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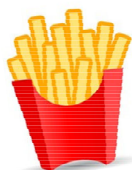
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 25, 2024

Father Michael S. McCormick, Pastor
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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



"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

It has been a few weeks since I have had a letter in the bulletin. I had a wonderful time visiting my sister and her family in West Virginia. She is such a beautiful soul, a loving mother and grandmother, and the best baby sister ever. However, there is truly no place like home, with my Church Family. I want to thank you once again for your tremendous generosity to Greg Fleck and to our missionary Priest, Fr. Neftali. Christ Jesus calls us to help one another, especially those most in need. Well done, good and faithful servants.

In addition to following Christ by loving our neighbors and serving the poor, we are called to receive in Holy Communion, His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, by eating His Body and drinking His Blood. As we read in this 6th chapter of the Gospel of John, many found this saying too hard and left Him. The Apostles responded with the words that both haunt and inspire me: *To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

These words haunt me for two reasons. The first reason is that I pray constantly, daily, that you all will remain steadfast and strong when things are difficult in your lives. Terrible tragedy, severe illness, chronic conditions, family struggles, and the loss of loved ones are times when many struggle with their faith. Some lose or give up on their faith. Some are angry with God. As priests of God, we truly suffer for you in times like that. I often feel quite powerless because I cannot change the situation. All I can do is pray, and if you want me present, I will do all that I can to be there. I'm far from perfect. I often fail in these regards when I am overwhelmed with parish life and responsibilities, but my heart and prayers are always there. I'm not the answer—Jesus is.

The other reason those words, "to who shall we go" haunt me is that I wonder if I will always be strong enough to follow the Lord in the face of personal failures, extreme hardships, or persecutions. Will I leave Him if things get too scary? Will I deny Him if faced with death? I hope not. Please pray for me and all priests, that we will always remain steadfast and true to God's Holy Word as we follow His Son, especially in the face of martyrdom—red or white.

With those two concerns out of the way, these words also give me extraordinary strength and hope. We do, indeed know the Way! He is the Way the Truth and the Life. We no longer are searching for help and meaning. We have found it in Him, The Living Bread Who came down from Heaven. Let us rejoice as we eat His Body and Drink His Blood in the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. Let us give thanks as we celebrate this Eucharist, the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, where once again He gives Himself to us! ...Don't need to go anywhere else!

Joyfully Yours, Father Michael

Parish Happenings

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. 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!

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

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.

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 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.

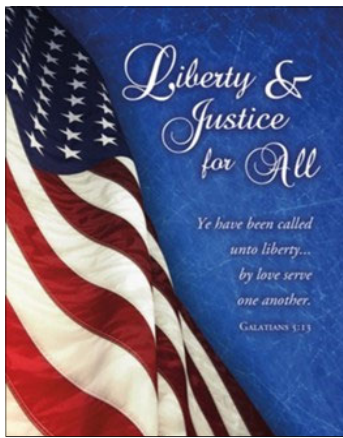
Confirmation is a two year program. Class attendance for seventh and eighth grade is needed to meet the Diocesan requirements to receive this Sacrament.

Annual Lycoming County Life Chain



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.

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.

Blessed is the Nation whose God is Lord.
Psalm 33:12



Women of Lourdes

First gathering is Monday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Attention Ladies of the Parish! We will be gathering every fourth Monday of the month, starting with *Holy Hour*, from 6-7 pm, followed by fellowship in the hall.

Save the dates!



Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth: Retreat Weekend for Young Women~ Ages 15-27: This "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. Williamsport.* Reservations required by calling Sr. Christina @ 570-745-3334 or Capuchinsisters.com.

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth: Nazareth Group: The Nazareth Group is for young women, ages 9-12, who desire to make wholesome friendships and to grow in their love for Jesus Christ, through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. RSVP to Sr. Clare @ 570-745-3334. Next meeting, *October 12*, from 11-4:30 at *Mother of the Eucharist Convent, 6100 Jacks Hollow Rd., Williamsport.*

Women of Lourdes Dinner Night Out: October 9, 6:00 p.m. @ Johnsons Café!
Sign up at the Church office. Bring friends!

Taking Up The Gifts at Mass

If you or your family would like to take up the gifts at Mass, please reach out to an usher and let them know.

If you have requested a Mass for someone, we would love for you to represent them by bringing up the gifts.



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.



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- ◆ **Contribute** using direct withdrawal (ACH).

Please go to Our Lady of Lourdes website, and click on the "online giving" tab and follow the directions. Any questions, please call the parish office at 570-368-8598.

www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org



August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, August 26

~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

~Women Of Lourdes ~ 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour followed by fellowship in the hall

Tuesday, August 27

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

Friday, August 30

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

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON



LABOR DAY

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) August 17 & 18, 2024

Loose	\$	470.00
Offertory	\$	8,425.00
Maintenance	\$	170.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	87.00
Votives	\$	126.00
Religious Education	\$	21.00
Holy Day ~ Assumption	\$	358.00
Christmas	\$	3.00
TOTAL	\$	9,660.50

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	196.50
Human Development	\$	3.00
Holy Day ~ Peter Pence	\$	10.00
Retirement Fund	\$	23.00
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00
TOTAL	\$	257.50

Collection Counter Schedule

August 26 ~ Group 1 D. Simms, M. Hollenbach, W. Marshalek
Sept. 3 ~ Group 2 G. Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett

meal ticket

Parish Festival Dinner Tickets



Tickets for the Chicken Dinner (Friday Night) and Polish Dinner (Saturday Night) will be sold after each Mass. Also, you can pick them up at the Church office during working hours. Price is \$13.00/Meal.

Thank you!

Thank you to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Coordinating Committee for organizing the front porch social on Fellowship Sunday. The parish is very appreciative for all that you do. God Bless!



Our next Front Porch Social is scheduled for the weekend of *September 29*, sponsored by the Pro-Life Ministry.

Have you been receiving our mailings and weekly emails?

If not, it may be time to update your contact information? Please call the office (570-368-8598) during regular office hours (Mon., Tues., Wed., from 9:30-3:30 & Fri. 9:30-1:00). You may also email parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org. Thank you!

Love Never Ends

This Ministry will resume in October. See you soon!

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.

Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, August 26

9:00 a.m. Doug Dusza (By Romey Fagnano Family)

Tuesday, August 27 ~ St. Monica

9:00 a.m. Karen Specht (By Aunt Willamee & Uncle Oscar)

Wednesday, August 28 ~ St. Augustine

9:00 a.m. Sam Glaviano (By John & Mary Legarski)

Thursday, August 29 ~ The Passion of St. John The Baptist

No Mass

Friday, August 30

9:00 a.m. George & Rose Mary Strish (By Gloria Gomb)

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)

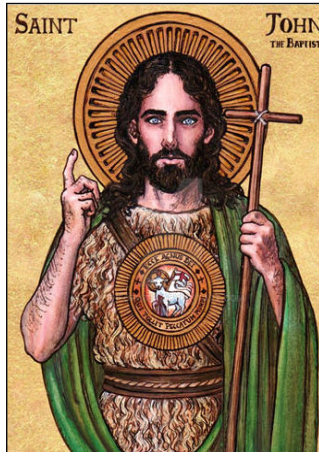


Readings For The Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-18; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Deu 4:1-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jam 1:17-27; Mk 7:1-23

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



The Passion of Saint John The Baptist August 29

Saint John the Baptist, you were given a Holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for us, that we will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill our duties, no matter the cost.

*Saint John the Baptist, Pray for us.
Jesus, We place our trust in You.*

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
800 Mulberry Street, Montoursville, PA 17754

Around The Diocese

Immaculate Conception Labor Day Picnic ~ Sept. 2:

All You Can Eat Dinner from 12:00-6:00 pm, with take-outs starting at 12:30 pm. Dinner includes Turkey, Ham, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Noodles, Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Homemade Bread, Beverages and Cake for Dessert. Adults/\$13.00 ~ Children (4-12)/\$5.00 ~ "Free" for Children under 3. *Plus* homemade fudge, jams, jellies and candies sold in the "Summer Kitchen", with sandwiches, fries, funnel cakes, pies, and ice cream available on the grounds.



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



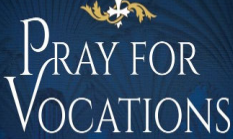
Nightly Sit-down dinners in gym 4-7 pm ~ Take Outs Every Night. **Thur.** (Chicken & Biscuits, Real Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert & Drink). **Fri.** Meatloaf or Fish, Tony's Mac-N-Cheese, Fresh Green Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert & Drink. **Sat.** Roast Pork, Homemade Filling, Real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

Our Sponsor Of The Week

Open Arms Internal Medicine ~ Please support our sponsors.



United States Association of Consecrated Virgins: Offers information and resources for women discerning a vocation to consecrated virginity lived in the world.



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.

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.

Be A Catholic Man Conference ~ Oct. 5

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



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