



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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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**



*He has done all things well.  
He made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.  
Mark 7:37*

*Dear Parish Family,*

*Saint Lawrence of Brindisi reminds us that, "God is incapable of doing anything but good. For He is infinite goodness." He does all things well. Many do good deeds but fail to do them well. The deeds of hypocrites, for example are good, but they are done with bad intentions. At times the good we do is to benefit ourselves, trying to make ourselves look good. However, the closer we are to God and His Son, Jesus Christ, the more likely we are to "do things well".*

*He does things well for our sake. We must remember to do things well for His sake and for the good of others. This is the often forgotten aspect of living the Christian life. Catholics are sometimes accused of believing that our good works save us. This is not what Catholics believe. Jesus is the source of our salvation, not works. However, we strive to do good works to please God by imitating our Lord Jesus.*

*There are so many things you all do well here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. It is encouraging to see you each week as we worship the Lord together at Holy Mass. From that worship comes all of our activities and charitable efforts. Even our upcoming Annual Parish Festival is ultimately an expression of our faith. We work together for the good of our parish, and we have the opportunity to talk with many people of our community with whom we seldom have contact. Each year I marvel at your willingness to give of your time and talent to make this thing happen! Thank you in advance for your support of our amazing parish.*

*He has done all things well. And He is empowering us to do all things well, from finance to charitable works and ministries. God Bless you all.*

*Joyfully Yours,*

*Fr. Michael*



*September 8 ~ Birthday of The Holy Mother*

## September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

### This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

**Saturday, September 7 ~ First Saturday**  
 ~First Saturday Mass & Devotions ~ 9:00 a.m.  
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.  
**Monday, September 9**  
 ~Holy Hour & Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, September 10**  
 ~Mass & Novena ~ 9:00 a.m.  
 ~Finance Committee Meeting ~ 6:00 p.m.  
**Friday, September 13**  
 ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, September 14**  
 ~Pro-life Committee praying Rosary (in hall) for National Day of Remembrance for aborted children ~ 10:00 a.m. *All are welcome!*  
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.

### Offertory Collections: Weekend of Sept. 1 (Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	636.00
Offertory	\$	5,202.00
Maintenance	\$	173.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	22.00
Votives	\$	71.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Holy Day ~ Assumption	\$	76.00
Easter	\$	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,184.00</b>

### Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	187.00
Retirement Fund	\$	23.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>210.00</b>

### Collection Counter Schedule

Sept. 9 ~ Group 3 J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan  
 Sept. 16 ~ Group 4 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, K. McGee

### Faith Formation

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

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.

- 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



### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 7 ~ First Saturday**  
 9:00 a.m. Frank Franek (By Lydia Peragine)  
 4:00 p.m. People of the Parish  
**Sunday, September 8 ~ Birthday of Blessed Mother**  
 8:00 a.m. George and Beryl Rolley (By Dave & Linda Rolley)  
 10:30 a.m. Nicole Selleck (By Chris Coleman)  
**Monday, September 9 ~ St. Peter Claver**  
 9:00 a.m. Paul Connelly (By The Connelly Family)  
**Tuesday, September 10**  
 9:00 a.m. Richard Weilminster (By Jim Pagana)  
 2:00 p.m.(@ WeCare) For an End to Abortion (By R. Fagnano Family)  
**Wednesday, September 11**  
 9:00 a.m. Ed Shuhler (By Family)  
**Thursday, September 12**  
 No Mass  
**Friday, September 13 ~ St. John Chrysostom**  
 9:00 a.m. Thomas O'Malley (By The Family)  
**Saturday, September 14 ~ The Exaltation of The Holy Cross**  
 4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell (By Steve & Kathleen Mondell)  
**Sunday, September 15**  
 8:00 a.m. Margot Leonard (By Helen Hiserman)  
 10:30 a.m. George & Mary McQuillen (By Daughter)

### Mass Intention Book Opening Soon

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

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 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-12; Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-9; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-17; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1-13; Ps 139; Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-27; Ps 84:3-12; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday :** Num 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-38; Jn 3:13-17  
**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7; Ps 146:6-10; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

### 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, 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:** 1liter and cans) Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Orange Crush, 7-up, etc.

**Basket Raffle:** Monetary donations can be placed in an enveloped 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.**

### Parish Festival Dinner Tickets

Tickets for Fri. and Sat. night dinners, will be sold after each Mass. They are also available at Church office. Price is \$13.00/Meal.



## Welcome New Parishioners

Please welcome to our parish the Jones Family, Joshua, Emily and their children, Sophie and Maverick. Maverick was baptized here on 9/1/24. *Lord, bless this family and fill their hearts with love.*

## 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.

## Rosary Being Recited ~ September 14 ~ 10:00 a.m.

The twelfth Annual Day of Remembrance for aborted children is Sept. 14. OLOL Pro-life Committee will be praying the rosary for an end to abortion and to mourn for the millions of little lives ended by this act. All are welcome to pray with them in the hall.

## 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.

## Our Sponsor Of The Week

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## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## Parish Pastoral Council and Coordinating Team

Working alongside our pastor, Father Mike, the two groups prayerfully reflect on the life and mission of our parish in the areas of *Word* (Faith Formation), *Worship* (Mass & Liturgical opportunities), *Community* (Intergenerational, Youth Activities, etc.), *Service* (outreach to the poor, homebound, etc.).

Looking back on this past year these two ministries have led the way or have assisted in the following areas:

- +Coordinated the parish's four intergenerational activities: Celebrating Parish Life, Lenten Parish Pancake Breakfast, Annual Parish Picnic and Fellowship Sunday/Front Porch Social
- +Developed further our Youth Committee for young people
- +Re-established our Ladies Group ~ now called *Women of Lourdes*
- +Initiated a Post Card Outreach to pray for and connect via mail with all parish families



## Flag Disposal Ceremony, Sept. 11 @ Immaculate Conception

~ *Flag Disposal Ceremony* at Immaculate Conception on 9/11/2024. Starting with Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Father Kozen as celebrant, followed by Flag Disposal. **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 Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



Vocation is a call from God that is *relational* and *dialogical*. God is the source of vocation, but human persons must hear and respond to that call through dialogue with God. God's call is experienced commonly in four ways through: 1) an inner voice, often defined as conscience; 2) the gifts of the Holy Spirit; 3) divine providence, the way God cares and guides creation and history; 4) other people such as family and friends as well as strangers, the poor, those in need, and all who call us to service.

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