- ~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ~Bloodmobile 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the hall

Wednesday, October 11

- ~First Penance plus parent/student meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~Parish Pastoral Council & Coordinating Meeting ~ 6:30

Thursday, October 12 ~ Office Closed

- ~Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 13

- ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14

Sunday, October 15

- ~Religious Education (Grades 1-8) 9:00 a.m.
- ~Youth Mass ~ 10:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Robert Bamonte (By Alicia and Family)
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, October 9 ~ St. Denis; St. John Leonardi

- 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mondell Family (By David & JoAnne Mondell)

Tuesday, October 10

- 9:00 a.m. Alfons & Mary Smokowicz (By Catino Family)
- 2:00 p.m. Helen Mooney @ WeCare

Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00 a.m. Dr. Charles & Mary Pagana (By Joe & Theresa Moore)

Thursday, October 12 ~ NO Mass

Friday, October 13

- 9:00 a.m. Barbara Swartz (By Gloria Gomb)

Saturday, October 14 ~ St. Callistus I

- 4:00 p.m. Oscar Hepburn Jr. (By Mom & Dad)

Sunday, October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus (By Knights of Columbus Council #14329)
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



REGARDING AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Area priests will be attending a convocation with the Bishop. Father Cummings will be covering. The area daily Masses for all Churches will be at St. Boniface, October 17, 18 & 19, at 8:00 a.m. Confessions will be heard at 5:30 p.m. on October 16, at St. Boniface with Fr. Cummings.



~WELCOME~

Please welcome Fr. Charles Cummings to Our Lady of Lourdes this weekend. Father will be serving at all of the Masses. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross Bloodmobile here at OLOL on Monday, October 9, from 12 - 5:00 p.m.

Collection Counter Schedule



October 10 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan
 October 16 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes, Bonnie Fry, Norma Stryker

Offertory Collections
 (Includes on-line contributions)

September 30 & October 1, 2023

Loose	\$	471.00
Offertory	\$	6,118.00
Maintenance	\$	212.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	22.00
Votives	\$	224.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
TOTAL	\$	7,048.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	131.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	5.00
TOTAL	\$	136.00

Readings for the week

- Monday:** *Jonah 1:1-11; Ps 126:1-6; Luke 10:25-37*
- Tuesday:** *Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-8; Luke 10:38-42*
- Wednesday:** *Jonah 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-10; Luke 11:1-4*
- Thursday:** *Mal 3:13-20; Ps 1:1-6; Luke 11:5-13*
- Friday:** *Joel 1:13-15; Ps 9:2-9; Luke 11:15-26*
- Saturday :** *Joel 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-12; Luke 11:27-28*
- Sunday:** *Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Phi 4:12-20; Mt 22:1-10*



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.



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, 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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Ministry Corner By Deb Steinbacher

~ OFFERING IT UP

Offering it up has taken on a whole new meaning. Joan Andrews Bell, the wife of Good Counsel Homes co-founder Chris Bell, has been incarcerated for protesting at an abortion clinic in Washington, D.C. She was with several others, and they have all been convicted and jailed. She could be there for 11 years! Although she is not new to jail time for abortion protests, she is now in her mid-seventies. This time could be the last and she has asked that we pray for her. She does not want letters, money, or visits. Joan explained that she wants this "prison stay to be a time of undistracted prayer, as well as a time of penance - for my self and our nation." As part of our ministry, can we all say a Rosary a day for Joan and as penance for the sins of those who would kill the innocent? Let us offer it up for Joan and (in Joan's words) "our precious unborn brothers and sisters who are suffering martyrdom." God bless us and God help our nation!

A Rosary Rally will be held in the OLOL Mary Garden on October 14 @ 11:00 a.m. Please contact Deb Steinbacher for more information at 570-337-7460.

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