



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2022**

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Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at
7:00 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.

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Parish Council

Wendy Bonus
Bob Nolan
Russell Gombosi, M.D.
Rita Clayton
Deb Steinbacher
Paul Moerschbacher
Jamie Wieder
Mary Etta Legarski
Sharon O'Malley
Keith Kuzio



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.*

From the Pastor's Desk

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray."

Dear Parish Family,

The week before last Sunday I visited all the kids in their religious education classes. I think I already expressed how much joy it brings to this old man's heart that I get to be a part of bringing our children to Christ Jesus. The older students were a bit less enthusiastic about being there, LOL! I fully understand. I'm pretty sure I gave my mother a rough time about CCD and even going to Mass when I was a teenager. My Poor Mom! I was not an easy child to raise. I actually always loved Mass, I just balked when told that I had to go.

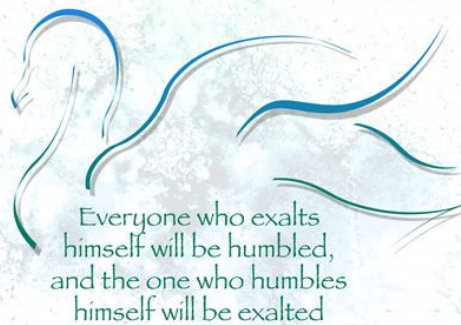
Anyway, I get such a kick out of our kids. When I visited the 1st grade class it was almost time for dismissal, so I asked them to show me what they learned and what they did. They learned the "Glory Be", and they were so proud of their coloring sheets. Colsen didn't say much but had a big smile on his face. Elijah was very proud, and said he didn't finish it because he was making sure he did a good job. And my dear Eliza just glowed all over, knowing that she made Father Mike proud. I live for moments like this. Three children came to Church to learn and pray. Three children went home justified!

It truly saddens me to think that some children do not even know they are loved. It equally distresses me to think that many adults, even Church goers, do not experience the loving presence of the Blessed Trinity. He is present. So what keeps us from knowing that? Sometimes it is self righteousness. Sometimes it is a clinging to an opinion or a sinful habit. Sometimes it is because we were not loved at home, and may have grown up in an abusive situation. Sometimes it is just because no one has told them about the God Who loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son.

Lord Jesus, give all of us at Our Lady of Lourdes the grace of realizing that we are Your Children, and that you rejoice in us. Let us all realize how much we are loved and cherished. Give us the blessing to become convinced, not of our own righteousness, but of Your Grace. Inspire us each day to share the love of God with others. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joyfully Yours,

Fr. Michael



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

Parish Pastoral Council

We are currently seeking new members to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Specifically, we are looking for members who embody the following qualities:

- ~ Desire for spiritual growth in themselves and the Parish
- ~ Enthusiasm about the future of the parish
- ~ Eagerness to facilitate parish decisions about its Direction
- ~ Capacity to listen outweighs the need to speak
- ~ Ability to inspire and empower
- ~ Flexibility and openness with people and ideas

Nomination Weekend is **this weekend**. We invite you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to ministry on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Bible Study

Deacon Steve Frye's weekly Bible study continues this week on **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** He continues through the sessions of *The Eucharist: A Bible Study for Catholics*, by Father Mitch Pacwa.

World Mission Sunday

This weekend, we will have a second collection for World Mission Sunday. On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Pope Francis reminds us that the Church is missionary in nature and that we are called at Baptism to share in this mission together. The Holy Father exclaims, "Would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of Baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth!" Thank you for your generosity.

Follow Up Meeting

There will be a festival follow-up meeting on **Tuesday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall to review the successes of this year's Parish Festival.

Vocations Sunday

November 6 is Vocations Sunday. We look forward to the Capuchin Sisters coming, and we remind everyone to continue praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints' Day Masses (Holy Day of Obligation): Tuesday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

All Souls' Day Mass—Commemoration of the Faithful Departed—Wednesday, November 2, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

***Special Mass of Remembrance:** The 6:00 p.m. Mass on November 2 will include the presentation of memorial candles in memory of parishioners or loved ones of parishioners who have died since All Souls' Day of 2021. A time of fellowship will follow with a reception in the parish hall. If you would like a loved one remembered, please call the parish office by October 27.

Welcome to Our Parish

Please indicate if there is anything we can do for you, and drop off at the parish office/offertory basket.

Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
☐ I am looking for a parish home.
☐ I would like to return to the Church.
☐ I would like to know more about Catholicism.
Please pray for _____



Prayer for Healing...

Dear Lord, We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring Healing, Comfort, and Peace to their Bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing of Your love.
Amen.

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY UPDATED PARISH WEBSITE
www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org

Community and Service

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~**Sunday, October 23**
Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ grades 1-8
- ~**Monday, October 24**
Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.
Parish Pro-Life Group ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ parish hall
- ~**Tuesday, October 25**
Festival Wrap-up Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~**Wednesday, October 26**
Adult Faith Formation ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~**Thursday, October 27**
Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, October 28**
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~**Sunday, October 30**
Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ grades 1-8
Celebrating Parish Life ~ 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

2023 Mass Intention Book Is Open

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is now open.

In order that all parishioners have the opportunity to remember or memorialize their loved one on special dates we have a few guidelines:

- * Each family may schedule up to three Masses, however, there is no limit on unscheduled Masses.
- * An individual may only have a Mass offered once every two weeks.
- * Recently deceased parishioners might take precedence.

St. Luke Sauerkraut Dinner

St. Luke Catholic Church, 120 Kendall Avenue, Jersey Shore, invites you to the 54th Annual Family Style Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on **Wednesday, October 26**, in the parish hall. The menu includes: pork, sauerkraut, knockwursts, mashed potatoes, dumplings, drinks and dessert. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-12, and free for 5 and under. Lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; dinner from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Take-outs available all day.

St. Boniface-Feast of All Souls

A solemn celebration of the Mass for the Dead, Remembering those we have loved and lost, with Mozart's beautiful Requiem sung by the Saint Boniface choir, soloists, and orchestra will be held on **Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

Ministry Corner

What Does the Catechism Say?

By Deb Steinbacher

"The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents, nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to the human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard, every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death." (2272, CDF, Dominum Vitae III). The Catechism refers to abortion and infanticide as "abominable crimes" (2271). Yet, we are faced with those who would leave the teachings of the Church at the door every Sunday and stride out into the public forum to not only support laws allowing abortion, but promote abortion and infanticide as rights! Even if we do not look at abortion and infanticide through our eyes of faith, we cannot deny that these acts kill a human being. Science has given to us our modern day prenatal ultrasounds that show babies, not blobs of tissue! Promoting abortion and infanticide are, indeed, abominable crimes! We must do all that we can to end this scourge on our nation. Please continue to pray for hearts to change!

All Saints and All Souls Day Schedule Area Churches

Monday, October 31 (Vigil)

5:00 p.m. @ St. Joseph the Worker

7:00 p.m. @ St. Luke

Tuesday, November 1

7:00 a.m. @ St. Lawrence

7:30 a.m. @ St. Ann

8:00 a.m. @ Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. @ Our Lady of Lourdes

10:00 a.m. SJNRA @ St. Boniface

12:10 p.m. @ St. Joseph the Worker

5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface

6:00 p.m. @ Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 p.m. @ Resurrection, St. Ann, SJW & St. Luke

Wednesday, November 2

7:00 a.m. @ Divine Providence Chapel

8:00 a.m. @ Immaculate Conception, St. Boniface

9:00 a.m. @ OLOL and Resurrection

12:15 p.m. @ Immaculate Conception Cemetery

6:00 p.m. @ OLOL & Resurrection

7:00 p.m. @ St. Ann, St. Boniface, SJW, St. Luke

John Bower Basketball

Registration is now available for John Bower Basketball for grades K-6. For more information, call John Arrigoni at 570-660-9371.

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 22

Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Henry L. Koch (*Rita Koch*)

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Thomas O'Malley (*Family*)

Sir 35:12-18; Ps 34:2-23; 2 Tim 4:6-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday, October 24

9:00 a.m. Dave Fuller (*His Wife*)

Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 25

9:00 a.m. Philip Riley (*Hiserman Family*)

Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Edward Krupa (*Gloria Gomb*)

Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-31

Thursday, October 27

NO MASS

Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday, October 28

SS Simon and Jude

9:00 a.m. Mark Hartland (*The Hartland Family*)

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday, October 29

Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Alphonse Stanzione (*Staff*)

Sunday, October 30

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Kathy Pagana (*By Jim*)

10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Memorial Intentions

In addition to requesting a Mass being offered for your intention, you may also donate for flowers to be placed on the altar in someone's memory or honor for a weekend during Ordinary Time.

Call the parish office for more information.



*Mary,
Queen of the Rosary,
Pray for Us*

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

10/15-16/2022

Loose	\$ 577.00
Collection	\$ 8,156.00
Maintenance	\$ 223.00
Fuel	\$ 97.00
Votives	\$ 121.00
Religious Education	\$ 21.00
Collection Total	\$ 9,195.00
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$ 8,850.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of the Priests	\$ 131.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 1,494.72
Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 1,675.72

Collection Counters Schedule



October 24—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

October 31—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

Faith in Action

For the month of October we will be collecting **rice and soup** for the United Churches Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bins at the doors of the church.



We continue to collect **16 ounce 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.

Sponsor of the Week C.J. Mertes Electrical-Plumbing-Heating

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **C. J. Mertes**. We appreciate their support, and that of all our advertisers. Please support them as they do Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.


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.

M.B., James Bender, Theresa Brown, Dave Bonus, Joanie Campbell, Daniel Cassidy, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Grant Falls, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, Geraldine Hamm, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Karen Marlett, Lois O'Malley, Denise Miller, Nicole Selleck, Denise Sharar, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer, Christine Watts Wright

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