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Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5PM

Sunday: 8AM, 9:45AM, 11:45AM, & 5PM

Daily Mass: 8AM (M, T, W, F)

Communion Service: 8AM (Thursday)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 4PM and by appointment anytime.

Safe Environment Notice

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children and young people approved by the US Bishops and Dioceses of Worcester policies. Contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services, at a direct and confidential telephone line: **508-929-4363**.

Lisa Sciacca is our parish's Safety Environment Coordinator.



Mission Statement

As a faith-filled Christian Community we are committed to building up the Body of Christ and strengthening the Kingdom of God. Through diverse ministries, we share our many gifts to respond to the needs within and outside our Parish Community. Confident in our strengths and aware of our weaknesses, we enter into collaboration with other communities to deepen our relationship with Jesus and one another. By fulfilling our pastoral, sacramental, and educational needs, we, as a Eucharistic Church, work to proclaim the message and presence of the risen Lord.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children baptized must attend an instruction which is offered once a month. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage is celebrated following a program of marriage preparation. Please call the Parish Office at least one year in advance to make arrangements.

Ministry to the Sick and Elderly

Please notify us when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized so that we may visit the person and offer the sacraments of the Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

If you are interested in the process of leading to membership in the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions



JULY 9TH TO JULY 17TH

9TH SATURDAY *Saint Augustine Zhao Rong*

5:00 PM Rita Lonrenz
Karen Paine, Birthday Remembrance

10TH SUNDAY *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Theresa Joy
Mildred Herald
9:45 AM Michael Gaudet, 9th Anniversary
Irene and Roy Pottle
11:45 AM Meaghan McGrath
1:30 PM Baptisms: Charlotte Ann Peterson
Emilia Lee Ouellette
Callan Thomas Syvie
5:00 PM Christopher Todd, Month's Mind

11TH MONDAY *Saint Benedict*

8:00 AM James Doucette
Monks of St. Joseph's Abbey

12TH TUESDAY

8:00 AM Rita O'Brien
Louise McAllister

13TH WEDNESDAY *Saint Henry*

8:00 AM RoseMarie Levesque
Katherine Petkewich, 2nd Anniversary

14TH THURSDAY *Saint Kateri*

8:00 AM Communion Service

15TH FRIDAY *Saint Bonaventure*

8:00 AM Ella O'Brien
Father Thomas Carberry

16TH SATURDAY *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

5:00 PM Cheryl Harvey
Liisa Brown

17TH SUNDAY *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM M.M. Carmelita, PBVM
9:45 AM Michael Tonry, 11th Anniversary
11:45 AM
5:00 PM Meaghan McGrath
Michael Hazel

Saint Maria Goretti, Martyr (1890-1902)

(Room B11)



Maria Goretti was born in Italy, the third of five children in a poor peasant family. Her father died when she was ten, leaving her mother to support the family. They shared a dwelling with another family, whose eighteen year old son, Alessandro, regularly made sexual advances toward young Maria. One day when she was not quite twelve, he confronted her alone in their cottage and tried to rape her. When she put up resistance he repeatedly stabbed her. She died the next day, though not before receiving the Eucharist and expressing forgiveness for her assailant (whom she hoped to meet in heaven).

Alessandro was sentenced to thirty years in prison. After some time, he had a dream in which Maria appeared to him, again conveying her forgiveness and appealing to him for conversion. He awoke a changed man. Upon his release from prison, he went to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness.

In the meantime, Maria's story had spread far beyond her village. She was regularly invoked as a symbol of purity and Christian virtue. Thousands of people remember her in their prayers, and many miracles were credited to her name. She was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII before a record crowd that included her mother and siblings and, more remarkably the man who had murdered her.

Parish Support

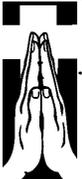
July 3rd

142 Sunday Envelopes	\$5,087.
31 Make Up Envelopes	\$1,380.
5 Paid Ahead Envelope	\$ 310.
Loose Cash	<u>\$2,085.</u>
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$8,862.
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 846.

Parish Tithe

Peter's Pence	\$ 443.
Food Pantry	\$ 222.
Human Services	\$ 222.

Thank you everyone for your continued increased giving these past three months. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. We shall continue to be vigilant in our spending as we enter into the final two months of our annual budget (September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016).



Please remember in your prayers: George Watts, father of parishioner Elizabeth Hoeske; and Margaret Shine. May they rest in peace and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.



MINISTRIES IN ACTION

LITURGY MINISTRY MEETINGS

There will be make-up meetings for **Lectors** this **Sunday, July 10th at 6:30PM** and **Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, July 17th at 6:30PM** in the church.

Also, there will be meetings for anyone interested in being a **Lector on Monday, July 11th at 7:00PM** or a **Eucharistic Minister on Tuesday, July 12th at 7:00PM** in the church.

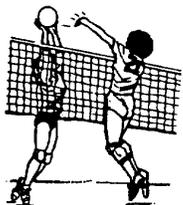


We continue our Annual Partners in Charity Appeal throughout the month of June. **I am happy to report that we have received 245 contributions amounting to \$56,341.** Last year, we contributed a total of \$64,000. My hope and prayer is that those who have not yet contributed to this annual appeal will consider doing so this week. Every gift is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you one and all.

SUMMER VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS

If interested, please send an email to Olga Pineda at modpineda@gmail.com. Thank you!

Food Donations are *always* welcome to replenish our Food Pantry.



Volleyball is in full swing! Practices for the high school co-ed team will take place on **Wednesdays and Fridays from 6-7:30PM** on our home court. Games are scheduled for Mondays for the next six weeks. Please join us on **Monday, July 11th** at St. Christopher's in West Boylston to root for our team!

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family or marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, no matter what your own self-image:

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Our Lady of the Lake.

If you are new to our parish, please contact the Parish Office to register as a new member of our parish family.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Bake Sale

Steubenville Youth Conference

A group of 11 teens and 6 chaperones will be attending this incredible conference hosted at UMass Lowell from **July 15-17**. They will join 2000 Catholic teenagers from the east coast for worship, motivational talks, prayer and music. To help defray the cost of \$235 per person, our youth are sponsoring a **Bake Sale this weekend after all Masses**. Thank you in advance for your support!

It is with sadness and love that we announce that **Elizabeth Rawlinson** has stepped down as Coordinator of Religious Education for Grades 1-5 and Special Needs to be present to the needs of her family. Elizabeth has been a gift to the parents, children, and catechists in our program and to our Religious Ed staff. Please join us in expressing our gratitude and continued prayers for Elizabeth.

In light of this announcement, we are currently seeking a Coordinator for Grades 1-5. This is a 30 hour/week position from mid-August to mid-June. For more information and a complete job description, please contact Lisa Sciacca at the Religious Ed office. To apply, please send resumes to lsciacca@ourladylake.org.

COFFEE SHOP AND CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

We'd like to thank all of our volunteers who make this ministry possible. We are in need of adult volunteers. You would be assigned just one Sunday a month from September through May. Please contact Lisa at the Religious Ed office for more information.

Are you thinking of a Teaching Ministry?

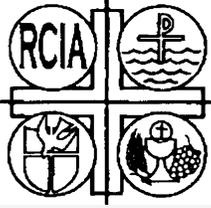
Even as summer begins we are preparing for next year. If you think that you may be interested in sharing your faith with our children please call us so that we can help to answer questions and assist in your decision making.



Are you coping with a loved one addicted to opiates or other drugs?

LEARN TO COPE is a peer-led support network for families dealing with addiction and recovery. Weekly meetings are at Heywood Hospital in Gardner on **Tuesday evenings 7-8:30PM**. For more information, call 508-738-5148 or www.learn2cope.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Have you been a Catholic all your life but never received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If either of the above questions applies to you, we would love to help you on your journey. Please contact Joan Burns at the parish office at 978-342-2978, Ext. 103 for more information.



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



What did the Pope say now?

Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love - 'Amoris Laetitia', affirms our Catholic belief that "stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others". Join us as we discuss an overview which gives insight, guidance and encouragement to apply his wisdom in our families today on **Wed. July 13th 7-8:30 PM** in the Parish Center for Discovering Our Faith series. For more info: David La Liberty at 978-537-1134 or at David@HomesJustForYou.com.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Our next meeting will be on **Monday, July 18th at 7:00PM.**



Do you have a compassionate heart and a few hours a month to share?

AseraCare Hospice is seeking caring individuals who would be willing to visit our terminally ill patients in the area. Volunteers spend sacred time together with patients and families simply by accompanying them during

their final journey. Companions offer patients healing by practicing a calming presence, deep compassion, and generous listening. Volunteers play an important role in providing social support and decreasing isolation that can so often occur for the terminally ill. We are also in need of veterans who would like to provide special companionship for our veteran patients. Training is free and the hours are flexible. If you have a crafting talent, we are also in need of donations of quilts or blankets for our patients. To learn more please email Kim Iannacci at Kimberly.Iannacci@aseracare.com or call 508-721-1219.



**Father Carlos' Pills of Faith
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in this Sunday's story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy". Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it!

Donations are *always* welcome to replenish our food pantry:

- PANCAKE MIX
- PANCAKE SYRUP
- OATMEAL
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JAM OR JELLY
- TUNA
- MAYONNAISE
- SOUP
- BEEF STEW



- SPAGHETTI
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- MACARONI & CHEESE
- INSTANT POTATOES
- CANNED FRUIT
- CRACKERS
- JUICE
- COFFEE
- TEA
- HOT COCOA

- RICE (WHITE OR FLAVORED)
- CANNED MEAT (CHICKEN, TURKEY, HAM)
- GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS

Donations may be left in the totes at the entrances to the church.

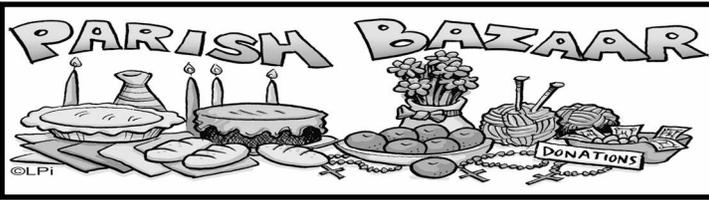
THANK YOU for your continued support!



We will be celebrating **St. Mary Magdalene**, the "Apostle to the Apostles", with a para-liturgical prayer service to honor the contribution that women have made throughout the centuries to the church. Please join us on **Friday, July 22nd, 7PM.**



The Fifth Annual **Grandparents Day Mass and Breakfast** will be held this year on **Tuesday, July 26th** at a special **9AM** Mass. We will be honoring the grandparents of Jesus, and Saints Anne and Joachim on their feast day. All grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to participate. Please come and join us, even if your grandchildren cannot attend with you. You can bring them with you in spirit. Sign up sheets will be posted soon!



**We are in need of Bazaar Booth Captains
for the following booths:
Basketball, Detonator, White Elephant,
and Children's Toys**

A booth captain need not work the entire bazaar but does need to ensure worker coverage. If you are interested in being responsible for any one of these booths, please contact Keith Boudreau at keith.boudreau@verizon.net or call at 978-537-8659.

COUNTRY STORE: *Attention all crafters!*

The Country Store welcomes all handmade craft donations for this year's Parish Bazaar, including but not limited to, baby items, knit/crochet items, woodworking, sewing items, decorative painting, and more. **Please contact Shirley Brake at 978-397-1554.**

The Potluck Booth is looking for help with phone calls and picking up prizes for our annual Bazaar. Contact: Lisa Gilmour 978-314-7589 or Deb Bronchuk 508-331-1133.

Please start to set aside gently used, household items that may be sold at the **White Elephant Table**. Please remember that we cannot accept TVs, computers or monitors, exercise equipment, furniture or clothing.

Also, **Potluck** is looking for donations of new, unused items.

We will also begin to accept items for the **Book Booth** and **Jewelry Booth** during this time. Please, no manuals, text books, or magazines. Also, for the health of all, please do not bring any musty books.

Drop-off will start on **Wednesday, July 20th**, and will continue **Mondays through Thursdays** only during regular parish office hours, **9AM-3PM**, until further notice. Please do not leave items outside unattended. All items should be dropped off in the **Parish Hall** at the **rear entrance**. No items will be accepted on any other days other than those specified.

If you have any questions regarding drop off, contact Frank Ricardo at the parish during regular business hours, 978-342-2978, Ext. 110.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 9th

Steubenville Bake Sale after all Masses
07:30 PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 10th

Steubenville Bake Sale after all Masses
03:00 PM Pilgrims on the Journey
06:30 PM Make-up Lector Ministry Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 11th

08:30 AM Litany of our Blessed Mother
07:00 PM New Lectors Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 12th

07:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
08:30 AM Continuation of Adoration
07:00 PM Bazaar Leadership Team Meeting
07:00 PM New Eucharistic Minister Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th

06:30 PM Financial Peace University
07:00 PM 12 Steps Meeting
07:00 PM Discovering Our Faith Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 14th

09:00 AM Dominoes
06:00 PM Rosary for the Unborn
07:00 PM Mothers of Multiples
07:00 PM NLLL Board Meeting
07:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

FRIDAY, JULY 15th

07:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 16th

11:00 AM Dumford Eagle Scout Ceremony/Reception
07:30 PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 17th

03:00 PM Pilgrims on the Journey
06:30 PM Make-up Eucharistic Minister Meeting

We are looking for volunteers to serve as altar servers at our parish funerals during the week. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joan Burns at the parish office at 978-342-2978, ext. 103. Training will be provided. Thank you.

Next Weekend's Celebrants

SATURDAY, JULY 16th

5:00 PM Father Dennis O'Brien

SUNDAY, JULY 17th

8:00 AM Father Dennis O'Brien

9:45 AM Father Dennis O'Brien

11:45 AM Father Carlos Ruiz

5:00 PM Father Carlos Ruiz

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