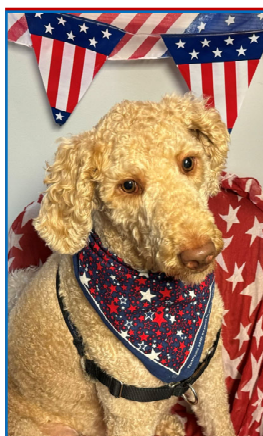


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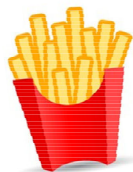
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ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

September 13 & 14, 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.



Live Music - Basket Raffle - Cake Wheel

Pumpkin Stand - Wine Wheel - Children's Games

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Friday Night

1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce,
Coleslaw, Roll & Dessert ~ \$13
*Entertainment: Featuring
Leo & KG with Family Traditions*

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Saturday Night

Homemade Pierogies, Stuffed Cabbage,
Haluski and Dessert ~ \$13
*Entertainment: Featuring Lenny Weber, One
Man, One Guitar, One Good Time*

Tickets Available at Parish Office

Plus our regular delicious food!

Hot Sausages ~ Hamburgers ~ Hotdogs ~ French Fries
Walking Tacos ~ Funnel Cake ~ Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade
Ice Cream ~ Homemade Cobblers

Sunday, September 15 at 11:30 a.m. ~ Basket Raffle Drawing in the Parish Hall



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As our crazy, hazy, lazy days of summer are coming to an end, I hope you are not overwhelmed with busy schedules and changes in routine. Here at the Church, we are quite busy with the beginning of CCD and the Fall Festival in September. I do hope you all will consider volunteering for the Fall Festival. We especially need help setting up, cleaning up and tearing down.

With all the hustle and bustle, I want to share with you two things I have found inspiring. This first offering is from a dear friend of mine who is always praying for priests. I hope you enjoy it and find it helpful, especially if you are experiencing difficulties.

Good Emergency Numbers To Keep On Hand

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| 1. When in sorrow | call John 14 |
| 2. When you have sinned | call Psalm 51 |
| 3. When you worry | call Matthew 6:19-34 |
| 4. When you are in danger | call Psalm 91 |
| 5. When your faith needs stirring | call Hebrews 11 |
| 6. When you feel down and out | call Romans 8:31 |
| 7. When you want peace and rest | call Matthew 11:25-30 |
| 8. When the world seems bigger than God | call Psalm 90 |
| 9. If your pockets are empty | call Psalm 37 |
| 10. When you are lonely and fearful | call Psalm 23 |
| 11. When you grow bitter and critical | call 1 Corinthians 13 |
| 12. For how to get along with other men | call Romans 12 |
| 13. If you are depressed | call Psalm 27 |
| 14. If people seem unkind | call John 15 |

One more thing. As you may remember, we had Greg Fleck here last week to offer his thanks and to serve at the Mass. I was so inspired by his love of God and the Church. After the Saturday Mass his wonderful mother Kristen told me that Greg was impressed with how many of you kneel to receive Holy Communion. He wished that he could receive kneeling, but Kristen said she would not be able to get him back up. This was the only time that weekend that I saw Greg a bit saddened. Now, as you know, we are permitted by the Church to receive standing or kneeling, in our hands or on the tongue. The choice is always yours. When I was about 4 years old, I would always try to get out of kneeling on those hard kneelers at Mater Dolorosa. That is until one day my Nona told me that I needed to kneel for all the old ladies who wished they could kneel, but couldn't. Nona was one of those "old Ladies". From that time on I LOVED kneeling...for Nona and for anyone who could not kneel. So, if you can and if you desire to kneel, please do so as you offer it for all who can't. It is such a reverent way to receive our Lord, and you never know who's heart may be touched by your offering.

Hope, Joy & Blessings To You All, Fr. Michael

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, September 2 ~ Office Closed for Labor Day

~No Holy Hour

Tuesday, September 3

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

~Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 6 ~ First Friday

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

Saturday, September 7 ~ First Saturday

~First Saturday Mass & Devotions ~ 9:00 a.m.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. Joseph & Patricia Hendrick (David & JoAnne Mondell)

Sunday, Sept. 1 ~ World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. John & Ann Dorin on their 64th Wedding

Anniversary (By Dorin Family)



Monday, September 2 ~ Labor Day

9:00 a.m. Sharon McNichol & William Schultz (By Brown Family)

Tuesday, September 3 ~ St. Gregory the Great

9:00 a.m. James Nizinski (Father of Wendy Bonus & Family)

2:00 p.m. (@ Celebration Villa) For an End to Abortion (By Romey Fagnano Family)

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Kathleen and Gerald Renehan (By Gloria Renehan)

Thursday, September 5

No Mass

Friday, September 6 ~ First Friday

9:00 a.m. John Stetts (By His Brother William & Family)

Saturday, September 7 ~ First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Frank Franek (By Lydia Peragine)

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. George and Beryl Rolley (By Dave & Linda Rolley)

10:30 a.m. Nicole Selleck (By Chris Coleman)

Offertory Collections: Weekend of Aug.24/25

(Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	709.00
Offertory	\$	5,566.00
Maintenance	\$	61.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	2.00
Votives	\$	133.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Holy Day ~ Assumption	\$	140.00
Easter	\$	3.00
TOTAL	\$	6,615.00

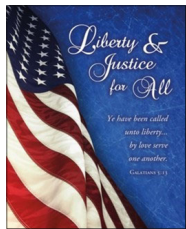
Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	21.00
Retirement Fund	\$	23.00
TOTAL	\$	44.00

Collection Counter Schedule

Sept. 3 ~ Group 2 G. Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett

Sept. 9 ~ Group 3 J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan



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 information and a picture to be displayed, so that we might keep them in our prayers.

Faith Formation



Lets get ready for an exciting new Religious Education year! We want to encourage our children with the promises of God and surround them with the love of their parents and parish community as they prepare for another school year.

Handbooks & Registration forms were mailed this week 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.

Classes begin on September 22, at 9:00 a.m. for Grades 1-8.

First Holy Communion is a two year program. Class attendance for first and second grade is needed to meet the Diocesan requirements to receive this Sacrament.

Confirmation is a two year program. Class attendance for seventh and eighth grade is needed to meet the Diocesan requirements to

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

Sessions begin, September 9. Please call *Susie Mann,*

OCIA parish leader, @ 570-244-8133 for info.

meal ticket



Parish Festival Dinner Tickets

Tickets for *both* Fri. and Sat. night dinners, will be sold after each Mass. Also, you can pick them up at the Church office during working hours. Price is \$13.00/Meal.

Mass Intention Book Opening Soon

The 2025 Mass Intention Book will open after Mass, at 9:30 a.m., *September 16.*

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 (3) Masses, however, there will be no limit on unscheduled Masses.*

~ *An individual may only have a Mass offered once every two weeks.*

~ *Recently deceased parishioners may take precedence.*

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday : 1 Cor 4:6-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Deu 4:1-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jam 1:17-27; Mk 7:1-23

Prayer List for the Month of September

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

Festival Donation Items

Donations Needed: Glass Ware (for Dime Pitch), Bottled Water (16.0 oz), **Pepsi Products:** 1 liter and cans) Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Orange Crush, 7-up, etc.

Basket Raffle: Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Basket Raffle" and placed in the offertory or dropped off at the office. Pre-made baskets should be valued at \$50-75.

Cake Wheel: **Disposable Cake pans needed (any size).** Sign-up sheets for cake donations available at each entrance of the Church.

Wine Wheel: 750 ml bottles needed.

Pumpkin Stand: Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Pumpkin Stand" and placed in the offertory or dropped off at the office.

Please drop off donations to the Parish Hall.
Thank you for all that you do!

Around The Diocese

St. Boniface Carnival ~ September 5,6,7:



Nightly Sit-down dinners in gym 4-7 pm ~ Take Outs Every Night. **Thur.** (Chicken & Biscuits, Real Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert & Drink). **Fri.** Meatloaf or Fish, Tony's Mac-N Cheese, Fresh Green Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert & Drink. **Sat.** Roast Pork, Homemade Filling, Real Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert & Drink.

PLUS Beef, Meatball, & Hot Sausage Sandwiches, Hotdogs, French Fries, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream & Pierogies and MORE!

Grounds Open @ 6 pm. White Elephant Sale in Gym 4-8 pm



Flag Disposal Ceremony, September 11 @ Immaculate Conception ~ The Father Rechsteiner

Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus is holding a *Flag Disposal Ceremony* at Immaculate Conception on 9/11/2024. It will start with a Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Father Kozen as celebrant, following with the Flag Disposal. *All are welcome.* If you have a worn American flag that needs to be properly disposed of, please put it in the box at the front entrance of the Church.



Wreaths Across America Sportsman Event:

September 15, at Warrior Run Fire Dept. Social Hall. Doors open at 11 am. Bingo runs from 1-4 pm. For tickets, call Dori @ 570-772-2433.

Be A Catholic Man Conference ~ Oct. 5:

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

Coffee Chats Women of the Parish

Please join us at the home of Lydia James on *September 28 @ 9:30 a.m.* Study will be on Pope Benedict XVI, encyclical God is Love. To attend, please text Lydia at #570-419-9744 or email Lydia at Ldjames25@gmail.com and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.



Our Sponsor Of The Week

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Faith In Action: For the Month of *September*, please make donations to our Annual Parish Festival.

Apostolic/Active: While prayer and community life are important to them, apostolic religious communities are engaged for the most part in active ministries, such as teaching, parish ministry, health care, social work, care for the elderly work with young people, service to the poor, and many others.

The annual Lycoming County Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 6, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on the "Golden Strip" (East Third Street) in Williamsport. This is a peaceful, prayerful and visible witness of Christ's love. Our mission is to pray and stand in silence against abortion—and this deserves a solemn witness. *Choose Life* ~ Deuteronomy 30:19

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