



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday ~ Office Closed  
Fridays 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.  
Thursday ~ No daily Mass

### Adoration & Confessions

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

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at  
6:30 p.m. on the  
Second Tuesday of every month.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

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

### OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Membership

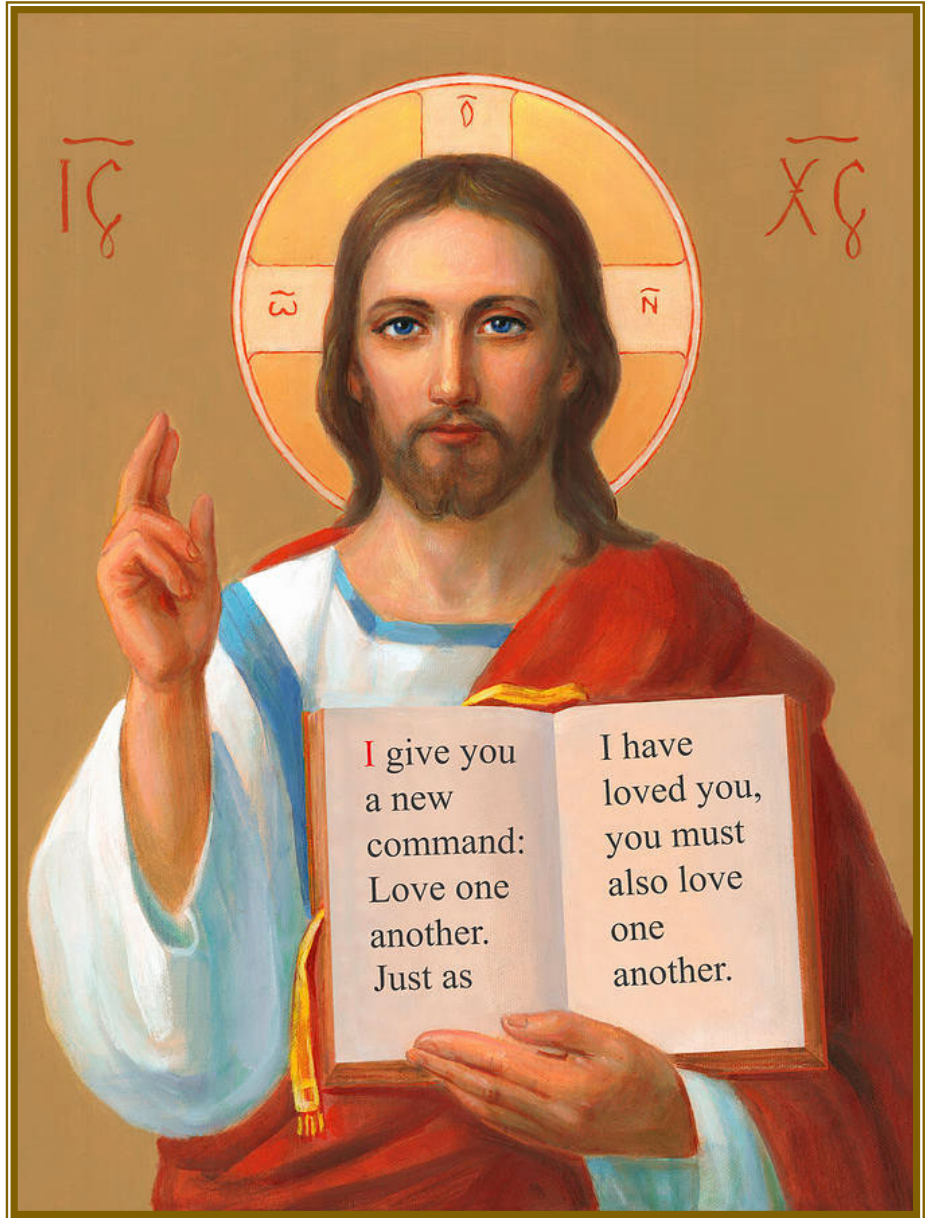
New parishioners are  
always welcome  
Please call the parish office  
to register.

### Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

### Parish Pastoral Council

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



### *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.*



*Dear Parishioners,*

*Since the earliest days of the Church, May has been celebrated as the Month of Mary. The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor Her. It is a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May - a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish it is our tradition to have Her statue in a special place of honor near the Altar. We crown Her in the sanctuary and in our Mary Garden.*

*For me, honoring our Blessed Mother Mary comes quite naturally. When I was a little boy, my Great Grandmother Nona would often take me outside to her beautiful rose garden and let me pick a rose to give to Mary. We would pray the Hail Mary in Italian together. She often had tears in her eyes, so tender were these moments. Though she passed when I was 6 years old, I think she knew I would be a priest, as tears also often filled my eyes as we prayed. After she died, I would put little flowers by the statue I had in my bedroom, remembering Nona and loving my Blessed Mother Mary. It was, and continues to be a sweet and tender joy. It almost hurts...*

*Now as a priest, I share that same tender joy with all of you, especially when our children who have just received their First Holy Communion crown our statues of Mary. However, May Altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes - our domestic churches - we participate more fully in the life of the Church. If you do so, your children will never forget those sweet and tender moments. Perhaps you will even be blessed by a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life, or provide a strong base for the holy vocation of matrimony.*

*If you haven't already, just do it. Why? Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is. No, do it because Mary is Mother - your Mother, my Mother, everyone's Mother - and because She cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.*

*For that, She deserves this entire month in Her honor.*

*Blessings, Fr. Michael*



## May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

### This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

**Sunday, May 5**  
~Religious Education (Grades 1, 3-8) ~ 9:00 a.m.  
LAST DAY OF CLASSES!  
~First Holy Communion Mass & May Crowning ~ 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, May 6**  
~Confessions/Holy Hour ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
~Knights of Columbus Business Meeting ~ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 7**  
~Coordinating Team Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 10**  
~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 11**  
~Carnation Sale after 4:00 Mass for Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 12 ~ Happy Mother's Day**  
~Carnation Sale after both Masses for Mother's Day

### Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) April 27 & 28, 2024

Loose	\$	534.00
Offertory	\$	5,050.00
Maintenance	\$	11.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	17.00
Votives	\$	120.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,736.00</b>

### Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	86.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	168.00
Retirement Fund	\$	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>257.00</b>

### Collection Counter Schedule

May 6, 2024 ~ Group 1 D. Simms, M. Hollenbach, W. Marshalek  
May 13, 2024 ~ Group 2 G. Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett

### Crafty Ladies Night

Join us in the Church Hall for an evening of socializing, crafts and refreshments on *May 15*, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
We will be assembling 6 designer cards to take home.  
\$20/Per Person ~ Limited Seating  
RSVP by *May 6* to Karen Young @ 570-419-8450.



### "Come Holy Spirit" Intergenerational Parish Picnic May 19 after 10:30 Mass

- + All are welcome.
- + Picnic-style lunch for our Parish and our Confirmandi.  
(Please bring a dish to share)
- + Games, *entertainment by Bob Scwhenheiser*, and activities for all ages.
- + Don't forget to wear red.
- + RSVP by May 14.  
*Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Church, or call/email the Parish Office.*

### Parish Festival Planning Meeting

Please plan to attend this important meeting to jump start the preparations for our September Fall Festival.  
*Date: May 22 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Hall.*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 4 ~ First Saturday**  
9:00 a.m. Kathy Thomas (By Rob Thomas & Family)  
4:00 p.m. Ron Butters (By Michelle Lawson)

**Sunday, May 5 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May Crowning**  
8:00 a.m. The Blee Family (By Mary Blee)  
10:30 a.m. First Holy Communion Class

**Monday, May 6**  
9:00 a.m. Mary Fedorko (By Family)

**Tuesday, May 7**  
9:00 a.m. Louise Patterson (By Doreen Matty)

**Wednesday, May 8**  
9:00 a.m. Dr. Charles & Mary Pagana (By Joe & Theresa Moore)  
5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mary Louise Heath (By The Brown Family)

**Thursday, May 9 ~ Holy Day ~ Ascension of The Lord**  
9:00 a.m. Health of The Dunn Family (By Gerri Dunn)  
6:00 p.m. Holy Mother Church (By Romey Fagnano Family)

**Friday, May 10 ~ St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster**  
9:00 a.m. Mary Eck (By The Kimble Family)

**Saturday, May 11**  
4:00 p.m. Mother's Day Intentions

**Sunday, May 12 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions  
10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions

### Holy Day Of Obligation ~ Ascension of The Lord

May 8 (Vigil) ~ 5:00 p.m.    May 9 ~ 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### Readings For The Week

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 140:1-9; Jn 15:26  
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-8; Jn 16:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15-22; Ps 148:1-14; Jn 16:12-15  
**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-10; Jn 16:23-28  
**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

### Prayer List for the Month of May

*If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.*

Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Joanie & Gayne Campbell, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Lois O'Malley, Al and Karen Marlett, Kelly Renn, Mary Shuhler, Karen Speacht, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

### Faith In Action

*For the month of May, we will be collecting soap and body wash.*

We continue to collect 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program. Our goal is to collect 120/month to help the 120+ families in our School District who are in need. Drop off donations inside the Church or at the Church office. Thank you.



### Carnation Sale

Mother's Day Carnation Sale, sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, will be held after all Masses next weekend, *May 11 & 12*. Cost is \$1.00 each. Commemorative flowers may be purchased and placed near the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary. This is the only fundraiser for the chapter and your support is greatly appreciated as we strive to protect mothers and defend the sanctity of life!





## Knights Of Columbus #14329



**Baby Bottle Campaign:** Our annual baby bottle campaign to benefit *Good Counsel Homes* will begin Mother's Day weekend, May 11/12. Bottles will be available for pick up after all Masses.



**Class of 2024 Senior Scholarship:** K.O.C. Council will sponsor their annual Senior Award. OLOL High School graduating seniors should stop by the office and pick up a Scholarship application. Deadline to return is *May 19, 2024*.

### Class of 2024 Graduation Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will celebrate our 2024 graduates at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, on Sunday, June 2, followed by a Reception in the Hall. Seniors, please RSVP by calling the office @ 570-368-8598, no later than *May 28*.

All are welcome to come and pray for our Graduates!

### Sponsor Of The Week

We highlight **RDF Tax Services/Romey Fagnano** this week in our bulletin. We appreciate your support and that of all our sponsors.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates!

July 9 - 12

from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration forms will be mailed out to families soon.

### Around the Diocese

**Immaculate Conception:** *May Devotions* at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays in May. This is their 97th year of devotions, recitation of the rosary and procession to and from the Church. Dates/Homilists are as follows: 5/5-Rev. Glenn McCreary; 5/12-Rev. Alex Roche; 5/19-Deacon Matt Eisley; 5/26-Rev. Bert Kozen.

**St. Lawrence:** *Gigantic Rummage Sale!* June 13,14 from 8-2 p.m. and June 15 from 8-12 p.m. in Parish Hall. Lunch items available for purchase.

**Diocese of Scranton:** *Women's Conference.* June 8, at Marywood University, Scranton. Register @ [cwcnepa.com](http://cwcnepa.com).

*Wedding Anniversary Mass.* Sunday, June 23 at 2:30 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton. Register @ 570-207-2213 or [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

### Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We would like to thank all who participated in the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal through prayers and monetary donations that support many vital diocesan-wide programs. The contributions of 168 parish families totaled \$34,052, which allowed us to achieve 83% of our \$41,000 goal. We are very appreciative of our many long-time donors, along with returning and new contributors to the 2023 Appeal. May God extend His Blessings upon all our donors and the services provided through their generous support of the year's campaign.

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