

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Mark 13:32-33

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
& 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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.

Knights of Columbus

Council #14329

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Contact Susan Mann

Parish Pastoral Council

Lydia Baylor	Anne Logue
Colleen Brown	Keith Kuzio
Stacy Gerrity	Kevin Mann
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES



**33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17, 2024**



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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 through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday is the last regular Sunday of Ordinary Time for the Church year. Next Sunday will be the feast of Christ the King, and the following Sunday will be the First Week of Advent...then...yikes...Christmas! For our Church calendar, Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year. I mention this to give a context for our Old Testament and Gospel readings this weekend. They are filled with apocalyptic or “end time” imagery. Most of the Church Fathers compared these images to harvest time, indicating that the signs are to be an indication of the return of the Lord and a sign of hope to all who await this glorious time.

With the recent election, natural disasters, world violence, war and the polarization of our Nation, an apocalyptic fever has infected the imaginations of many people. Many are living in fear and hysteria. It is truly a rough time, however “Of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Mk 13:32) So be ready for anything, but be cautious about predictions and prophecies. Some predictions are simply incorrect, and some prophets are false prophets. How many times has the end of the world been predicted, and here we are.

The harvest that concerns me the most is not the end of time harvest—that is God’s business. I just hope I am ready when the Lord chooses to “harvest” my soul. I want to do all that I can to prepare my soul, *and* all that I can to prepare your souls for that inevitable reality. So let us persevere in the Faith, pray for one another, and avail ourselves regularly of the Sacraments, especially Holy Mass and Confession. We offer several scheduled opportunities for Confession, but I am willing to hear private confessions whenever we can get together. It is that important. Give me a call or tap me on the shoulder when you see me.

Joyfully yours,
Fr. Michael

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

Attention members of our Parish Family and friends! OLOL is embarking on a Pilgrimage next Summer to Spain. Dates are July 7-16, 2025. See website for details. www.206tours.com/olol

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

Preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ



Nourishing Body & Soul ~ An Advent Evening of Reflection

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is one of the most famous Marian Apparitions in Church history. Join Cathy Asbury (aka Cathy from Canton) on **Saturday, December 7** in the parish hall at 5 p.m. to learn more about what happened in December of 1531 and the continuing miracles of one of the most intriguing and famous images in the world. A light supper will be served.

Please call the parish office at 570-368-8598 or email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org to reserve a spot.

St. Andrew Novena

(It is piously believed that whoever recites the below prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew, on November 30th, until Christmas will obtain what is asked.)

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! To hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

Amen.

Women of Lourdes Christmas & Craft Party

Celebrating Christmas with the joy of giving!

We will be making festive ornaments to share with our shut-ins.

Date: Wednesday, December 4
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Parish Hall

Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert Bar
Door Prizes

RSVP by Monday, November 25 to 570-368-8598 or
parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org

St. Nicholas Party ~ Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Preschool thru 6th Grade

A fun afternoon to prepare for the birth of Jesus!

*Games, crafts, snacks, and more

Great opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping or enjoy a quiet afternoon together.

This is a great service opportunity for our 7th & 8th Grade students.

Please RSVP by December 1 by contacting Jackie Baylor at (267)236-2310 or the parish office at 570-368-8598 or parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.



Our Lady of Lourdes ~ 2024 Parish Festival Report

	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT
Advertising	\$	\$	\$
Basket Raffle	\$8,655.50	\$1,654.48	\$7,001.02
Cake Wheel	\$1,774.00	\$	\$1,774.00
Dinner Chicken	\$3,748.00	\$2,469.59	\$1,278.41
Dinner Polish	\$4,140.95	\$ 29.00	\$4,111.95
Entertainment	\$	\$ 800.00	\$ -800.00
French Fries	\$ 366.90	\$	\$ 366.90
Funnel Cake	\$1,010.50	\$	\$1,010.50
Ice Cream	\$1,298.00	\$	\$1,298.00
Bounce House	\$ 327.50	\$	\$ 327.50
Train	\$ 410.50	\$	\$ 410.50
Lollipop Tree/Duck Pond	\$ 364.50	\$	\$ 364.50
Dime Pitch	\$ 388.60	\$	\$ 388.60
Plinko	\$ 261.50	\$	\$ 261.50
Frogger	\$ 365.00	\$	\$ 365.00
Ring Toss	\$ 474.00	\$ 142.36	\$ 331.64
Balloon Pop	\$ 394.50	\$	\$ 394.50
Basketball	\$ 293.00	\$	\$ 293.00
Face Painting	\$ 190.50	\$	\$ 190.50
General Donation*	\$2,963.15	\$ 971.14	\$1,992.01
Hamburger/Hotdog	\$2,118.00	\$ 12.88	\$2,105.12
Hot Sausage Sandwich	\$3,052.50	\$	\$3,052.50
Walking Taco	\$ 544.00	\$	\$ 544.00
Instant Lottery	\$1,093.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 918.00
50/50 Raffle (Saturday)	\$ 92.50	\$	\$ 92.50
Lemonade Stand	\$1,176.00	\$	\$1,176.00
Dessert (Cobbler/Brownie)	\$ 823.50	\$	\$ 823.50
Harvest Booth (Pumpkin)	\$2,298.00	\$ 817.93	\$1,480.07
Wine Wheel	\$ 918.75	\$	\$ 918.75
Water / Soda	\$ 823.00	\$	\$ 823.00
TOTAL	\$40,365.85	\$7,072.38	\$33,293.47

* This includes the expenses for the Tent Rentals and Mass Light Towers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Parish Festival a success. Without your generous donations, time and effort, the festival would not be possible. Thank you again and see you next year.



Save the dates ~ Parish Festival ~ September 12-13, 2025.

The Week At A Glance

Sunday, November 17

2nd Collection Campaign for Human Development

Monday, November 18 *Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul*

~6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

~7:00 Knights Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, November 19.

~ 9:00 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena

~ 7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council

Wednesday, November 20 .

~6:00 p.m. Baptismal Catechesis

Thursday, November 21

Office Closed

Friday November 22 *St. Cecilia*

Office Closed

~9:00 a.m. Confessions after Mass

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

Saturday November 23 *St. Clement I & Blessed Miguel Pro*

~Confessions 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions

~Saturday, November 16

4:00 p.m. Rich Weilminster (by Barbara Burchanowski)

~Sunday, November 17

8:00 a.m. Dylan Leskusky (by Alicia Cummings & Family)

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

~Monday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Annika Steinbacher (by Grampy & Grammy)

~Tuesday, November 19

9:00 a.m. All Souls

1:30 p.m. (At Valley View) Dorothy & Raymond Plocinski

~Wednesday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Jean O'Brien (by Josephine Arduini)

~Thursday, November 21

No Mass

~Friday, November 22

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of OLOL Music Ministry (by Ed & Deb Steinbacher)

~Saturday, November 23

4:00 p.m. Jay Finkbeiner (by Judi Swanson)

~Sunday, November 24

8:00 a.m. Fr. Peter Sanders by (Helen Hiserman)

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

Offertory Collections: Weekend of November 2-3

(Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	749.00
Offertory	\$	6088.00
Maintenance	\$	431.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	22.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
All Saints	\$	10.00
Votives	\$	108.00
TOTAL	\$	7409.00

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	136.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$	7545.00



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, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

Upcoming Parish Events—Mark Your Calendars

—**November 24th** It's time for our Annual Sunday before Advent Event: Light breakfast, fellowship & activities in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses. Fresh Green Wreath kits are available for \$30.00 per kit.

—**December 1st** The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will be attending and lending their angelic voices in song at our 8am & 10:30am Masses. Following both Masses they will be premiering their new Vocation Film. Please plan on staying after Mass. There will be refreshments.

—OLOL Youth/Family Movie Matinee at 3:30 to see *Moana 2*. The movie is free thanks to a generous donation. Snack packs will be provided for youth.

—**December 7th** 2 BIG EVENTS:

1-3:00 pm **St. Nicholas Party** in the Hall &

5:00 pm Fellowship and Presentation on Our Lady of Gaudalupe by Mrs. Cathy Asbury.

—**December 8th** Outing to see the Live Nativity in Morris, PA. RSVP required: Jamie Wieder at 570-506-9999.

Collection Counter Schedule

Nov. 18: Group 1 D. Simms, B. Fry, W. Marshalek

Nov. 25: Group 2 G. Farrington, W. Marshalek, C. Everett

Opportunities to Serve

Our Lady of Lourdes is currently seeking **Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors** for our weekend Masses. Please consider offering your time and talent to these beautiful and essential ministries. If you have any questions please reach out to us at the parish office .

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.

Prayer List for the Month of November

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

Support the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Your gifts help Catholic Social Services operate two housing facilities for homeless veterans - Saint Francis Commons in Scranton and Saint Hedwig's Veterans Village in Kingston.

OUR CALL TO SERVE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Donate now at AnnualAppeal.org, call (570) 207-2250 or click this QR code

Our thanks go out to everyone who has contributed thus far to help us meet our goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Gifts of all sizes make an impact and help us meet our Call to Serve others in the diocese. We are currently at **51%** of our goal with **\$21,295** donated by only **8%** of our parish families.

Our goal is \$41,875 with 100% participation.

Annual Appeal-Our Call To Serve

Our thanks go out to everyone who has contributed thus far to help us meet our goal for

Around the Deanery

- ~**Tony Melendez Free Concert and Adoration** at St. Boniface Church November 17th, 6:30pm-8:00pm.
- ~**St. Lawrence Church Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** November 17th, 8 am-12:30 pm Adults \$10. Kids under 12 free.
- ~**Advent Lessons & Carols** to be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, Dec. 1. at 2:00 pm.
- ~**Rummage Sale** At St. Joseph The Worker Fleming Center. Saturday, December 7th, 8am-1pm.
- ~**Nazareth Group** A young woman's group (grades 9-12) conducted by the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, will meet on Saturday, December 7, from 11am-4:30 pm. Please RSVP by December 6th to Sr. Clare at 570-745-3334
- ~**End of Year Retreat** Sponsored by *Lycoming County Catholic Young Adult Group*, the retreat is on Dec. 21, 2024 at St. Joseph The Worker Parish starting at 8:00 a.m. The topic is "Intimacy with the Holy Spirit". The cost is \$12.00. RSVP by 12/6: HRAINEY65@GMAIL.Com
- ~**Shepherd of the Streets** Volunteer opportunity for a receptionist on Thursdays 9:00 a.m. until noon. Contact Deb Steinbacher at 570-337-7460



Did you know...

~Some women choose to live a consecrated life in the world, rather than in a religious order, as virgins. They hold regular jobs, and they commit to a life of prayer, service and celibacy. This is known as Consecrated Virginity.

~The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, which means "to call".

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