Lent at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sundays of Lent Regular Schedule

Daily Mass Regular Schedule

Mondays of Lent

The Light Is On For You Holy Hour 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Confessions 6:10 pm ~ 6:50 pm

Tuesdays of Lent 9 am Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesdays of Lent Road to Resurrection

Fridays of Lent

Confessions after the 9 am Mass Stations Of The Cross 4 pm & 7 pm Confessions 4:30 pm-6 pm

Saturdays of Lent

Regular Schedule First Saturday Mass and Devotions April 5, 9:00 am

Lent Around The Area

Penance Services

St. Peter's Wellsboro 4:00 pm Sunday, March 30 St Boniface Williamsport 1:00 pm Thursday April 3 (for SJNRA) St. Luke –Jersey Shore 2:00 pm Monday, April 6 St. Boniface Williamsport 7:00 pm Wednesday, April 16

Road to Resurrection at 7:00 pm

St. Boniface — Tue. March 25th Saint Ann — Wed April 2nd Immaculate Conception — April 9th

Thírd Sunday of Lent Our Lady of Lourdes Parísh March 23, 2025

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The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree by James Tissot

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am Thursday no daily Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 6:10-6:50 pm (during Adoration) Friday after 9am Mass & 4:30- 6:00 pm after the 4:00 pm Stations Saturday 3-3:30 pm Anytime by appointment

<u> Parish Council</u>

Lydia Baylor Cassie Bennett Colleen Brown Nicholas Catino Stacy Gerrity Alissa Jacopetti Anne Logue Keith Kuzio Kevin Mann

Please contact the parish office if you have had a change in phone, address, or email. Thank you!

The Lord Is Kind And Merciful



ear Parish Family,

It was certainly a busy week at Our Lady of Lourdes. We had several funerals, a fish dinner and the Road to Resurrection. Sometimes that is a rather bumpy road. I was thinking, not only bumpy with busyness, but also in our ongoing process of conversion. How often do we find ourselves faced with the fact that we had been doing so well with our spiritual life, and then find ourselves recycling our old struggles we thought we had overcome. It's a bumpy road, indeed.

When those things happen, we recall the scripture passage where John the Baptist calls us to make ready the way of the Lord. With God's Grace our rocky roads become smooth. As the Psalm response for this week's Liturgy proclaims, "The Lord is kind and merciful." At the same time, St. Paul reminds us that "if you do not repent, you will perish." With the weeks of Lent that remain, let us double down on our resolve to repent. Renew your resolve to offer your Lenten sacrifices to the Lord that He might renew our souls. It's an

ancient struggle with an ever present solution—the Grace of God.

If your Lent has been marvelous thus far, God Bless you and congratulations. If it has been less than stellar, God Bless you and pick up that cross once again. It is worth it, both now and eternally.

Joyfully Yours, Fr. Michael

The Light Is On For You

"The Light Is On For You" will be held every Monday evening, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. During this time, Father Mike will be available for Confessions, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Come home to the Church and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

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.



Top Ten Things You May Not Have Known About Priests

Enjoy and come back next week for #8!

#9. Sometimes they wear rings.

In the Catholic Church, rings are primarily used to signify one's vocation. The most well-known instance where someone wears a ring is in the sacrament of Matrimony, or marriage. In this ritual, the ring symbolizes the unity of the couple and is a daily reminder of their commitment to one another. Similarly, some priests and religious also wear rings to remind them of their daily commitment to the Church. Religious sisters and nuns will oftentimes wear rings as a part of their habit, as they are the spouse of Christ. Priests will wear rings as well, as they are the spouse of the Church. Most often, the priests wearing rings are those anointed as bishops, who wear it as a symbol of the authority bestowed on them by the pope.

Rings can also act as sacramentals, or something that points you toward holiness. A lot of devotions, prayers, and saints can be portrayed on rings, and may be worn because the priest has a connection, much like one would wear saint medals or a crucifix around their neck.

— Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth —



"Come and See" Retreat Beekend

for Young Women Ages 15-27

Friday, April 4 – Sunday, April 6, 2025 3:00 PM on Friday through 11:30 AM on Sunday

LOCATION: Mother of the Eucharist Convent 6100 Jacks Hollow Rd., Williamsport, PA

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED Please call Sister Christina 570-745-3334

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"I need no more: I know Christ, the poor Crucified One." –St. Francis of Assisi

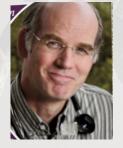
Shed Some Light

medical conference

Thursday April 3, 2024 7:00pm-9:30pm

Speakers:

Alex Nesbitt, M.D.



Board Certified Family Medicine, Palliative Care and Hospice Retired Chair of Ethics Committee at UPMC

Williamsport, PA

Title: "Hippocratic Medicine: Past, Present and Future"

Jeffrey Hanson, PhD

Licensed Clinical Psychologist, subspecializing in pediatric and adolescent psychology Clinical Director of Holdfast Recovery

Prescott, AZ

Title: "Adolescents in Crisis: Time to Rethink, Reimagine and Revive"

Location: Michael Ross Room, 3rd Floor Trade & Transit Center 144 West 3rd Street Williamsport, PA

Parking: Multilevel Garage diagonally across third street Validation of parking ticket available at event

Target Audience: Medical Professionals, Public Officials, Interested Citizens

Registration Required: Including name, Age, Credentials, and Best Contact information.

Mail To: Dr. Russell Gombosi, 3155 Lycoming Creek Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701 or email to: rgombosi@openarmsmedpeds.com

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The Month Of March Is Dedicated To Saint Joseph



The Week At A Glance

Sunday, March 23 CCD & Family Catechesis 9:00am

Monday, March 24 Holy Hour & Confessions 6-7:00pm Women of Lourdes 6-8:00pm

Tuesday, March 25

Mass & Miraculous Medal Novena 9am 7pm Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera at St. Boniface

Thursday March 27Office ClosedFriday March 28Office Closed

Confessions following 9am Mass & 4:30-6:00pm

Stations of the Cross 4:00pm & 7:00pm

Saturday March 29

Confessions 3-3:30pm



Women of Lourdes : March 24

All women of the parish are invited to the monthly meeting, beginning with Holy Hour at 6pm and followed by fellowship and a Lenten Reflection by Fr. Mike.

Masses For Loved Ones

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the office at 570-368-8598 or email to parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org.

OLOL ANNUAL FISH DINNER

APRIL 4, 2025 FROM 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM IN CHURCH HALL

Dinner to include: Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll and Dessert

> Tickets: \$14 Adults \$7 Child (10 & Under)

Collection Counter Schedule

Mar 24 Group 3 J. DeGregorio, J. Ransdorf, G.Renehan Mar 31 Group 2 D. Vincenzes, B. Fry, K. McGee

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 22 4:00 p.m. Joseph DeGregorio (by Family) Sunday, March 23 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish 10:30 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners & the Salvation of Souls (by Romey Fagnano Family) Monday, March 24 9:00 a.m. The Souls in Purgatory (by Romey Fagnano Family) Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation Of The Lord 9:00 a.m. Jean O'Brien (by Dave & Joanne Mondell) Wednesday, March 26 9:00 a.m. Nicole Selleck (by Dennis and Christine Quinn) Thursday, March 27 No Mass Friday, March 28 9:00 am Rose Imrisek (by Terri Atwell) Saturday, March 29 4:00 p.m. Diane E. Calvert & Walter Calvert Jr. (by Family) Sunday, March 30 Laetare Sunday 8:00 a.m. Bob Lorson (by Paul & Mary Smith) 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Offertory Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

Iviarch 16, 2025		
Loose	\$	754.00
Offertory	\$7	7215.00
Maintenance	\$	32.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	45.00
Easter Flowers	\$	285.00
Votives	\$	5.00
Holy Day—Solemnity of Mary	\$	3.00

TOTAL

\$8339.50

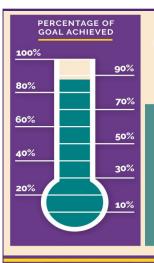
Diocesan Collections

GRAND TOTAL \$8513.		
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$	3.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	5.00
Mission—Eastern Europe	\$	20.00
Care and Education of Priests	\$	117.50
Human Development	\$	3.00

Prayer List for the Month March

Teresa Atwell, Dave Bonus, D. Jane Brown, Mark Brumbach, Gayne Campbell, Dottie Dincher, Ann Dorin, Carisa Foulds, Margie Foulds, Cliff Hales, Michael Hook, Janet Jean, Claire McMahon, Jeff O'Connor, Lois O'Malley, Kathleen Maiolo, Al & Karen Marlett, Jessie McDevitt, Jason Mifsud, Aaron Murray, Ginger Paulhamus, Karen Ransdorf, Shelley Sechler, Mary Shuhler, Kathy Wertz, Jim Wilson, Debbie Winterer

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list please contact the parish office.



The Catholic Ministries Appeal is currently at 86% of its overall goal

Will you help us go over the top?

By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you help provide funding for essential ministries throughout the eleven-county area of the Diocese of Scranton. Through our unity and stewardship, we are able to attend to the physical and spiritual needs of our friends and neighbors throughout northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.





Thank you to all who have helped to date to raise 75% of our Appeal goal. Please prayerfully consider Lenten almsgiving as a means of securing the final \$10,072 needed to meet our parish goal. Thank you!

Ministry Corner by Deb Steinbacher

There have been many thoughts concerning Lent running through my mind. Most of my ponderings focus on what I am doing to change and how well this will continue after Lent. An email from Chris Bell prompted this train of thought. March 10th marked 40 years since Good Counsel Homes began saving moms and babies!

How appropriate that this anniversary should occur during the 40 days of Lent! It made me realize that prayers, fasting, and almsgiving are all wonderful ways to die to self so that we may better serve the needs of others. I have come to understand that my Lenten sacrifices should continue throughout the year!

After Lent, certainly we can say "Alleluia" as we rejoice in the resurrection, but also in letting our dear Lord take control, recognizing that He does, indeed, know more than we our needs and the needs of others. We can rejoice in His love and in letting Him, as did Chris Bell, lead us in dying to self so that He can work His plans for our lives! Thanks be to God for this time of preparation! Have a blessed Lenten season, dear friends!

