

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday ~ Office Closed

Friday ~ 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

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
always welcome.

Please call the parish office
to register.

Knights of Columbus Council #14329

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Contact Susan Mann
#570-244-8133

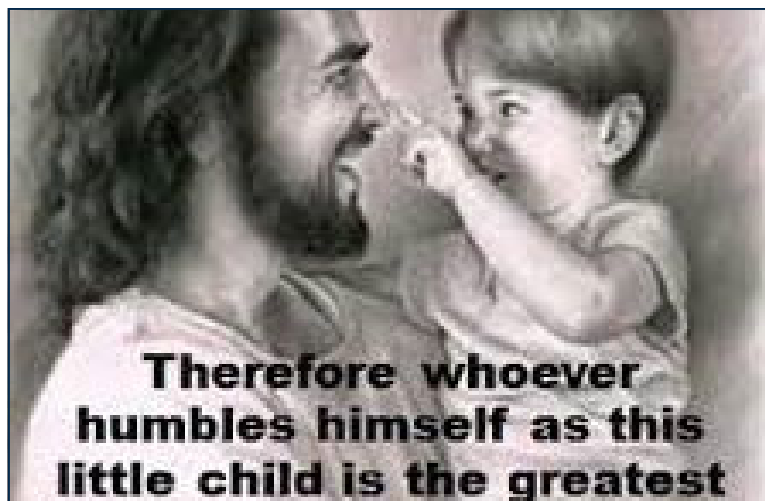
Parish Pastoral Council

Lydia Baylor
Colleen Brown
Stacy Gerrity
Alissa Jacopetti
MaryEtta Legarski
Anne Logue
Keith Kuzio
Kevin Mann
Sharon O'Malley
Jamie Wieder



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



Father Michael S. McCormick

Pastor

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Facebook ~ Our Lady of Lourdes Montoursville

Faith Matters

Snyder's Corn Maze

When: Friday, September 27

Where: Snyder's Farm, Route 87 Montoursville

Time: 5:30 —7:30 p.m.

Cost: Free



Bring friends!
Toast your own Smores and Hot Dogs over the campfire!
Drinks will be provided.

RSVP: Text Kathleen McMahon at 570.419.1471

**Weather Permitting

Service Opportunity Fall Clean up (Guys 5th Grade & older)

When: Friday, September 28

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes

Time: 9:00—12:00 p.m.

Please consider helping us clean up the perimeter of the church facilities. We plan on removing the stone and possibly some stumps.

If you have a shovel or stone rake, please bring them along.



2024/2025 OLOL T-Shirt Contest

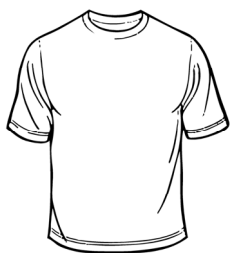
When: October 5 (all entries are due)

Winning Design will receive \$50.

Open to all youth to showcase your design skills!

Design must include "Our Lady of Lourdes" name,
It must be printed in 1 to 3 colors,
T-shirts will be white or grey.

Submit your design with your name on the back to Kathleen



College Football Saturday Game Day Festivities

When: Saturday, October 5th

Where: Nolan's House (300 Gehron Parkway, Montoursville)

Time: TBA

Who: Youth—Grades 5th—12th



Do you enjoy football?

If so, join us along with your friends, wear your favorite football jersey and enjoy the game with food and drinks.

OLOL Battle of the Bridge Senior Night Football Tailgate

When: Friday, October 25th

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes

Time: 5:30 —7:00 p.m.



On your way to the stadium, stop by for: Food, Games and Mini Footballs!

Candles will also be available to light a Prayer Candle for a Loved One.





Traveling Chalice for Vocations

Each week a parishioner or family will take home the Traveling Chalice as a visible reminder to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

For twenty years the Traveling Chalice was used for daily Mass.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A HOST!

FRONT PORCH SOCIAL

When: Saturday & Sunday, September 28 & 29

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes

Time: After all Masses

Next weekend our Pro-Life Committee will be sponsoring a "Front Porch Social." Our Front Porch Socials are a time to enjoy fellowship with each other as well as a sweet treat.

REGISTRATION OPEN

Williamsport Deanery,
Women's Retreat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
10AM START THRU 4PM MASS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BASTRESS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | MASS
SOULCORE | TEMPERAMENTS DISCERNMENT | CATERED LUNCHEON

tinyurl.com/wdwomensretreat

\$35 Adults
\$20 Students
Free for Women Religious

Our Lady of Champion PA Retreats

Registration deadline October 6, 2024

Blessing of Animals—Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

When: Friday, October 4

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes

Time: 6:00 pm

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 with
love and respect.*

Amen



You must remember that you have in Heaven, not only a Father but also a Mother... Let us then have recourse to Mary. She is all sweetness, mercy, goodness and love for us because She is our Mother.

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Pray for us!

Dear Parishioners,

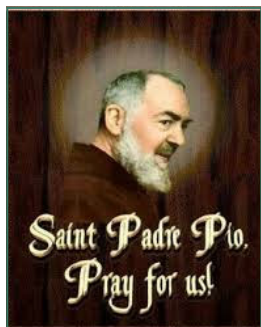
Once again, I want to thank all of you who made the Annual Parish Festival such a wonderful and successful event. We do not have the final numbers calculated at the time I am typing this, but we will give a full report shortly. I thank God for all of you, and for the great weather!

It is with a heavy heart that I must relate the following to you. Anne Andersen has resigned as our parish secretary. She will be sorely missed. We really relied on her, and she always pulled through. Thank you, Anne, and may God Bless you.

This Monday is the feast of St. Padre Pio. Of course we all remember his counsel to pray and not worry. I will be doing my best to follow that advise as we seek someone to replace Anne. If you are interested or know someone who has clerical skills and might want a part time position, please call the office to inquire.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. Michael



Saint Padre Pio's feast day is Monday, September 23.

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, widely known as Padre Pio, was an Italian Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic. He was born on May 25, 1887. He died on September 23, 1968, and was canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002. Just before he died, Padre received a message from Jesus. "My son," Jesus said to him, "do not think that my agony lasted three hours. No, on account of the souls who have received most from me, I shall be in agony until the end of the world." Padre Pio's last words, with his rosary in hand were, "**Gesu, Maria (Jesus, Mary).**" At 2:30 a.m. , he died in his cell in San Giovanni Rotondo.

He live an extraordinary life and reached the very heights of holiness. He bore the wounds of Christ in his own flesh for 50 years until his final hours when the stigmata completely disappeared without a scar. His life is a testament to perseverance and wisdom. He is also known for his sense of humor and his many inspiring sayings.

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Pray for us!



September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

The Week At A Glance

Sunday, September 22

~Religious Education Classes Begin

Monday, September 23

~Holy Hour & Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.

~Women of Lourdes Meeting in the Parish Hall ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24

~Mass & Novena ~ 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 27

~Confessions after 9:00 a.m. Mass

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

~Snyder's Corn Maze ~ 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

~Pre-Cana in Hall 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections: Weekend of Sept. 15-16

(Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	584.00
Offertory	\$	6480.00
Maintenance	\$	135.50
Initial	\$	10.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	87.00
Christmas	\$	3.00
Religious Education	\$	21.00
TOTAL	\$	7320.50

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	172.50
Human Development	\$	3.00
Retirement	\$	23.00
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00
TOTAL	\$	223.50

Collection Counter Schedule

Sept. 23 ~ Group 1 D. Simms, M. Hollenbach, W. Marshalek

Sept. 30 ~ Group 2 G. Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett



Faith Formation

Classes begin this Sunday, Sept. 22, at 9:00 a.m. for Grades 1-8.

Handbooks & Registration forms were mailed to families who participated in our program last year. **If you are new to our parish or if your child will be entering the first grade in the Fall**, contact Barb Burchanowski @ 570-368-8598 or email the office.

~Grades 2,3,4,7,8 will meet in Rectory Basement

~Grades 5,6 will meet in Parish Hall

~Grade 1 will meet in Meeting Room



Women of Lourdes ~ Save the Dates

Holy Hour/Fellowship: Sept. 23 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Coffee Chats: Held at the home of Lydia James on Sept. 28 @ 9:30 a.m. Study will be on Pope Benedict XVI, encyclical God is Love. RSVP to Lydia at #570-419-9744 or Ldjames25@gmail.com and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth: Retreat Weekend for Young Women~ Ages 15-27: "Come and See" Retreat will be held from Friday, Sept. 27 at 3 pm thru Sunday, Sept. 29, at 11:30 am. Location: *Mother of the Eucharist Convent, 6100 Jacks Hollow Rd. Wspt.* RSVP to Sr. Christina @ 570-745-3334 or Capuchinsisters.com.

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth: Nazareth Group: Young women, ages 9-12, who desire to make wholesome friendships and grow in their love for Jesus Christ, through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. RSVP to Sr. Clare @ 570-745-3334. Next meeting, Oct. 12, @ 11-4:30 at *Mother of the Eucharist Convent, 6100 Jacks Hollow Rd.*

Women of Lourdes ~ Dinner Night Out: October 9, 6:00 p.m. @ Johnsons Café! *Sign up at the Church office. Bring friends!*

Women's Retreat: Wspt. Deanery hosting retreat @ Immaculate Conception, Bastress, Oct.19. Start @ 10am thru Mass @ 4:00 pm.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 21 ~ St. Matthew, Apostle

4:00 p.m. Grace & Thanks (By the M Family)

Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Yvonne Pike (By Family)

Monday, September 23 ~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina

9:00 a.m. Francis & Joan Reidy (By Mary Jo Cillo)

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 a.m. David Detamore (By Dave & JoAnne Mondell)

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Philip Schamberg (By Family)

Thursday, September 26

No Mass

Friday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Tim Crotty (By Ruthanne Crotty)

Saturday, September 28

4:00 p.m. Josephine Arduini on Her 101 Birthday!

(By the Mondell Family)

Sunday, September 29

8:00 a.m. John Null (By Daughter Alicia & Family)

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

Choir Practice



Come one, come all! Choir resumes October 3, from 6:30 -7:30 pm. Please consider joining this beautiful ministry. Contact Jo Marie Latini @ 570-447-2194.

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 .

Prayer List for the Month of September

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

Ministry Corner by Deb Steinbacher

October is rapidly approaching, and along with all the fall festivities, it is Respect life Month beginning with Respect Life Sunday on the 6th. The Bishops have placed a great deal of focus on the Eucharist. The connection to Respect Life month is reflected in our belief that He is present in the Eucharist, and in our acceptance that He came for us all to have life. St. John Paul II wrote that "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between...the culture of death and the culture of life...with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

Sadly the slippery slope that began in 1973 with the legalization of abortion has led to an acceptance of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide as more and more people buy into the thought that they have a "right" to decide what they can do with their own bodies. But we forget. The bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and not our own (1 Cor. 6:19). When we do our own choosing, we need to remember this and that the culture of death does not glorify God. As St. Paul admonished, "For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." (1Cor. 6:20).

God help us as we choose to promote the culture of life!

Our Lady of Lourdes Military Board

We are updating our Military Bulletin Board located at the front entrance of the Church. If you would like to honor a family member or Veteran, please do so by sending us your info and a picture to be displayed, so that we might keep them in our prayers.

Planning Meeting for Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary

A meeting is scheduled, for October 2 @ 6:30 p.m. in the hall, to start the preparations for Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Celebration date is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Annual Lycoming County Life Chain



The Life Chain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on the "Golden Strip" (East 3rd St) in Wmspt. This is a peaceful, prayerful and visible witness of Christ's love. *Choose Life! Deuteronomy. 30:19.*

Be A Catholic Man Conference ~ Oct. 5

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, from 8-3 pm. Register On-line: Contact Mike Kilmer @ 570-721-0872 or BeACatholicMan.com.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

Attention members of our Parish Family! OLOL is embarking on a Pilgrimage next Summer to Spain. Dates are July 7-16, 2025. See website for details. www.206tours.com/olol



Prison Ministry

Parishioners, *Jim Pagana* and *Keith Kuzio*, are actively involved with this ministry along with volunteers from St. Ann's and Resurrection parishes. Prison ministers also support Fr. Bechtel from St. Joseph the Worker in monthly visits where he celebrates Holy Mass Confession for the inmates.

For many years OLOL has ministered to prison inmates at the Allenwood Federal Correction Complex. If you have interest/questions about this ministry, please reach out to Jim or Keith or contact the office.

"I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36)

Around the Diocese

Church of The Resurrection: Adult Education Program. Five part series on Vatican II. Dates of series: 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 & 10/23, held in Social Hall @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Parish Hall: Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Sept.29, 8-12:30 pm. Adults-\$10~~Children-5-12 \$5~~Under 5 yrs (free). Benefits St. John Neumann Boys Basketball Team.

EZRA 10:4 A Retreat for men discerning the priesthood by Rev. Alex Roche. October 11-12, 2024. Register at : DioceseofScranton.org/vocations.



Vocation Factoids:

The word vocation comes from the Latin, *vocare*, which means to call.

The four man vocations in the Catholic Church are marriage, religious life, the ordained life (priests & deacons), & the single life.

The Sacrament of Baptism gives us all a calling, which means following Jesus to the best of our abilities.