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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)

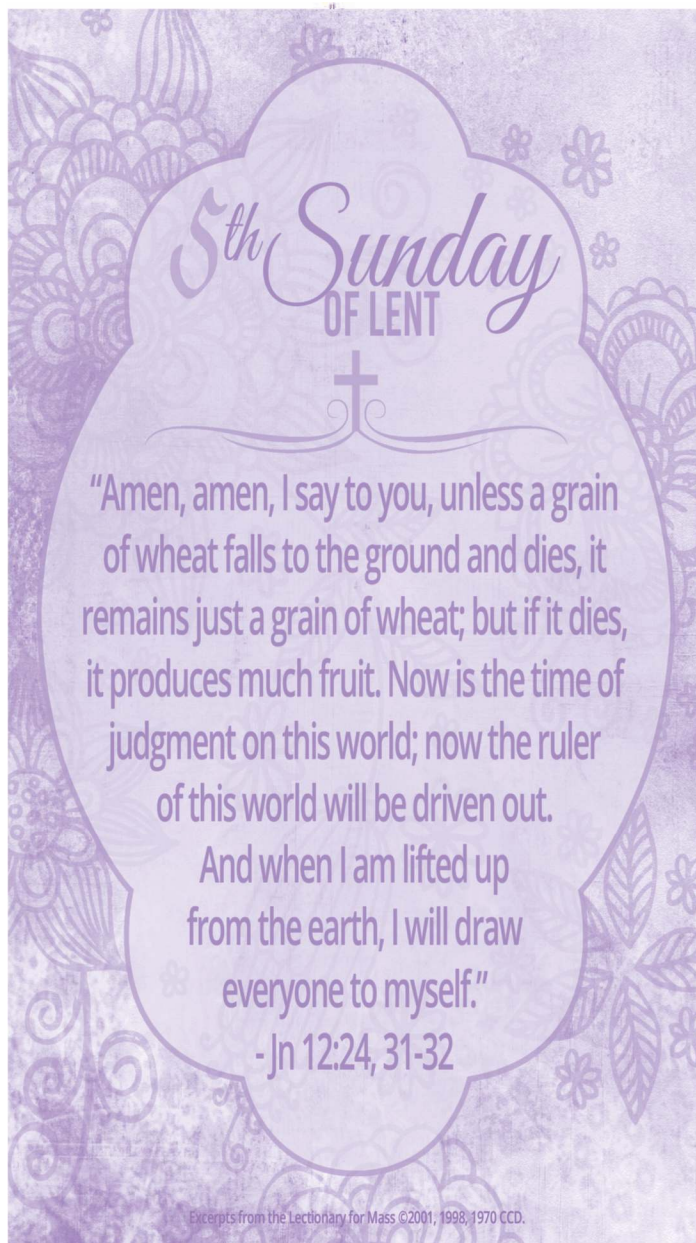
Communion Service: 8AM (Thursday)

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.



Holy Thursday, March 29th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 AM

Good Friday, March 30th

Silent Cross Walk 2.5 miles at 11:45 AM

Living Stations of the Cross 3 PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31st

Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30PM

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Masses 8AM, 9:45AM, & 11:45AM

There is no 5:00PM Mass.



Mass Intentions



SAT., MAR. 17TH *Saint Patrick*

5:00 PM Victor Burchfield, Month's Mind
Patricia Dunn, Birthday Remembrance

SUN., MAR. 18TH *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00AM Deacon Bob McAdam, 6th Month's Mind
9:45AM Dan and Marie Bell
11:45AM
5:00PM Timothy Flanagan, 1st Anniversary

MON., MAR. 19TH *Saint Joseph*

8:00AM Zachary Constant
Ellen Pliska Shannon

TUES., MAR. 20TH

8:00 AM Joseph and Maria Rampello

WED., MAR. 21ST

8:00 AM Alphonse Quarella, Month's Mind

THURS., MAR. 22ND

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRI., MAR. 23RD *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo*

8:00 AM Henry Larose, Month's Mind

SAT., MAR. 24TH

5:00 PM Nico Mazzaferro
Henry Larose

SUN., MAR. 25TH *Palm Sunday*

8:00AM Dan and Marie Bell
9:45AM David Savadyga, 10th Anniversary
11:45AM Pauline Lavoie, 10th Anniversary
5:00PM



Please remember in your prayers:

Parishioner Rita Tedd

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

Dear Friends,

With this being the fifth week of Lent, it means that Holy Week is fast approaching. Perhaps this week we can all remind ourselves to take the time, look at the schedule, and then make a firm decision to join the parish community in the celebration of the events that changed the world as we know it today. The Sacred Triduum is the shortest and most important season of the Liturgical Calendar. Holy Thursday marks the event of the Last Supper where our Lord gave the church his very self in the Eucharist. It was also the night when the beginning of the priesthood was revealed when he washed the feet of the apostles to indicate that we must serve rather than be served. To honor that moment, the Church placed the Mandatum, or the mandate, within the Holy Thursday liturgy. This year, we will invite all who wish to do so, to come forward and have their feet washed and in turn wash the feet of the person behind them. This is a very powerful moment when we are made vulnerable to one another, and humbled by the example of the Lord himself.

This week you will receive a letter in the mail from the Finance Committee and myself describing our current financial situation. We find ourselves once again in a similar situation of a couple of years ago. We are running far behind on our weekly contributions. John Bierden, the chairman of the Finance Committee, as always, does a wonderful narrative of the situation and the many factors that contribute to it. After Easter, I will address the pastoral ramifications of this situation. Please take the time to carefully read the letter and prayerfully consider your own stewardship in the life of our parish.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for April 27th-29th as we celebrate our parish at the "Gala of Gratitude" and the Parish Ministry Fair! More information is at the doors of the church and Family Center. I am looking forward to that weekend as we come to celebrate in gratitude what God has done for us and how we may respond, in gratitude, what we can do for God, through his Son, with the power of the Holy Spirit!
Peace, Fr. Michael

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES

High School I Class will meet this Sunday, March 18th from 6-9PM.

Beginnings I & II will meet this Sunday, March 18th at 8:30AM.

First Eucharist Parent Child Meetings will be offered on **Sunday, March 18th from 1-3PM** and again on **Wednesday, March 21st from 6-8PM** for parents and their children who will be celebrating First Eucharist in May. We will be making banners and choosing Liturgy times and roles at this very important meeting. You need only attend one of these two offered options.

*Our sincere thanks to all those who prayed for the members of the **HSII Class and the adult team who were on retreat at Grotonwood** last weekend. Your prayers were a force in creating an atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit was powerfully felt all through the weekend! There is a wall of photos on the Family Center windows for anyone who would like to share in the Retreat experience! Let's continue to pray for these young people that it may always be so.*



Father Carlos' Pills of Faith

Today, God says in the first reading, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people." The law of our Lord is love, he created us out of love and since then all he asks from us is to love him and love one another. His love, his caring presence is kept in our hearts. The end of this journey of Lent is a time to renew within us God's gift of love. Sometimes many other things contrary to a free loving heart takes us away from the peace of our Father. Earthly distraction, vices, sins, weaknesses, etc. overshadow the Love God has given us to share. But what can be greater or more powerful than the love of our Lord? Nothing can take from us what has been printed on our hearts. For this reason we pray to our Lord who takes care of us. We ask him to help us to love as he does. So we say with Psalm 51, "Create a clean heart within me, O God and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Give me back the joy of your salvations." Amen.



Christian Service Scholarships

Once again this year, through the generosity of parish tithing, the Stewardship committee is pleased to announce the availability of **Christian Service Scholarships** for the young people in our parish who have demonstrated significant voluntary service to our parish family and their community. These one-time scholarships are intended to be used to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Applications, with a cover sheet explaining eligibility, are available in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy. **Deadline for submission is April 15th.** Scholarships will be awarded at the **Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 20th at 9:45AM.**



Please join us as our 4th and 5th grade students gather around our Family Table this **Sunday at 9:45AM** to celebrate a special Liturgy with their Parish Family. There will be plenty of special cake, donuts, and friendship after Mass!

Donations are *always* welcome to replenish our food pantry and may be left in the totes at the entrances to the church.
Thank you!!

Trip to Hungary, Budapest, Austria, and Germany including the Oberammergau Passion Play!

The once in a decade presentation of the world famous Passion Play will next be performed in 2020. Fr. Peter Joyce, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Milford, and Fr. Michael will be leading a tour to this great event along with visiting the other countries. We have been able to secure 25 tickets as they become sold out very quickly and nearly ten of them are spoken for already! The dates for this wonderful trip are May 13th-22nd, 2020. We will be working through the Catholic Travel Centre in California. We have worked almost exclusively with them over the years and have never had a bad experience! Pricing information will be forthcoming in a couple of weeks. Please see Fr. Michael if you are interested in receiving this information.



MINISTRIES IN ACTION



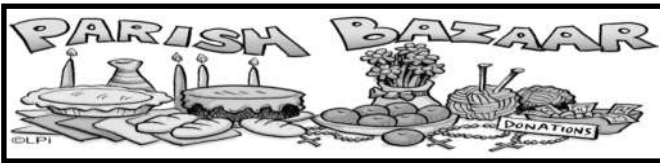
BROWN BAG MINISTRY



The next **BBM Meal Prep for Our Father's House** will be held on **Sat., March 24th at 3:00PM** at St. Joseph's Hall and our parish kitchen.

Sign up to help through *Sign Up Genius*. The link is on our website: www.ourladylake.org.

2018 BBM Meal Prep dates are as follows: **Apr. 28th, May 19th, and June 23rd.**



Bazaar Planning has begun! The Bazaar leadership team is looking for input and ideas to help 'renew and refresh' our Annual Parish Bazaar.

This can be something we add, remove or change. If you have ideas, please send them to bazaar@ourladylake.org. You can also put them on paper and leave them in the collection basket or drop them off at the office. Thanks for your input!

Lenten Faith Formation Experience

We will conclude our **Lenten Mass series** this week on **Wednesday evening** beginning with Mass at **5:30PM** and followed by a simple **soup & bread supper at 6:15PM**. We will then proceed with the **Lenten Faith Formation at 7PM**. Fr. Michael will be our speaker this week....**"The Passion: Do You Really Know What Happened?"** Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next Weekend's Celebrants

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

5:00PM Father Michael Broderick

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:00AM Father Carlos Ruiz

9:45AM Father Carlos Ruiz

11:45AM Father Michael Broderick

5:00PM Monsignor James Mongelluzzo



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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Fridays of Lent 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, March 30th,
Living Stations, 3 PM**

CONFESSIONS

Fridays of Lent 7-8PM

Saturdays 4-4:45PM

Food Pantry



Your generosity has helped many people! During the week of **March 11th, 20** bags of food were distribut-

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

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Please take any of the **CRS Rice Bowls** at the entrances of the church, to fill with your coins and bills during the season of Lent.

Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.



HAITI

We will not be making a trip to Haiti this winter, however we will be shipping some supplies there. If you would like to donate items such as baby formula, cloth diapers, clothes, feeding bottles, etc., we will have a tote for drop-offs in the Parish Center Lobby until March 18th. We will also accept monetary donations (checks to **Haiti Project, Inc.**) at the Parish Office. **Call Emery or Jeannita with any questions, 978-537-1907.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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in the Catholic Church,
no matter what your current family
or marital situation,
no matter what your personal history,
age, background, race,
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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.*

An Afternoon of Painting Hosted by the Social Committee Sunday, April 8th, 1-4PM

\$20. per person (40 spaces available)

This event will be held in St. Joseph's Hall.
Please feel free to bring any munchies and drinks.
See flyers at parish entrances, and please fill out the
return portion by March 31st and send to the parish
office, Attn: Wendy Chartrand. Questions? Contact
Wendy at 978-342-2978, x101 or email
wchartrand@ourladylake.org.

Thank you for your Parish Support!

March 11th, 2017

139 Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4,416.
15 Make Up Envelopes	\$ 517.
5 Paid Ahead Envelopes	\$ 226.
Loose Cash	\$ 2,170.
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 7,329.
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 284.

Parish Tithe

The week of March 11th Tithe of \$732. will be used for Our Lady of the Lake Christian Service Scholarship Awards. This scholarship is offered to young people of our parish who have demonstrated a commitment to living a Christian witness by dedicating significant voluntary service and or serving in a leadership role among their peers in the parish community. These scholarships are awarded to an individual one time only and are intended to be used to defray the costs of post-secondary education. The selection is based upon duration of service, depth of involvement, diversity of activity, demonstrated leadership and regular participation in the worship life of the parish community.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

7:30PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

8:30AM Beginnings I & II Classes
9:45AM Grades 4 & 5 Mass
11:00AM Teen Music Ministry
1:00PM Year 2 Parent Child Eucharist Prep Mtg.
6:00PM High School I Class
6:00PM RCIA

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

4:15PM Religious Ed Classes—Gr. 1-8
6:00PM Living Stations Rehearsal
7:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00PM Folk Group Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

9:00AM Women's Guild Board Meeting
5:30PM Mass, Soup Supper, and Speaker
5:30PM Cub Scouts Pack 3 Meeting
6:00PM Parent/Child Eucharist Prep Year 2 Mtg.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD

4:30PM Choir of Angels Practice
6:00PM Grade 6 Retreat
7:00PM Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation
7:30PM Al Anon Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

3:30PM Brown Bag Ministry Food Prep
7:30PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:30AM Beginnings I & II Classes
11:00AM Teen Music Ministry
3:30PM BSA PLC Meeting
4:30PM BSA Troop 12 Committee Meeting
6:00PM High School II Class
6:00PM RCIA



Palms from last year can be left outside of the Parish Office. They will be burned for next year's ashes. Thank you.

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