

NOVEMBER



**MONTH of the
HOLY SOULS**

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday ~ Office Closed

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
Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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.

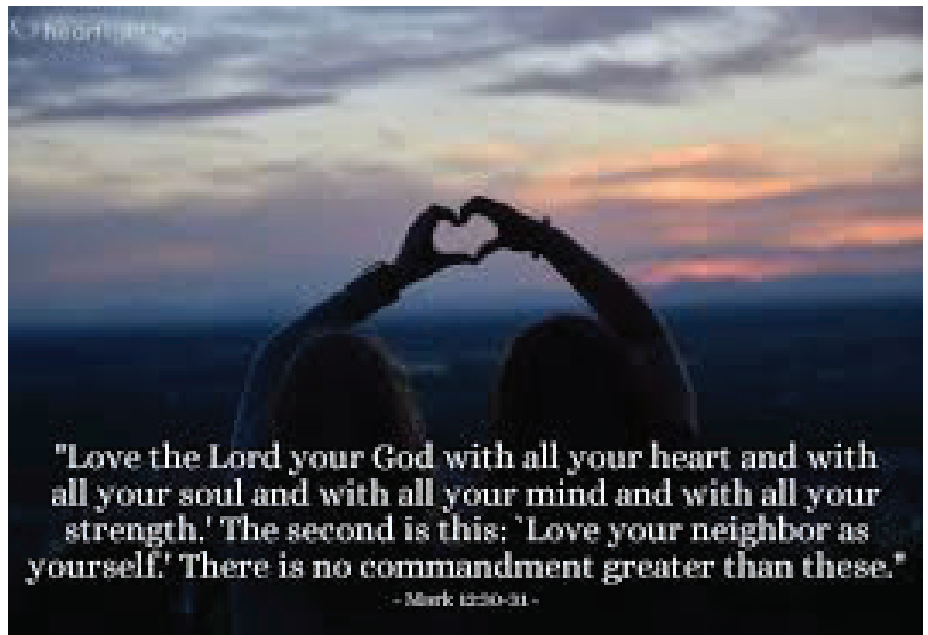
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES



**31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 2024**



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Alissa Jacopetti	Sharon O'Malley
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The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Let me begin by thanking all who made our Celebration of Parish Life such a great success. The displays were a wonderful reminder of all that we do for the love of our Lord, Jesus here at Our Lady of Lourdes. I, of course, especially enjoyed watching the families working together on the various activities. The hall was filled with laughter and excitement. Most of the kids had to show me their handiwork, and I was most proud of them. (I'm smiling from ear to ear as I type this!) Thank you for making our Parish so wonderful. I thank God for all of you entrusted to His care here at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

It certainly has been a busy time here at Lourdes. I have to admit that I am happy that there are not as many extra activities for which I am responsible this week. I would like to encourage all of you to consider attending the Vocations event at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Bastress on Sunday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m. I am most excited about the premier of the film about the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth. You would not believe how much time and work was put into making the movie. I can't wait to see it. Anyone who has met one of the Sisters of Nazareth can't help but love them. They bring joy and hope wherever they go. I love when they come to our parish for Mass. Their voices are angelic. Their prayers are powerful. Their love of Jesus and His Church is truly inspiring. God Bless our Sisters!

We continue to work to keep our parish facilities in good condition. The latest project is the restoration of our chimes in the bell tower. The project is ready to begin. If anyone would like to donate, we have a parishioner who has offered a challenge. He will match any donations up to a total of \$5000! So far, we have received \$1000. So that is \$2000 towards the \$15,000 cost of the project. The landscaping project will be finished in the spring. We are also working on making the old restrooms into a storage room for kitchen supplies.

That reminds me to formally thank Allen Lorson for his 41 years of service to OLOL as our plant manager. His last day of work was October 25th. He will, however, continue to mow the lawn next year. Travis Weaver is taking over Allen's post. If you see him around, introduce yourselves to him. He is a nice guy and a good worker.

Ok...I guess I ran out of things to ramble about—or about which to ramble. With that, I continue to pray for each of you daily.

*Joyfully yours,
Fr. Michael*

According to tradition, Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would greatly ease the suffering of those holy souls in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



The Week At A Glance

Sunday, November 3

~ 11:30 a.m. Easton Forrestal Baptism

Monday, November 4

~6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

~7:00 Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

~ 9:00 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena

~ 6:30 p.m. Coordinating Team Meeting

Friday November 8

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

Offertory Collections: Weekend of October 26-27

(Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$ 540.00
Offertory	\$ 4757.00
Maintenance	\$ 31.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$ 17.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
All Saints	\$ 15.00
Easter	\$ 3.00
Votives	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 5369.00

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$ 161.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 19.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 5549.00**

Collection Counter Schedule

Nov 12 ~ Group 4 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, K. McGee

Nov 18 ~ Group 1 D. Simms, M. Hollenbach, W. Marshalek

Faith In Action

For the month of November we are collecting canned vegetables.

We continue to collect Peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program.

Thank You from The Shepherd of the Streets for our donation of tissues and toilet paper in August.

OLOL Youth Community Service Project

When: Wednesday—November 6

Time: 3:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Who: Grades 5-12

(Meet directly after school in OLOL parking lot.)

Bring a rake & help a neighbor

Enjoy pizza & wings at local restaurant

Great way for 7th & 8th graders to earn service time

For more information or to sign-up text Kathleen McMahan at 570-419-1471



OLOL Knights of Columbus Council 14329 would like to thank all those who helped in any way with the recent Blood Drive. The goal for this drive was 30 pints, and our collection was 34 pints. Thanks to the donors for the “Gift of Life.”

Mass Intentions

~Saturday, November 2

4:00 p.m. Ron Butters (by Michelle Lawson)

~Sunday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Michael Sullivan (by Carol Sullivan)

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

~Monday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Shirley Panetta (by Theresa and Harry Phillips)

~Tuesday, November 5

9:00 a.m. All Souls

2:00 p.m. (At Celebration Villa) Deceased Members of the Priests' Purgatorial Society

~Wednesday, November 6

9:00 a.m. The Conversion of Sinners & the Salvation of Souls (by The Romey Fagnano Family)

~Thursday, November 7

No Mass

~Friday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Antoinette and Ronald DeSanto (by Kim, Jerry, Nick and Chris McGee)

~Saturday, November 9

4:00 p.m. Michael Fenish (by The Brown Family)

~Sunday, November 10

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

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

Please Note: The Office will be closed Monday November 11 for Veterans Day. May God Bless those who have served in the Armed



Women of Lourdes ~ Save the Date

Hands to Work~Hearts to God ~Holy Hour, fellowship and special service project for the home bound and nursing homes. Nov. 25th

Christmas Craft Night Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. The ladies will be making 3 different crafts for our nursing home residents and homebound.

Prayer List for the Month of September

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



Capuchin Sisters Video Launch Party

The Vocations Ministry Committee from St. Luke and Immaculate Conception would like to invite everyone to their inaugural Vocations Awareness event on Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. A short presentation on Vocations will be followed by the *premiere of a film about the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.*, with an opportunity to meet and greet our local Capuchin Sisters afterwards. All ages are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided.

Rosary Rally

Save the Date: On November 16, 2024, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton, beginning at 1:30 p.m. there will be a Rosary Rally commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Rosary Rally in Scranton with Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. 50,000 people gathered at that first rally in 1949. Venerable Patrick Peyton was well known for his saying, *“The Family that prays together, stays together.”*



LOLO Youth Group Fall Fundraiser

The youth are taking orders this weekend and next weekend for:

- ~Marshalek's Apple Cider : 2 Quarts \$4.00
1 Gallon \$7.00
- ~Nan's Donuts Dozen \$18.00
1/2 Dozen \$10.00

Individual donuts will also be available for sale.

Annual Appeal-Our Call To Serve

Our thanks go out to everyone who has contributed thus far to help us meet our goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. We have received gifts from 72 parish families which amount to \$18,415, or 44% of our goal for the appeal. Gifts of all sizes make an impact and help us meet our Call to Serve others in the diocese.

Thank you for your generosity!



Faith In Action

St. Augustine said, "He who sings, prays twice." Singing helps us express our praise of God, offer ourselves to God, and binds us to one another in community. This was finally defined by the Church on July 17, 2018. The act of singing is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible. In Matthew 26:30 we are told that Jesus, Himself, was singing a Hymn.

Singing is a spiritual gift of the Holy Spirit. All hymns that are sung at Mass are selected from Catholic periodicals which offer recommendations for each celebration to help insure that all music is liturgically appropriate.

Our choir practices are on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The only requirement is the enjoyment of praising God in song. So don't be bashful! Come join the choir and have fun praising God.

Jo Marie
OLOL Music Director

Opportunities to Serve

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently seeking **Extraordinary Ministers & 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 .



This Week Is National Vocations Awareness Week

November 3-9, 2024

Be open to God's Call to the Priesthood, Diaconate or the Religious Life. Ask Him to help you discern. Let your Pastor assist you. Are you already "in" a vocation (like Marriage or any of the above) let this week remind you to pray for those discerning, and ask God how He can help you make your vocation even better!

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