



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 12, 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

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.

Knights of Columbus Council 14329

Parish Pastoral Council

Lydia Baylor
Colleen Brown
Stacy Gerrity
Alissa Jacopetti
MaryEtta Legarski
Anne Logue



**Your Word is Truth. As You sent Me into the world,
so I sent them into the world. *Jn 17:11-19.***

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 Parish Family,

Last Sunday we had a glorious celebration of our faith as six of our youngsters, pictured below, received their First Holy Communion. Perhaps I should have said 7 youngsters are in that picture! I felt like a kid and like a proud parent at the same time.

You may not realize this, but I feel that way every time I give Communion to every one of you. As pastor, I am so pleased to be able to share the Body and Blood of Christ with each of you. As I see you in my peripheral vision heading back to your pews, my heart is so filled with joy knowing that you have received the best gift possible—the gift of God's only begotten Son in the Holy Eucharist.

Ever wonder why I am so happy? This is precisely why. Call it love. Call it joy. Call it satisfaction. Even call it overly sentimental. It is what Jesus gives us so that we can follow the Lord's commandment to go into the world and share the Good News.

There are those who think that the Gospel love we read in the Bible is absurd. Freud, in Civilization and Its Discourse, wrote, "Anyone who follows such a precept in present day civilization only puts himself at a disadvantage." Yet, look at the angry world and tell me who is at a disadvantage!

As Christians we are sent into the world as Christ was sent. We are an incarnate people. We are to live in this angry world without succumbing to anger. How? By loving as Christ loved. However, the Incarnation and our faith is also about realities beyond this world and its ways. It is a testimony to the truth that extends beyond the earth to heavenly realities. These heavenly realities, untainted by the world, are the reason for our Baptisms and all the Sacraments.

Our children, Baptized into Christ, have now taken the first step into this heavenly reality by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Let their innocence and joy fill our hearts.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



First Holy Communion Class ~ 2024

Pictured with Father Mike are First Communicants from left to right: +Elijah R. Nolan +Eliza J. Wieder
+Callie E. Cummings +Alivia G. Legarski +Maria A. Aguirre +Bronx M. Leeuwen

(Not pictured is classmate +Colsen A. Bennett, who will receive his First Communion June 2).

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, May 12 ~ *Happy Mother's Day*
 ~Carnation Sale after both Masses for Mother's Day
Monday, May 13
 ~Confessions/Holy Hour ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 17
 ~Heitsenrether/James Wedding ~ 1:30 p.m.
 ~Homeschool Meeting in Rectory ~ 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.
 ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 18
 ~Herman/Deitrick Wedding ~ 1:00 p.m.
 ~Confirmation Rehearsal ~ 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19
 ~Confirmation held at 10:30 a.m. Mass
 ~Parish Picnic ~ 11:30 a.m. in Hall

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) May 4 & 5, 2024

Loose	\$	888.00
Offertory	\$	6,340.00
Maintenance	\$	437.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	108.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	10.00
Holy Day ~ Ascension of The Lord	\$	65.00
TOTAL	\$	7,856.00

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	190.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	30.00
Retirement Fund	\$	3.00
TOTAL	\$	223.00

Collection Counter Schedule

May 13 ~ Group 2 G. Farrington, M. McNamara, C. Everett
May 20 ~ Group 3 J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan

Carnation Sale

Mother's Day Carnation Sale, sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, will be held after all Masses this 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!



"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 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 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
Monday, May 13 ~ Our Lady of Fatima
 9:00 a.m. Karen Heisenrether (By Her Grandchildren)
Tuesday, May 14 ~ St. Matthias
 9:00 a.m. Dolores Hebert (By Harry & Theresa Phillips)
 2:00 p.m. Margaret Mattie Stellma (By Theresa Mattie)
Wednesday, May 15 ~ St. Isidore
 9:00 a.m. Frank & Irene Connelly (By Connelly Family)
Thursday, May 16
 No Mass
Friday, May 17
 9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. & Mrs. Harry Berry (By Dave & Linda Phillips)
Saturday, May 18 ~ St. John I
 4:00 p.m. ~ Wilma Finkbeiner (By Judi Swanson)
Sunday, May 19 ~ Pentecost Sunday
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Confirmandi

Mother's Day Adoption Mass Sunday May 12 at 10:00 a.m.

At this special Mass at Cathedral of St. Peter, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will recognize all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. *Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live on the Diocese of Scranton website.*

Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-36; Jn 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; Ps 16:1-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-20; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday : Acts 28:16-31; Ps 103:1-20; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1-34; 1 Cor 12:3-13; Jn 20:19-23

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

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Baby Bottle Campaign: Our annual baby bottle campaign to benefit *Good Counsel Homes* will begin this weekend.

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!



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.

End of School Youth Fair
 Where: Our Lady of Lourdes
 When: Sunday, June 2, 2024
 Time: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Receive a ticket for a FREE Hot Dog, Water and Chips!

- Bouncy House! Treasure Box Table!
- Tye Dye Cinch Bag! (Optional: bring a T-shirt to Tye Dye)!
- Temporary Tattoo Stand!
- Relay Races & Outdoor Games!
- Giant Camping Chair Photo with Props!
- Basketball Shooting Contest!
- Make a Bird Feeder for God's Creation!

**BRING FRIENDS!
 ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!**



Ministry Corner.....by Deb Steinbacher

AUTO-CORRECT: You may have noticed a mistake in the Ministry Corner last month. There was an "auto-correct" that was not caught until it was too late. This happens often with computers that think they know better than we do. This also prompted a thought. How often do our consciences auto-correct to placate us? How often do we decide that we know better than the Holy Spirit when we are being guided one way but choose another? This month is the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother. If she, or her Son, were standing visibly in front of us, would we choose differently? Would we decide to speak up for the lives of the most vulnerable among us? Would we help more generously those who are in need? Would we evangelize as we are called to do? This month, think about catching those auto-corrects of our consciences - before it is too late. God bless you.

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.

Sponsor Of The Week

We highlight Baker Insurance Agency this week in our bulletin.

Mary, Holy Mother, Pray For Us!



Learning More About How OLOL Can Become A Vocation - Minded Parish

On May 20, *Vocation Director of the Diocese of Scranton, Reverend Alex Roche*, will be a guest speaker at the Knights of Columbus Social Meeting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



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