

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.

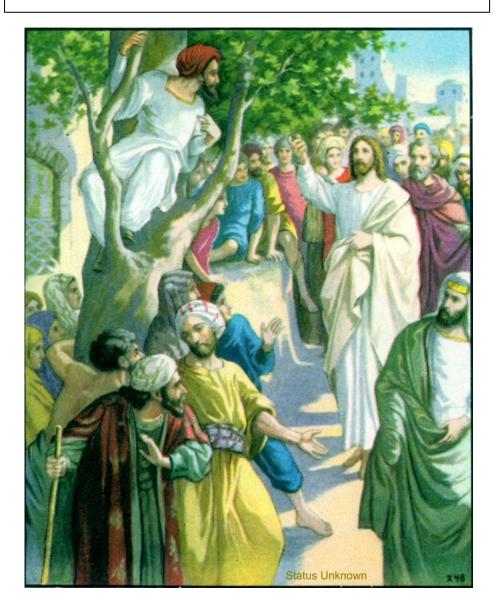
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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2022

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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.

Lover of Souls: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8–9; Ezekiel 34:16).

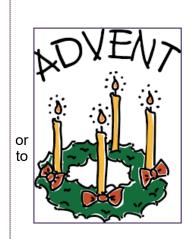
In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud. But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy. Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16–21; 16:19–31; 18:18–25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor. By his humility, he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16–17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation.

We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul's prayer in today's Epistle our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn Founder and President



Advent Make Me Ready, Lord!

Sunday, November 20 9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Parish Hall This activity is intergenerational (All Ages Welcome) Cost: \$25 per family

Sign-up sheets are at the entrances to the church or call the parish office at 570-368-8598 by November 16 to sign up for this fun annual event.

> Fun, interactive and easy!! Light breakfast or lunch will be served Special Kids' Corner for younger children

Sponsored by: Our Lady of Lourdes Family Outreach Ministry

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary





By supporting *Catholic Social Services*, Shepherd's Maternity House in East Stroudsburg is able to offer love and support to mothers and infants in their time of need. The agency also serves as a lifeline to tens of thousands of other families and seniors by providing food, clothing, shelter and other necessary assistance.

Vocations Sunday

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

No Bible Study This Week

All Souls

Each year, during the month of November, we especially commemorate the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us to their eternal rest. We pray for the following who were buried from our parish since November, 2021.

Eleanor C. DeSaulniers Rose C. Fagnano Robert A. Kranz John F. Ukleya Timothy J. Crotty Mark A. Pawlowski Phillip P. Gasowski Jill M. Weymer Helen M. Schamberg Louise A. Patterson Brian D. Knorr JoAnn Schemery



Patrick M. Renehan John F. Eck James M. Fay John J. Kutney Ronald Butters Elizabeth S. Logue Richard A. Strayer John P. Carney Frances M. Beechey Joan A. Early Emil Joseph Mechler

Let us also pray for all who have lost loved ones who were not members of the parish. All Souls' Day Mass ~ Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on November 2 at 6:00 pm **This is a Special Mass of Remembrance.* A time of fellowship will follow in the parish hall.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.

Community

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Sunday, October 30 Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ grades 1-8 Celebrating Parish Life (Intergenerational) Parish Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

- ~Monday, October 31 Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~Tuesday, November 1 ~ All Saints Day Mass ~ 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Office Closed
- ~Wednesday, November 2 ~ All Souls' Day Mass ~ 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Remembrance Reception ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~Thursday, November 3
- Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Friday, November 4

Finday, November 4 First Friday Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.

- Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Saturday, November 5 First Saturday ~ First Saturday Devotions Following 9:00 a.m. Mass ~Sunday, November 6 ~ Vocation Sunday
 - Religious Ed ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ grades 1-8

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

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 If They See It By Deb Steinbacher

The month of the Rosary is coming to an end, but the need for praying the Rosary has not ended! EWTN offers a recording of Mother Angelica and her Nuns praying the Rosary every day. The prayers are accompanied by artwork depicting each mystery. Especially poignant is the image of our Blessed Mother's face as her Son is being scourged. It is not just sad; it is gut-wrenching. Yesterday as I prayed and sobbed, I was led to thoughts of abortion. It sounds like a procedure, but talking about it does not show to us the baby trying to elude the suction tube or the older gestational age baby trying to avoid the forceps. In these instances, the end result is a basin that contains the evidence of a horrific death-the death of one of God's own beautiful creations. Is our Blessed Mother reacting to the torture of these dear ones as she did to the torture of her Son? Are we? Let us pray that we will do everything we can to end this barbaric treatment of babies and their mothers! Let us pray that we will see!

This Week In the Diocese

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat, **November 4-6**. To learn more, call 570-239-6173, Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org, or contact denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com.

Leave a Mark 2022—**November 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Mass,** at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. The idea for this movement came from Pope Francis, who encouraged the pilgrims at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland to not vegetate or take it easy, but to leave a mark: "It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark."



Celebrate Parish Life unday-9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generosity in the second collections for the last two weeks. We brought in \$1,494.72 for aid for the victims of Hurricanes Ian and Fiona. We also collected \$751.82 for World Mission Sunday, which helps to support the Holy Father's missions. Again, thank you for your generosity.

> Check out our updated website: www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org

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Worship and Service

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 29

Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 p.m. Alphonse Stanzione (*Staff*) *Phil 1:18-26; Ps 42:2-5; Lk 14:1-11*

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*

Monday, October 31

9:00 a.m. Beverly DiRocco (Loving Husband) Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints' Day 9:00 a.m. Mary Lou O'Neill (*Bernadette Dietrick*) 6:00 p.m. Jay Finkbeiner (*Family*) *Rev* 7:2-14; *Ps* 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

Wednesday, November 2

All Souls' Day 9:00 a.m. All Souls' Intentions 6:00 p.m. All Souls' Intentions *Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Mt 5:1-12*

Thursday, November 3

NO MASS Phil 3:3-8; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo First Friday 9:00 a.m. John Flannery (*Romey Fagnano Family*) Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 5

First Saturday 9:00 a.m. Alexander J. Stoddart (Marian Ryan, Sister) 4:00 p.m. Richard Dunn (Sam Root) Phil 4:10-19; Ps112:1-9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 6

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time Vocation Sunday 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:30 a.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell (Dave & Joanne Mondell) 2 Macc 7:1-14; Ps 17:1-15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Mary, Queen of the Rosary, Pray for us!

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.

<u>Offertory Collections</u> (Includes on-line contribution)

10/22-23/2022		
Loose	\$	771.00
Collection	\$ 4	4,787.00
Maintenance	\$	89.00
Fuel	\$ 1	1,204.00
Votives	\$	138.00
Religious Education	\$	2.00
Christmas	\$	1.00
All Saints	\$	5.00
Collection Total	\$ (5,997.0 <u>0</u>
Weekly Amount Budgeted	\$8	8,850.00
Diocesan Collections		
Care & Education of the Priests	\$	7.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	761.82
Diocesan Collections	\$	779.82

Collection Counters Schedule



October 31—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett November 7—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

Faith in Action

For the month of October we will be collecting <u>rice and</u> <u>soup</u> 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 <u>16 ounce jars of</u> <u>peanut butter</u> 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 Myers Insurance Agency

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, *Myers Insurance Agency.* We appreciate their support, and that of all our advertisers. Please support them as they do our 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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