

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
and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 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.

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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Parish Pastoral Council

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Colleen Brown
Stacy Gerrity
Alissa Jacopetti
MaryEtta Legarski
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Keith Kuzio
Kevin Mann
Sharon O'Malley
Jamie Wieder



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 11, 2024



*I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is My flesh
for the life of the world.*

John 6:41-51

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Take and Eat by Dr. Scott Hahn:

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur,” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10).

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur”, to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

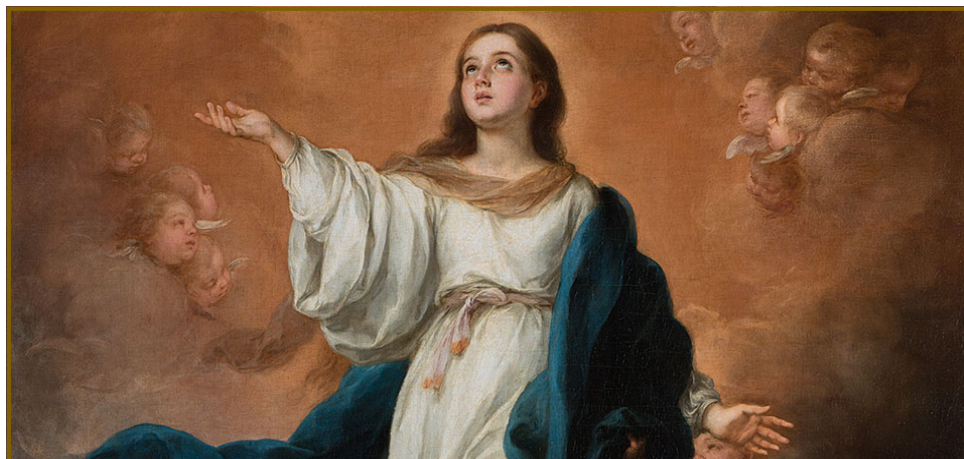
Yet if we believe, if we seek him in our distress, he will deliver us from our fears. As we sing in today's Psalm.

At the Altar in every Eucharist, the Angel of the Lord, the Lord Himself (See Exodus 3:1-2), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (See Matthew 26:26).

This taste of the heavenly gift (See Hebrews 6:4-5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of Heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as he fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving him as he loves us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.



August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, August 10
~Missionary Fr. Feliz-Sena concelebrating Mass

Sunday, August 11
~Missionary Fr. Feliz-Sena concelebrating at all Masses

Monday, August 12 ~ Missionary here
~No Holy Hour
~Pro-Life Meeting in hall ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13
~Mass & Novena ~ 9:00 a.m.
~Baptismal Catechesis ~ 6:30 p.m.


Wednesday, August 14 ~ Vigil Mass for The Assumption

Thursday, August 15
~Holy Day ~ The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 16
~No Confessions

Saturday, August 17
~Backpack Blessing at Mass ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 18 ~ Fellowship Sunday
~Backpack Blessing during both Masses (8:00 & 10:30)
~Front Porch Social after both Masses (8:00 & 10:30)



Father Neftali Feliz-Sena, a missionary priest from the Diocese of Barahona, assigned to Annunciation Parish in Hazleton, will be celebrating Masses from August 10 - 16, which he will make an appeal for the missions abroad. A second collection will be taken at each Mass to support Catholic missionary activity. Thank you for your generosity. Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Fr. Neftali!

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) August 3 & 4, 2024

Loose	\$	546.00
Offertory	\$	5,648.00
Maintenance	\$	353.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	22.00
Votives	\$	100.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Holy Day ~ Assumption	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	6,690.00

Diocesan Collections

Care and Education of Priests	\$	211.00
TOTAL	\$	211.00

Collection Counter Schedule

August 12 ~ Group 3 J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G. Renehan
August 19 ~ Group 4 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, K. McGee

Blessings of Backpacks



Father Mike will be blessing backpacks at all Masses August 17/18.

Front Porch Social

Fellowship Sunday is August 18. A social is being planned for after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

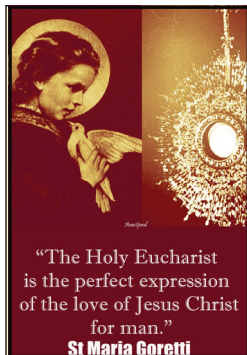


Women of Lourdes

Attention Ladies of the Parish. We are planning on getting together every fourth Monday of the month for Holy Hour (from 6-7), followed by fellowship in the hall.

Save the date!

The first scheduled Holy Hour will be August 26 at 6:00 p.m. See you there!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 10 ~ St. Lawrence
4:00 p.m. James J. Dorin (By Dorin Family)
4:00 p.m. Andrew & Anna Krupa (By Gloria Gomb)

Sunday, August 11
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. Robert Buff Jr. (By Paul & Mary Smith)
10:30 a.m. Philip & Helen Schamberg (By Family)
10:30 a.m. Health of the Dunn Family (By Gerri Dunn)

Monday, August 12 ~ St. Jane Frances
9:00 a.m. Concettina Barone (John & Mary Fulginiti)

Tuesday, August 13 ~ SS Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus
9:00 a.m. Janice Blackwell (By Dave & Linda Phillips)

Wednesday, August 14 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe
9:00 a.m. Kathryn & Carl Moore (By Joe & Teresa Moore)
5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Diane DeTato (By Josh)

Thursday, August 15 ~ The Assumption of The Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. For the safety of Quentin Deters, as he goes to serve our Country (By Family)

6:00 p.m. James Nizinski (Father of Wendy Bonus & Family)

Friday, August 16 ~ St. Stephen
9:00 a.m. Rocco Panetta (By Anthony Panetta)

Saturday, August 17
4:00 p.m. Alfons & Mary Smokowicz (By The Catino Family)

Sunday, August 18
8:00 a.m. John Butters (By Sister Michelle)
10:30 a.m. Joseph Tripodi (By Frances & Karen Ciccarella)



The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity

Mass Schedule
Holy Day of Obligation

August 14 (Vigil) @ 5:00 pm
August 15, @ 9:00 am
and 6:00 pm

*"She is all beautiful,
far surpassing the
cherubim, exalted
beyond the seraphim,
and is placed near
to God".*

St. John Damascene

Readings For The Week

Monday: Ez 1:2-28; Ps 112:1-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8; Ps 119:14-131; Mt 18:1-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Rev 11:19; Ps 45:10-16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Ez 16:1-63; Ps 12:2-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-32; Ps 51:12-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Pro 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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 Konkle, Oscar Hepburn Sr., Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Rita Koch, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al and Karen Marlett, Jason Mifsud, Kelly Renn, Mary Shuhler, Carl Ulsamer, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

WELCOME!

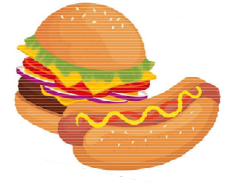
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please *welcome* to our parish family the following new members:

+ Alex Baumunk + Jesse Stryker

Lord, bless each member and fill their hearts with love and grace.

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

Next Festival Meeting ~ August 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

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 enveloped 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 soon.

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!

Thank You For Your Support

Our Lady of Lourdes raised \$1,520.00 for the St. Joseph's Center. Gregory Fleck, parishioner from Resurrection Church, stricken with cerebral palsy, has been raising money the past 9 years for St. Joseph's Center's programs and services. Since 2016, Greg has raised over \$25,000. This year alone, \$10,468.59 was raised. Along with Gregory and his Mother Kristin, they are beyond grateful for the generosity of our parish!! Congratulations Greg!

Greg and his Mother Kristin
are pictured with
Sherry Ebbert, Father Mike and Anne Andersen



Faith Formation

Father Mike will be blessing backpacks at all Masses the weekend of August 17/18.

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 Donna Mothersbaugh @ 570-368-8598 or parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

Classes begin on September 22, at 9:00 a.m. for Grades 1-8.

A Catechist meeting is scheduled for August 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the hall.

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.



OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly "Rite of...") is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic Christians and receive the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Order speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey".

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 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.

Thank you from Shepherd of the Streets



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A sincere thanks to God for laying upon our hearts the ministry of the Shepherd of the Streets. Your gift of *hygiene items* enabled us to promote healthy habits for our clients. You are indeed loving God and your neighbors in need through your faithful stewardship.

In Christian Love, Pastor Mark D. Brumback

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

A Man for All Seasons:

St. Thomas More Parish and the STM Players are proud to present Robert Bolt's, *A Man For All Seasons*. Youth from the greater Scranton area will have performances on Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24 @ 7:00 pm (Doors open 6:30 pm) Tickets are: Adults/\$10 and Students/\$5.

St. Thomas More Parish: 116 Theodore St., Scranton, PA

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.



Our Sponsor Of The Week

Baker Insurance Agency ~ Please support our sponsors.



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers this weekend, August 10/11, are placed in loving memory of Philip and Helen Schamberg by their Family.



In the United States: Newer entrants are attracted to communities that have a strong Catholic identity. They are hopeful about their futures, have members who live together in community, and have a structured prayer life.

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