

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Parish Office Hours

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

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

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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OCIA (formerly RCIA)
Contact Susan Mann
#570-244-8133

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



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Following the Messiah by Scott Hahn

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see [John 6:15](#)).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see [Daniel 7:13–14](#)). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see [Galatians 5:6](#)).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.



Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows



The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother, focuses on Her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. The devotion includes The Seven Dolours or Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, now known as The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The key image here is our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the Cross with Her dying Son.

St. Bernard (d.1153) wrote, "Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced Your heart...He died in body through the love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other."

She knows our sorrows and our pains, because She too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary.

Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, we honor Her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day:
Father, as your Son was raised on the Cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life. Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love and trust. Amen.

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, September 14 ~ Parish Festival 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.
 ~Pro-life Committee praying Rosary (in hall) for National Day of Remembrance for aborted children ~ 10:00 a.m. *All are welcome!*
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 15
 ~Basket Raffle Drawing ~ 11:30 in hall
Monday, September 16
 ~Holy Hour & Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.
 ~Pro-life Meeting in hall ~ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 17
 ~Mass & Novena ~ 9:00 a.m.
 ~Parish Pastoral Council ~ 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 20
 ~Please note ~ *No Confessions*
Saturday, September 21
 ~Confessions ~ 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 22 ~ Religious Education Begins ~ 9:00 a.m.

Offertory Collections: Weekend of Sept. 8 (Includes on-line contributions)

Loose	\$	713.00
Offertory	\$	6,969.00
Maintenance	\$	318.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	85.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
TOTAL	\$	8,093.00

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	101.00
TOTAL	\$	101.00

Collection Counter Schedule

Sept. 16 ~ Group 4 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, K. McGee
Sept. 23 ~ Group 1 D. Simms, M. Hollenbach, W. Marshalek

Faith Formation

Classes begin next Sunday, Sept. 22, at 9:00 a.m. for Grades 1-8.
 Handbooks & Registration forms were mailed 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 email the office.

- Grades 2,3,4,7,8 will meet in Rectory Basement
- Grades 5,6 will meet in Parish Hall
- Grade 1 will meet in Meeting Room



Thank you Donna!



Donna Mothersbaugh has chosen to step down from her Religious Ed. position. Thank you for all that you've done last year working with the children and families in our parish.

Women of Lourdes ~ Save The Dates



Holy Hour/Fellowship: Sept. 23 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Coffee Chats: Held at the home of Lydia James on *Sept. 28 @ 9:30 a.m.* Study will be on Pope Benedict XVI, encyclical *God is Love*. RSVP to Lydia at #570-419-9744 or Ldjames25@gmail.com and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth: Retreat Weekend for Young Women~ Ages 15-27: "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. Wspt.* RSVP to Sr. Christina @ 570-745-3334 or Capuchinsisters.com.

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

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

Women's Retreat: Wspt. Deanery hosting retreat @ Immaculate Conception, Bastress, *Oct.19.* Start @ 10am thru Mass @ 4:00 pm.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14 ~ The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
 4:00 p.m. Nick & Lucy Mondell (By Steve & Kathleen Mondell)
Sunday, September 15
 8:00 a.m. Margot Leonard (By Helen Hiserman)
 10:30 a.m. George & Mary McQuillen (By Daughter)
Monday, September 16 ~ Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
 9:00 a.m. Julia Reissner (By John & Mary Etta Legarski)
Tuesday, September 17 ~ Ss. Bellamine & Hildegard
 9:00 a.m. Bernard Imrisek (By Terri Atwell)
 1:30 p.m. (@ Valley View) For the People of the Parish
Wednesday, September 18
 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the Romey Fagnano Family
 (By The Knights of Columbus #14329)

Thursday, September 19

No Mass

Friday, Sept. 20 ~ Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
 9:00 a.m. Ann Gehret (By Carol Rogers and Joanne Cowden)

Saturday, September 21 ~ St. Matthew
 4:00 p.m. Grace and Thanks (By M. Family)

Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Yvonne Pike (By Family)

Mass Intention Book

The 2025 Mass Intention Book will open after Mass,
September 16, at 9:30 a.m.

In order that all parishioners have the opportunity to remember or memorialize their loved one on special dates we have a few guidelines:

- ~ Each family may schedule up to three (3) Masses, however, there will be no limit on unscheduled Masses.
- ~ An individual may only have a Mass offered once every two weeks.
- ~ Recently deceased parishioners may take precedence.

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-33; Ps 40:7-17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-31; Ps 36; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31; Ps 33:2-22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday : Eph 4:1-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday: Wis 2:12-20; Ps 54:3-8; James 3:16; Mk 9:30-37

Prayer List for the Month of September

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, Mary Shuhler, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

Choir Practice



Come one, come all! Choir resumes October 3, from 6:30 -7:30 pm. Please consider joining this beautiful ministry. Contact Jo Marie Latini @ 570-447-2194.

Opportunities to Serve

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

Have you been receiving our mailings and 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 at parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org. Thank you!

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 info and a picture to be displayed, so that we might keep them in our prayers.

Planning Meeting for Fr. Mikes 40th Anniversary

A meeting is scheduled, for October 2 @ 6:30 p.m. in the hall, to start the preparations for Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Celebration date is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Annual Lycoming County Life Chain



The Life Chain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on the "Golden Strip" (East 3rd St) in Wspt. This is a peaceful, prayerful and visible witness of Christ's love. *Choose Life! Deuteronomy. 30:19.*

Be A Catholic Man Conference ~ Oct. 5

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, from 8-3 pm. Register On-line: Contact Mike Kilmer @ 570-721-0872 or BeACatholicMan.com.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

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

Prison Ministry



Parishioners, *Jim Pagana* and *Keith Kuzio*, are actively involved with this ministry along with volunteers from St. Ann's and Resurrection parishes. Prison ministers also support Fr. Bechtel from St. Joseph the Worker in monthly visits where he provides the full Holy Mass (including Liturgy of the Eucharist) and Confession to inmates.

For many years OLOL has provided resources and outreach to prison inmates at the Allenwood Federal Correction Complex. If you have interest/questions about this ministry, please reach out to Jim or Keith or contact the office.

"I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36)

Our Sponsor Of The Week

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Around The Diocese

St. Joseph The Worker: Christian Women Society meets Sunday, Sept. 15, @ 3 pm @ the Fleming Center. Featured speaker, Dr. Maria Unguard, on the topic of arthritis - primarily hands/fingers. All welcome!

Church of The Resurrection: Adult Education Program. Five part series on Vatican II. Dates of series: 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 & 10/23, held in Social Hall @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Parish Hall: Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 29, 8-12:30 pm. Adults-\$10/Children-5-12 \$5/Under 5 yrs (free). Benefits St. John Neumann Boys Basketball Team.



Vocation relates to a Christian's *whole life*. It does not refer to a part of life (work) or one type of work (ministry) or one type of life (religious community and celibacy). Vocation encompasses a *multiplicity of callings*: who I am, what I do, and how I live. It is dynamic and changing, not static or linear, not fully determined or preset at the outset of life.

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