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Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Masses:
Saturday: 5PM

Sunday: 8AM, 9:45AM, 11:45AM and 6PM

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 Diocese of Worcester policies. Contact Victim Services at a direct and confidential telephone line at **508-929-4363**.





Mass Intentions



SAT., DEC. 1ST

5:00PM Kenneth Widlake, 2nd Anniversary
Mass of Thanksgiving

SUN., DEC. 2ND *The First Sunday of Advent*

8:00AM

9:45AM Dennis Raspuzzi
Ernest Caponi

11:45AM Kathleen Seery
Margaret McManus

1:15PM **Baptism:** Joseph Andrew Rosa

6:00PM Giovannina Stoddard

MON., DEC. 3RD *Saint Francis Xavier*

8:00AM Lucille Reilly, Month's Mind

TUES., DEC. 4TH *Saint John Damascene*

8:00AM Walter Matthews, Bday Remembrance

WED., DEC. 5TH

8:00AM Fr. Robert Spellman
Charles Sanguinet

THURS., DEC. 6TH *Saint Nicholas*

8:00AM Communion Service

FRI., DEC. 7TH *Saint Ambrose*

8:00AM Raymond and Catherine Ethier
Kyle Wilson, 5th Anniversary

SAT., DEC. 8TH *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00AM

5:00PM Alice Theriault, 1st Anniversary
Charles Shores, Jr., 40th Anniversary

SUN., DEC. 9TH *The Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00AM Ernest Caponi

9:45AM Arthur Morris, 5th Anniversary
Madeline and Harry Dooley

11:45AM Vernon Holman, Sr., Bday Remembrance
Arthur Graziosio, Jr.

1:30PM **Baptism:** Aubrey Lynne Champagne

6:00PM

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Liturgically speaking, that is. As you well know, the season of Advent has arrived and with it, all of the frantic preparations for the great feast of Christmas. There is a hitch, however, in trying to observe this important season. Advent call us to slow down and wait. It isn't just during Advent that we are called to stop and take a look at what is going on around us. We are asked to do that at every mass we attend! Immediately following the Lord's Prayer, we have what is called and "embolism" or a short prayer which is inserted before the end of the Lord's Prayer. Here it is, "***Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.***" While we "await" the coming of the Lord again, in glory, what are we supposed to be doing!?

When someone tells us we have to *wait* for an appointment, or *wait* for a special delivery, or if *wait* at a particularly long traffic light, we're not happy! True, we all have places to go and people to see, however, this is the time of year when God calls us all loosen our grip just a bit and let the anticipation of the coming celebrations give us "blessed hope." Without that momentary focus **each day**, the life we live becomes a series of checking off things to be done instead of living the life God has given us. An Advent challenge for all us might be to take a moment, either alone or with your family and friends, and determine what is essential to our preparations and what is just busy work, that which is really non-essential to the celebration. Then, use that time to just "be" with family and friends and appreciate what God is doing in your life. I would encourage you to commit to memory the above prayer and listen with your heart to the response God has just for you. It will take a bit of time, waiting to commit this to memory, but I can assure you it's worth it!

Please check out the various reading materials for Advent. There are pamphlets for meditation and for children and families. Through the kind generosity of one of our parishioners, there are copies of the book, **The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity** by bestselling author, Matthew Kelly. It is an adventure for all those who really want to feel safe and comfortable in their faith while living in a world which is not always too receptive to us.

Peace,
Fr. Michael



Please remember in your prayers:

***Parishioner Anne LaLiberty and
Freidrich G. Mueller***

*May they rest in peace,
and may their families find comfort from
their faith in Jesus Christ.*

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

High School I and High School II Class on Sunday, December 2nd from 6-9PM....class starts with Mass. Please arrive by 5:50PM with your bible and folder. *Parents are encouraged to join us for the 6PM Mass as well. Our prayer is that this will become a special time for the entire family at time to break from our hectic lives, sit with our families, participate in our children's faith formation and rejuvenate our own personal relationship with Jesus.* We are looking for any PARENT AND/OR STUDENT who can play an instrument (i.e. electric guitar, drums, bass, AND singers) who can help add to our praise and worship. Please contact Rob Carlin 978-342-2978, ext. 107 or by email rcarlin@ourladylake.org.

Monday and Tuesday December 10th and 11th

In this season of Advent Join us in celebrating **“JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON”**. Our first through fifth grade students will present their beautiful dramatization of the Christmas story during class times (4:15 – 5:15 PM), followed by a birthday party celebration in the church hall. After dropping children off at 4:15PM, parents and friends are invited to find a seat in the church to await the Gospel dramatization!

We are asking for donations of juice, cupcake frosting and decorations which can be left on the table at the entrance to the Parish Family Center at any time before December 9, and **especially unfrosted cupcakes** which can be dropped off on or before Thursday, Dec. 6th. Thank you!

Children's Christmas Corner....Children will have the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping after the pageant from **5:30-6:30PM**. Jewelry will be available for sale in the Parish Family Center for a very affordable price! This is a chance for children to buy a trinket for someone special in their life!

High School Youth Group

Friday December 14th 6pm in the church hall

Come join the fun in bringing Christmas goodies to our neighbors, baking and decorating Christmas Cookies to be handed out through the food pantry.

**JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP
FOR ALL 6-7-8TH GRADE KIDS!!!!**

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7th

6:30 TO 9:00PM

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

7th Annual Gingerbread House Making

All Gingerbread houses will be put up for auction to help raise money for Our Lady of the Lake Food Pantry!!!! **Donations of \$5. To help cover the cost of the kit and a bag of candy will be truly appreciated!!!** **December 8th through December 11th** **Gingerbread House Auction** - Proceeds will be given to the Jr. High Youth Group who will in return do the shopping to fill the shelves of OUR LADY OF THE LAKE FOOD PANTRY, giving the youth group the full experience of the life-giving ministry of feeding the hungry. *The Youth Group Mission:* to provide a place for kids to hang out, have fun playing games, listen to music, watch movies, eat snacks and meet new people. Each month we work on becoming more aware of who Christ is calling us to be in the world by sharing ideas and experiences of service. Come and bring a friend!

A TEACHING MASS FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, FAMILIES and FRIENDS!

Monday, December 10th, 6:45-8:00PM

As the culmination of their study of the Eucharist, our 8th grade students have planned, prepared, and will serve at a special liturgy during their class time. During the Mass, commentary will be provided to help us understand and appreciate the symbols and rituals that are used in our worship. All parents are invited and encouraged to join us in prayer. The offertory collection will be for 7th and 8th Grade Retreat participations tithing to Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz.

There are no Religious Ed Classes

from Sunday, December 16th through Tuesday, January 1st. Blessed Christmas, Happy New Year! **Classes resume on Sunday, January 6th for Kindergarten, High School I and II. Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 7th and 8th for Grades 1-8.**

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Our annual Christmas Giving Tree program has begun! Gift tags outlining the name, age, and gift ideas will be available on the Christmas trees on the altar. Please note that although there are several gift ideas listed on each tag, they are just that—wishes and ideas. We ask our callers to provide us with three ideas of \$25. or less, and we set the expectation that our parish will provide one gift. Once again, we will be providing gifts to a Leominster nursing home, The Beacon of Hope, and those who come to our door for assistance. If you or your family can reach out to purchase one of the these gifts, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. We ask that all gifts be returned **unwrapped and with the tag attached by Sun., Dec. 16th** so that Christmas gift pickups may be made on time. When taking a tag, we need to ask you to please be mindful of this December 16th due date for the gift return. Over the past few years, we have had to purchase over 20 gifts each year for tags that were taken and gifts not brought in or bought in after our delivery date. Thank you!



If you would like to light a **Memorial candle** in honor of a loved one, you may purchase one for \$4 each at the parish office. Recipients are responsible for lighting and placing their candles into the candle holders out at our **Parish Grotto**.

Local TV stations, Channels 4, 5, & 7, will provide the following detail for inclement weather closures:

Leominster Schools Closed: No morning Mass, No Religious Education, Food Pantry will be closed, and the Parish Office will be delayed in opening.

Leominster School Delay: No morning Mass, Parish Office will be delayed in opening.

No Religious Services: No Mass.

No Religious Classes: No Religious Education.

No Evening Activities: No Religious Education or Meetings.

Closed: All Church Activities are Cancelled.

Please call the Parish Office with any questions.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Five of our current members' terms will expire at the end of December 2018. All parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake who have been confirmed are eligible for election to the Council. This is a 3-year commitment.

If you are interested in serving on the Pastoral Council, please submit your name, a brief biography, and a photo of yourself to the parish office or by email to Laura Petkewich, at lpetkewich@ourladylake.org. All submitted names will be placed on a ballot, and all adult parishioners and confirmed young adults will be asked to vote after all the Masses on December 15th and 16th. Thank you!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, December 3rd at 7:00PM** in the parish family center. All are welcome, and please bring your bible. For more info please call **Lorraine Mendoza 978-582-4020** or **Nancy Maciel 603-892-0763**.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

The next **BBM Meal Prep for Our Father's House** will be held on **Sat., Dec. 29th at 3:00PM** in St. Joseph's Hall and the kitchen.

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING CODE OF CONDUCT AND CORI REMINDERS 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 all Bazaar volunteers.** For those who have not already attended a session, the training is available On-Line. To register please email mlutter@ourladylake.org. Cathaleen Peloquin from the Office of Healing and Prevention will send you the link for the online training. After you have completed the training, please send the certificate to Michelle so our parish records will be updated. If you are interested in a LIVE course or if you have any questions please contact Michelle Lutter by email or at X109. Our Parish requires that you fill out a CORI form **each year** (with attached copy of your driver's license) and a onetime only Code of Ministerial Conduct. These forms can be found on the table outside the Religious Ed Office in the Family Center.

**Thank you for your
Parish Support!
November 25th, 2018**

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4,587.
Make Up Envelopes	\$ 917.
Paid Ahead Envelopes	\$ 85.
Loose Cash	\$ 3,126.
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 8,715.
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 158.

PARISH TITHE

The week of **November 18th tithed** of \$921.40 will be donated to Our Lady of the Lake “Thanksgiving for All Program”. The week of **November 25th tithed** of \$871.50 will be used for our “Christmas Giving Tree” program. Thank you for your continued generosity!!



Poinsettia/Cyclamen Sale. Just in time for the holidays, the **High School Youth Group** will be holding its annual Christmas Plant Sale to raise funds for youth group activities and scholarships to the Steubenville East Youth Conference. Plants will be available for sale before and after all Masses next weekend, **December 1st & 2nd**. We **will** sell out, so purchase early and often! This year, we will tithe 10% of our profits to Kylee’s Kare Kits for Kids. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincere thanks to all those who showed up to support the Blood Drive here last Saturday in honor of Richie Powers! At this time of critical need, we were able to gather 67 units, making this a “gold star” drive!

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

THIS WEEK’S PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

7:30PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:15AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting
9:40AM Kindergarten Class
9:45AM Rite of Welcome RCIA
6:00PM High School I and II Class

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

4:15PM Grades 1-5 Religious Ed Classes
4:15PM Grades 6-8 Religious Ed Classes
6:30PM Echoes of Faith Scripture Group

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

11:30AM Women’s Guild Luncheon @ Slattery’s
7:00PM Folk Group Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

9:00PM Dominoes
1:00PM Prayer Shawl Meeting
6:30PM Scouts BSA Troop 12 Mtg.
7:00PM Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

*Gingerbread Auction and Poinsettia Sale
after Mass*
7:30PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

*Gingerbread Auction and Poinsettia Sale
after all Masses*
8:15AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting
4:00PM RCIA

Stewardship Calendars for 2019

Calendars are available at the entrances to the Church and in the Parish Family Center. Please be sure to bring them to our parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing home with the promise of our prayers and love.

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