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Liturgical Celebrations

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 Victim Services at a direct and confidential telephone line at **508-929-4363.** Lisa Sciacca is the Safe Environment Coordinator at our parish.

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

Mass Intentions

SAT., OCT. 28TH ***Saint Simon and Saint Jude***
5:00 PM Ian Hartwell

SUN., OCT. 29TH ***30th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
8:00 AM Irene Pottle
James Cameron
9:45 AM Joseph Sciacca, Sr.
Michael DiNapoli
11:45 AM Dan and Marie Bell
Sam Costa
5:00 PM Arthur Dondero

MON., OCT. 30TH
8:00 AM

TUES., OCT. 31ST
8:00 AM

WED., NOV. 1ST ***Solemnity of all the Saints***
8:00 AM
7:00 PM

THURS., NOV. 2ND ***All Souls Day***
8:00 AM Communion Service

FRI., NOV. 3RD ***Saint Martin de Porres***
8:00 AM

SAT., NOV. 4TH ***Saint Charles Borromeo***
5:00 PM Sue Nelson, Birthday Remembrance

SUN., NOV. 5TH ***31st Sunday in Ordinary Time***
8:00 AM
9:45 AM Dan and Marie Bell
Linda Savoie
11:45 AM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
5:00 PM Timothy McCauliff
Chris Williams

Please remember in your prayers:

Parishioner Victoria L. Thibodeau

May she rest in peace and may her family find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.

******SAVE THE DATE!******
PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 6:30PM
IN THE CHURCH
(Father Michael promises we'll be out in time for the Pats game!!)

Dear Friends,

"Sir, do you remember your password for this account?" Why does my mind go blank, in public, with a twenty-something sales person looking at me with a mixture of impatience and pity? It's the grey hair, or the birthdate listed on the account and suddenly I am more aware of my station in life than I care to be at that moment. Does this seem familiar to you, too? Passwords, ID's, lists, and all of that data which somehow makes up our identity to the companies, government agencies, medical records, college transcripts and the like is a permanent part of our lives. Study after study has proven that the more we are regarded as a gathered information in a file somewhere, the greater effect it has on how we relate to the world in general and to others in particular.

Christians are called to remember where their true identity comes from. When God has called each of us by name, He has called us out of Love itself, as God is the very essence of Love, for the express purpose of sharing that same Love with others. If you have ever tried to use the word, "love" as a password, you know that it gets rejected because there are not enough characters, number, symbols, etc. One can take this analogy a little too far but the fact remains that unless we use the identity we have been given, the Love that has created us, we will not be able to relate to each other, let alone the rest of the world.

On a practical note, from a distance, things look pretty good. It is when we get up close that we realize perhaps we ought to "freshen up" our homes, our vehicles or those items that mean something to us. I bring this to your attention as the candle sticks in the sanctuary look good, from a distance. Up close is another matter. Many have been scratched and dulled over these many years. We can have these items re-plated which is less than half the cost of purchasing new ones. Because it is not necessarily a "volume" business, church goods and major religious items are not inexpensive and re-plating or refurbishing is the most economical approach. I will have more accurate information sometime this week but if you are willing to help with the cost, or make a donation in memory of a loved one, please call the office or let Fr. Carlos, myself, or any member of the staff aware of your intention. We have purchased two new bases for the processional candles as they are brought to the sanctuary. These, too, can be memorialized.

As I continue to settle into the parish, I want to thank you for the kind and prayerful support. It takes time for us to get to know each other, but I am heartened by your smiles and words of support.

Peace, Fr. Michael

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES

There are no Religious Ed Classes on Tuesdays, October 31st (Halloween) and November 7th (Election Day), however we will have classes on Mondays, October 30th and November 6th in both those weeks!

We welcome our children who celebrated receiving First Eucharist last May to their **COMMUNION REUNION MASS** this **Sunday at 9:45AM** to celebrate together with their families and friends. All are invited to feast on Pancakes and Sausage with our parish family in the coffee shop area! As always, free will donations are gratefully accepted but there is no fee for the breakfast at the 9:45AM Mass. Donuts will be available after the 8 am Mass as usual!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, PARENTS, AND SPONSORS will gather next **Sun., November 5th at 2PM Mass** to celebrate the Passing of the Baptismal Light to the candidates. This Rite symbolizes the link between the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist as the candidates get ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Nov. 18th at St. Joseph's Church in Fitchburg. Please pray for our 44 Candidates that they may be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

High School I Class meets this **Sunday, Oct. 29th from 6-9PM.** Please bring your Bibles and folders!

The **High School Peer Retreat Team** will meet next **Sunday, November 5th from 815-9:30AM**.

Our **Mass of Remembrance** for those who have died during this past year will take place on **Sunday, November 5th** at the **11:45AM** liturgy. A candle will be lit for each person whose funeral was celebrated here since last November.

We will serve a light lunch after this special Mass. If you are planning to attend the luncheon, please call the parish office today!

Father Carlos' Pills of Faith

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus here reveals the secret to happiness and heaven. Love God and love and respect each other with all our mind, soul and heart. This is the "Culture of Life", the culture of Jesus. Contrary to the "Culture of Death" in which God is not important, people are objects and many are useless. When we love, respect and forgive the other is alive, important and necessary for us. We are happy and make others happy in Jesus. So, different from the culture of death we live in a culture of life in which we smile, laugh, hug, enjoy what we have and who we are. But also, we rejoice in the gift and company of each other because we are sons and daughters of the same God and brothers and sisters of our loving Jesus. All of us with no distinction are full of life, love, faith, and hope; we are forgiven and we forgive. We have family, we have friends, and we have this Church family that loves us, listens to us and values us. We are part of a living family, the family of God. O God, help us all to live in a "Culture of Life". Amen.

KINGDOM PIE SALE

In an effort to fund the Sixth Grade Kingdom Assignment, our 8th grade students will be selling apple pies after each Mass next weekend! This is a great opportunity to purchase a "made with love" pie to be donated for one of our Thanksgiving baskets. We thank you in advance for supporting this special project.

Anticipating Halloween Leftovers?

If you feel you will be burdened with left over Halloween candy that you would rather not eat, let us take it off your hands for use in the Religious Ed Program. Please feel welcome to drop off your donations in the Religious Ed Office! Thank you!

MINISTRIES IN ACTION

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL

Our annual program is just around the corner! Turkey cut-outs will be available next weekend to take home to help with food donations for our Thanksgiving Day baskets.

At times when we are overwhelmed with financial needs, health concerns, or family crisis, even for a short time, it is helpful to feel the care and concern of our Parish Outreach Program. Our Parish Family will be providing Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need. If our parish family can help to carry your burden with this outreach program, please call Betty at the Parish Office, 978-342-2978, Ext. 105.

Do you or a loved one know of someone who is suffering from addiction or is in recovery? Do you have questions or need support to handle that situation? The following might be helpful to you. Recovery Conversations is an interactive and educational family support group for those coping with an addiction of a loved one.

Recovery Conversations
Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Community Health Connections
326 Nichols Rd.
Fitchburg, MA

TRUNK-OR-TREAT
TODAY!!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th
1:30-3:30PM
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARKING LOT

Come and trick-or-treat, play some games, take some pictures, and don't forget to wear your costume!!

Please arrive 45 minutes early if you are decorating your trunk to ensure cars are parked before the festivities begin! Thank you.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Life is Good! Eternal Life is Better! Men like you find practical wisdom for dealing with the daily challenges of life! Join Catholic men as they explore Sirach 15 and I Cor. 10. The **Men's Spiritual Study Group,** where we "Live to Learn while Learning to Live" will meet on **Wed., Nov. 1st, 7:07 - 8:07 PM** in the parish center**.** Contact David LaLiberty, LaLiberty45@gmail.com or 978-537-1134 with any questions.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS AND ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Our diocesan policy requires that all those whose work brings them in contact with children receive Safe Environment Training. This applies to all Catechists, Aides, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors and volunteers who work at the Bazaar. Our parish requires that you fill out a CORI form each year (along with a copy of your driver's license) and a one time only Code of Ministerial Conduct which can be found on the table outside the Religious Ed Office.

To register for the online course, the Parish Course, or if you have any questions, please call Lisa Sciacca at the Religious Ed. Office, or by email to lsciacca@ourladylake.org.

Food Pantry

Your generosity has helped many people! During the week of **Oct. 22nd, 35 bags** of food were distributed.

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY LOT & COLUMBARIUM SALE

St. Bernard Cemetery will be having a sale from now till Oct. 30th on grave lots in the New Calvary Section. Also, our newly constructed Columbarium with niches have reduced prices. Please contact the cemetery superintendent Ray Spagnuolo at the cemetery office at 978-342-4820. All calls will be returned. Weekend and after hour appointments will be available.

We re-established our **Parish Pastoral Council** in January 2011. Four of our current members' terms will expire at the end of December 2017. All parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake Church who have been Confirmed are eligible for election to the Council.

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, please submit your name, a brief biography, and a photo of yourself to the parish office or email **lpetkewich@ourladylake.org** ASAP. All submitted names will be placed on a ballot, and all adult parishioners and confirmed young adults will be asked to vote after all Masses on **November 18th/19th.**

Please call the Parish Office with any questions.

Thank you for your Parish Support!
October 22nd, 2017

150 Sunday Envelopes	$ 4,559.
14 Make Up Envelopes	$ 1,434.
2 Paid Ahead Envelopes	$ 130.
Loose Cash	$ 2,022.
SUNDAY COLLECTION	**$8,145.**
Monthly Maintenance	$ 52.

Parish Tithe

MCI/Souza Baronowski Christmas Bag Program	$ 815.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Next Weekend's Celebrants

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

5:00PM Father Carlos Ruiz

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

8:00AM Father Michael Broderick
9:45AM Father Carlos Ruiz
11:45AM Monsignor James Mongelluzzo
5:00PM Father Michael Broderick

SAVE THE DATE!

American Red Cross

We will hosting our third annual blood drive in memory of Richie Powers on **Saturday, Nov. 25th, 8AM-1PM**, in St. Joseph's Hall. For an appt., please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

7:30PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

8:30AM Beginnings I & II Class
9:45AM Communion Reunion
11:00AM Teen Music Ministry
1:30PM Trunk-or-Treat Event
2:00PM Jr. High/High School Apple Picking
6:00PM High School I Class
6:00PM RCIA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

4:15PM Religious Ed Classes—Grades 1-5
6:45PM Religious Ed Classes—Grades 6-8

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Halloween
(No Religious Ed Classes today)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Solemnity of All Saints

1:00PM Women's Guild Meeting
5:30PM Cub Scouts Pack 3 Meeting
6:30PM Brown Bag Ministry Planning Meeting
7:00PM 12 Steps Meeting
7:00PM Bereavement Support Group Meeting
7:00PM Folk Group Practice
7:07PM Men's Spiritual Studies Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

9:00AM Dominoes
1:00PM Prayer Shawl Group Meeting
6:00PM Cub Scouts Pack 3 Meeting
6:30PM Boy Scout Troop 12 Meeting
7:00PM Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

4:30PM Choir of Angels Practice
6:30PM Jr. High Youth Group
7:30PM Al Anon Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

7:30PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

8:15AM Peer Retreat Team
8:30AM Beginnings I & II Class
9:40AM Kindergarten Class
11:00AM Teen Music Ministry
11:45AM Mass of Remembrance and Luncheon
2:00PM Ceremony of Light
6:00PM High School II Class
6:00PM RCIA

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