

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR

LADY OF LOURDES

DECEMBER 1, 2024



Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday ~ 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.

Adoration

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

Confessions

Monday ~ 6:10 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
(during Adoration)
Friday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
& 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office
whenever someone is ill,
hospitalized, or homebound, who
wishes to receive Communion.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are
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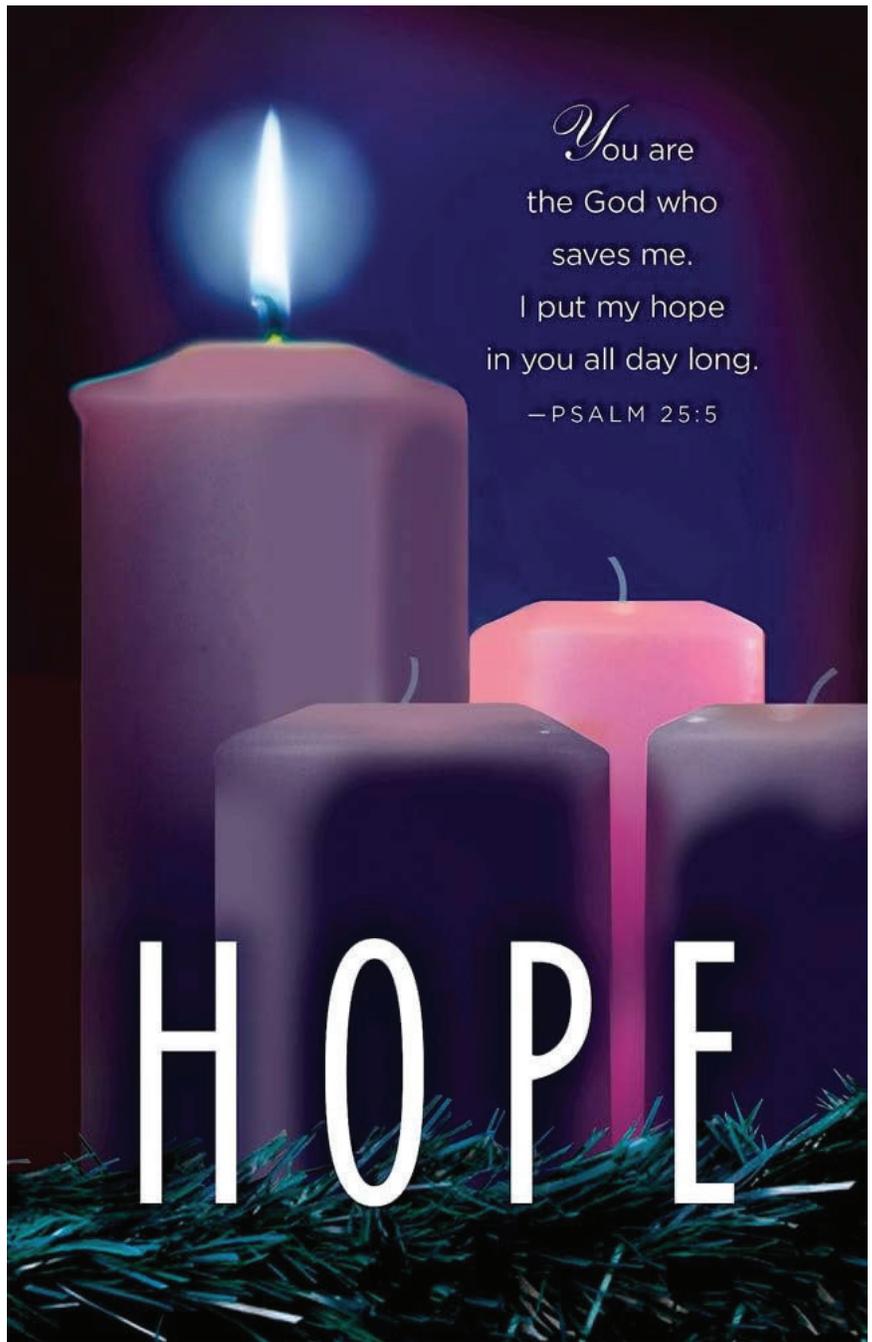
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to register.

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Parish Pastoral Council

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Stacy Gerrity	Kevin Mann
Alissa Jacopetti	Sharon O'Malley
MaryEtta Legarski	Jamie Wieder

Council #14329



You are
the God who
saves me.
I put my hope
in you all day long.

—PSALM 25:5

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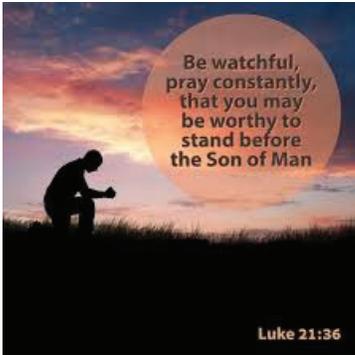
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Mission Statement

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 through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The First Week of Advent



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I trust that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I am most grateful to God for the opportunity to once again celebrate Thanksgiving Mass with my parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes! I am truly grateful for all of you. God has blessed us with a wonderful parish. As our new bells chimed in the Thanksgiving Mass, my heart was singing with joy.

This weekend we are blessed to be celebrating the beginning of Advent together. These four weeks of preparation for Christmas are filled with beautiful images, inspiring Scriptures, family traditions and many joy filled parish activities. Participating in all aspects of parish life strengthens our faith and builds a sense of belonging together to the Body of Christ.

Please see below, the letter from our Bishop regarding the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every December 8, Catholics joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patroness of the United States. This year, December 8 will fall on a Sunday— specifically the 2nd Sunday of Advent. As a result the Celebration of the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9th....

...Therefore, in accord with Canon 87,1, I am hereby granting a dispensation to the Catholic faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, December 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception throughout the territory of the Diocese of Scranton.

In Granting this dispensation, I want to emphasize two things. First, while the obligation will not be in effect this year, I strongly encourage all faithful who are able to make a special effort to attend Mass on December 9, or do some form of extra prayer, like the Rosary. Second, this dispensation is for this year (2024) only. Next year, in 2025, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will fall on a Monday and there will be NO dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on that day.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family as the sacred season of Advent approaches.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton

Preparing Our Hearts for the Celebration of the Birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ



Happy 1st week of Advent!



St. Nicholas Party ~ Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

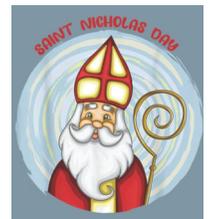
Preschool thru 6th Grade

A fun afternoon to prepare for the birth of Jesus *Games, crafts, snacks, and more.

Great opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping or enjoy a quiet afternoon together.

This is a great service opportunity for our 7th & 8th Grade students.

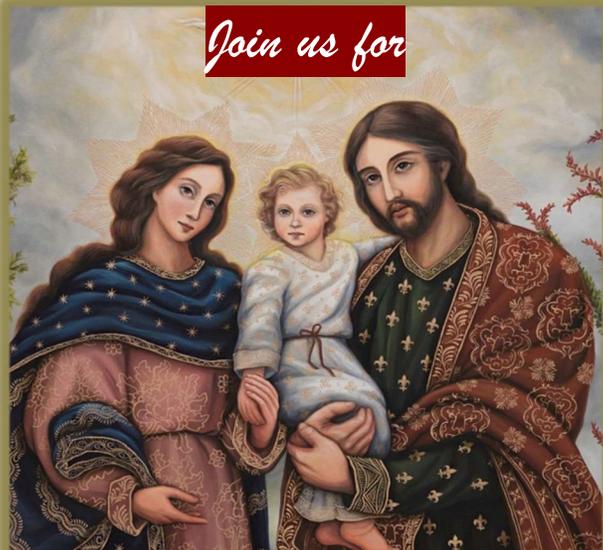
Please RSVP by December 3 by contacting Jackie Baylor at (267)236-2310 or the parish office at 570-368-8598 or parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.



Nourishing Body & Soul ~ An Advent Evening of Reflection

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is one of the most famous Marian Apparitions in Church history. Join Cathy Asbury (aka Cathy from Canton) on **Saturday, December 7** in the parish hall at 5 p.m. to learn more about what happened in December of 1531 and the continuing miracles of one of the most intriguing and famous images in the world.

A light supper will be served. Please call the parish office at 570-368-8598 or email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org to reserve a spot.



Join us for

Nazareth Group

A young woman's group (grades 9-12) with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth



Saturday, December 7, 2024



11am – 4:30pm

Learn more about the Faith, make wholesome friendships, and grow more in love with Jesus Christ through prayer and hearing inspirational talks.



Upcoming meetings:

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025



*Two locations are available
Please call to RSVP by December 6th*

*Mother of God Convent
215 Wellwood Dr.
Tunkhannock, Pa 18567
Sr. Angela – (570)-836-2737*



*Mother of the Eucharist Convent
6100 Jacks Hollow Rd.
Williamsport, Pa 17702
Sr. Clare-(570)-745-3334*

www.capuchinsisters.com



The Week At A Glance

Sunday, December 1 *First Sunday of Advent*
 ~Sisters of Nazareth Music & Movie
 ~3:30 p.m. Family Movie *Moana 2* AMC at the Mall

Monday, December 2
Office Closed
 ~6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
 ~7:00 Knights Business Meeting

Tuesday, December 3
 ~9:00 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
 ~6:00 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal
 ~6:30 p.m. Coordinating Team Meeting & Decorating Hall

Wednesday, December 4
 6:00 p.m. Women of Lourdes: Social & Service

Thursday, December 5
Office Closed

Friday, December 6 *First Friday*
Office Closed
 ~9:00 a.m. Confessions after Mass
 ~ 5:00-6:00 p.m. Confessions

Saturday December 7 *First Saturday*
 ~9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass & Devotions
 ~1-3:00 p.m. St Nicholas Party in Hall
 ~Confessions 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
 ~5:00 p.m. Advent Fellowship & Special Presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe by Cathy Asbury

Offertory Collections: Weekend of November 23-24

(Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	707.00
Offertory	\$	6019.00
Maintenance	\$	14.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	17.00
Christmas	\$	100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	95.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	3.00
Initial envelopes	\$	5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00	
TOTAL	\$	7001.00

Diocesan Collections

CHD	\$	50.00
Catholic Home Miss	\$	132.00
Catholic Communications	\$	25.00
Religious Retirement	\$	0.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	110.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$	7318.00

Faith In Action *Giving Tree* for the month of December. Please place your Weis gift card in the envelope provided & place in the box under the Christmas tree by 12/22/24. Please place the activation notice with the gift card or write the amount on the card itself. Thank you for your donation.

Collection Counter Schedule

Dec 03: Group 3 J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan
 Dec 09: Group 4 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, Kim McGee

Mass Intentions

~**Saturday, November 30**
 4:00 p.m. Eleanor & Louis Mazzante (by Family)

~**Sunday, December 1** *First Sunday of Advent*
 8:00 a.m. Delia Vogel (by Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

~**Monday, December 2**
 9:00 a.m. Louise Patterson (by Doreen Matty)

~**Tuesday, December 3** *St. Frances Xavier*
 9:00 a.m. John & Mary Dorin (by family)
 2:00 p.m. Helen Mooney (at Celebration Villa)

~**Wednesday, December 4** *St. John Damascene*
 9:00 a.m. Kathy, Dick & Missy Wertz (by Joe & Teresa Moore)

~**Thursday, December 5**
 No Mass

~**Friday, December 6** *St. Nicholas*
 9:00 a.m. Charles Jean (by Janet Jean)

~**Saturday, December 7** *First Saturday*
9:00 a.m. Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth (by Romey Fagnano Family)
 4:00 p.m. Joyce Hatlee (by Jay Dee Fuller)

~**Sunday, December 8** *Second Sunday of Advent*
 8:00 a.m. Arthur McClellan (by Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Upcoming Parish Events—Mark Your Calendars

—December 1st The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will be attending and lending their angelic voices in song at our 8am & 10:30am Masses. Following both Masses they will be premiering their new Vocation Film. Please plan on staying after Mass. There will be refreshments.

—LOL Youth/Family Movie Matinee at 3:30 to see *Moana 2*. The movie is free thanks to a generous donation. Snack packs will be provided for youth. Text or call Rachel Nolan at 814-341-6928.

—December 4th Ladies Christmas Party-Social & Service 6:00 pm

—December 7th 2 BIG EVENTS:
 1-3:00 pm **St. Nicholas Party** in the Hall &
 5:00 pm Fellowship and Presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe by Mrs. Cathy Asbury.

—December 8th Outing to see the Live Nativity in Morris, PA. RSVP required: Jamie Wieder at 570-560-9999.

—December 9 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
 9:00 am & 6:00 p.m. Mass
 (No Holy Hour or Confessions due to the Holy Day)

—December 13th Our annual *Love Never Ends* Christmas Party will be held in the Hall at Noon. All who have lost a spouse, recently or in years past, are invited to offer support and encourage one another with faith and friendship.

Prayer List for the Month of November

Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al and Karen Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Aaron Murray, Mary Shuhler, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

Support the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Your gifts help Catholic Social Services operate two housing facilities for homeless veterans - Saint Francis Commons in Scranton and Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village in Kingston.



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**Giving Tuesday
December 3, 2024**

Perhaps you might consider giving this year to your Parish for the Annual Appeal or towards the recently installed Bells.

Annual Appeal-Our Call To Serve

Our thanks go out to everyone who has contributed thus far .

Around the Deanery

~**Advent Lessons & Carols** to be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, Dec. 1. at 2:00 pm.

~**Rummage Sale** At St. Joseph The Worker Fleming Center. Saturday, December 7th, 8am-1pm.

~**Nazareth Group** A young woman's group (grades 9-12) conducted by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, will meet on Saturday, December 7, from 11am-4:30 pm. Please RSVP by December 6th to Sr. Clare at 570-745-3334

~**Williamsport Deanery Rosary Rally** Saturday, December 14th, beginning with 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. More information coming soon.

~**End of Year Retreat** Sponsored by Lycoming County Catholic Young Adult Group, the retreat is on Dec. 21, 2024 at St. Joseph The Worker Parish starting at 8:00 a.m. The topic is "Intimacy with the Holy Spirit". The cost is \$12.00. RSVP by 12/6: HRAINEY65@GMAIL.Com

~Advent Reconciliation Services~

SJNRA December 12 at 1:00 pm in St. Boniface Church

Immaculate Conception December 15 at 2:00 pm

Holy Child December 22 at 4:00 pm

Annunciation Church December 18 at 6:30 pm



Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, has the following to say about priestly vocations:

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

&

"Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus."

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