



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

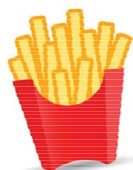
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2024

Father Michael S. McCormick, Pastor
800 Mulberry Street, Montoursville, PA
570-368-8598

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

Next Festival Meeting ~ August 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

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. Questions? Contact the parish office.

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 your all that you do!



Faith Formation



Blessings of Backpacks

Father Mike will be blessing backpacks at all Masses this weekend, August 17/18.

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 will be mailed soon 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 parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

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 receive this Sacrament.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly "Rite of...") is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic Christians and receive the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Order speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey".

Who is OCIA for? Briefly, for 1) Persons in need of Baptism 2) Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic. 3) Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

If you know of any person who has shared an interest or curiosity about Catholic faith and would like to learn more by participating in the OCIA program, sessions will begin September 9, (place to be announced). **Please call Susie Mann, OCIA parish leader, at 570-244-8133 for more information.**

August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, August 17
~Backpack Blessing at Mass ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 18 ~ Fellowship Sunday
~Backpack Blessing during both Masses (8:00 & 10:30)
~Front Porch Social after both Masses (8:00 & 10:30)

Monday, August 19
~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20
~Mass & Novena ~ 9:00 a.m.
~Parish Pastoral Council ~ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21
~Parish Festival Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 23
~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) August 11 & 12, 2024

Loose	\$	577.00
Offertory	\$	6,451.00
Maintenance	\$	183.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	127.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Holy Day ~ Assumption	\$	120.00
TOTAL	\$	7,466.00

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	71.00
Holy Day ~ Peter Pence	\$	10.00
TOTAL	\$	81.00

Propagation of Faith

Second collection for missionary, Fr. Neftali Feliz-Sena, totaled, \$2,410.00. *Thank you for all who donated and for your continued generosity.*

Collection Counter Schedule

August 19 ~ Group 4 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, K. McGee
August 26 ~ Group 1 D. Simms, M. Hollenbach, W. Marshalek

Festival Dinner Tickets



Dinner tickets for the Parish Festival will be sold after each Mass. Also, you can pick them up at the Church office during working hours.

Job Posting

Our Lady of Lourdes is hiring a Part-Time General Maintenance Worker.

Job Description: Includes routine General Maintenance such as: cleaning, assist with upkeep of facility and perform other related duties as assigned. *This could lead to a Full-Time Position.*

Interested applicants can call the Office or send resume to:

Father Michael McCormick
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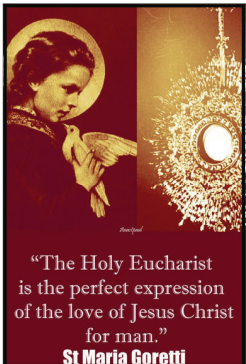
Women of Lourdes

Attention Ladies of the Parish. We are planning on getting together every fourth Monday of the month for Holy Hour (from 6-7), followed by fellowship in the hall.

Save the date!

The first scheduled Holy Hour will be August 26 at 6:00 p.m.

See you there!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 17
4:00 p.m. Alfons & Mary Smokowicz (By The Catino Family)

Sunday, August 18
8:00 a.m. John Butters (By Sister Michelle)
10:30 a.m. Joseph Tripodi (By Frances & Karen Ciccarelli)

Monday, August 19 ~ St. John Eudes
9:00 a.m. John Burfeindt (By Family)

Tuesday, August 20 ~ St. Bernard
9:00 a.m. John Stetts (By His Brother William and Family)
1:30 p.m. (At Valley View) People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 21 ~ St. Pius X
9:00 a.m. Brother Roger Jamison (By The Kelly Family)

Thursday, August 22 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass

Friday, August 23 ~ St. Rose of Lima
9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (By Romey Fagnano Family)

Saturday, August 24 ~ St. Bartholomew
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, August 25
8:00 a.m. Cora Chapman (By Dave & Linda Phillips)
10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Families of Ed & Deb Steinbacher (By Family)

Readings For The Week

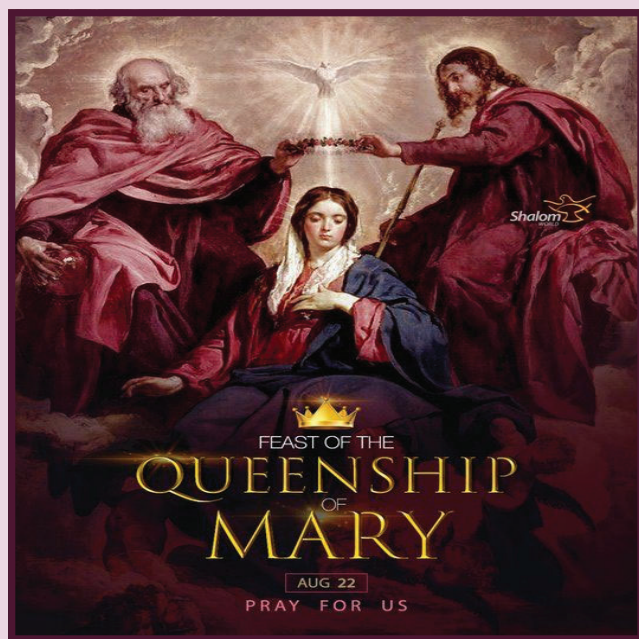
Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Ps 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Ps m32:26-36; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday : Rev 21:9-14; Ps 145:10-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday: Jos 24:1-18; Ps 34:2-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69;

Prayer List for the Month of August

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, Jason Mifsud, Kelly Renn, Mary Shuhler, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this weekend, August 17 and 18, are placed in loving memory of John Burfeindt, by his wife Marge.



Pro-Life Corner by Deb Steinbacher

A Rose By Any Other Name

What does "Romeo and Juliet" have to do with being pro-life? Well, nothing really (except that the rose is the pro-life symbol), but this is what I was thinking when the name of the Ministry Corner was aptly changed to the Pro-Life Corner. It dawned on me that all of our ministries are pro-life! Being pro-life is more than being pro-birth. When we visit the sick, visit prisoners, give to the poor, visit someone in a nursing home, care for the environment, donate to our Knights of Columbus Council, and donate to a pregnancy care center - especially to our parish mission, Good Counsel Homes, whose staff and volunteers do so much more than just get those babies born, and more - we are Pro-Life! Jesus tells us, in John 10:10, that He came that we might "have life and have it more abundantly". So, while we as a people of life work diligently to protect the lives of the most vulnerable from conception to natural death, we also work to make those lives more abundant! May we never forget that Jesus also said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40. God bless you in all of your pro-life ministries!

Faith In Action

For the Month of *August*, please make donations to our Annual Parish Festival.



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 at the entrances of the Church. Thank you.

Around The Diocese

A Man for All Seasons:

St. Thomas More Parish and the STM Players are proud to present Robert Bolt's, *A Man For All Seasons*. Youth from the greater Scranton area will have performances on Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24 @ 7:00 pm (Doors open 6:30 pm) Tickets are: Adults/\$10 and Students/\$5.

St. Thomas More Parish: 116 Theodore St., Scranton, PA

Volunteer Chaplain Assistant (VCA):

UPMC of North Central Pa. announces a VCA training, being held Thursday, September 26 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. @ Williamsport Hospital, 3rd Floor Board Room. If you or someone you know would enjoy being a UPMC VCA, please contact:

Sister Gabrielle Nguyen @ 570-321-2213 or Nguyens4@upmc.edu by September 5.

Mary, Mother of God ~ Pray For Us



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