

Reflection



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"WE ARE EACH OF US
LIKE A SMALL MIRROR IN
WHICH GOD SEARCHES
FOR HIS REFLECTION."

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday at 5PM

Sunday at 8AM, 10:30AM and 6PM

Daily Mass at 8AM on Mon., Tues., & Wed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 4PM and by
appointment anytime.

The Parish Office hours are
Monday-Thursday from 9AM-3PM.

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Mass Intentions

SAT., SEPT. 25TH

5:00PM Fernand Frechette, 2nd Anniversary
Fr. Dennis O'Brien

SUN., SEPT. 26TH 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Henry Archambault
Donald Masse

10:30AM Leslie Johnson
Brittney Harrison, Bday Remembrance

12:30PM Baptism: Rebecca Limage
6:00PM Linda Carlin

MON., SEPT. 27TH Saint Vincent de Paul

8:00AM Ellen Donohue, Bday Remembrance
Geraldine Pahl-Solan, 1st Anniversary

TUES., SEPT. 28TH Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:00AM

WED., SEPT. 29TH Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:00AM Kathy Sheppard Boutwell

SAT., OCT. 2ND

5:00PM Linda Carlin

SUN., OCT. 3RD 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM

10:30AM Matthew Dadah

6:00PM Leslie Johnson

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.*

Dear Friends,

Astronomically speaking, summer is over. However, I regard summer as being over when "Indian Summer" has come and gone and the possibility of warm weather is only for those who live in the southern hemisphere. Of course, autumn will bring its own joy and beauty as it does every year.

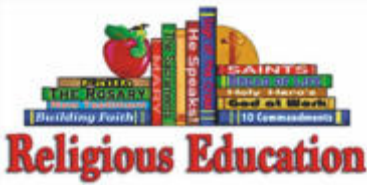
The changing of the seasons is also an invitation to reflect on our lives in a way that will result in a benefit for ourselves and those around us. I think it is critical for us all to keep ourselves strong against the prevailing voices of doubt and despair. Relying only on our own resources will lead us nowhere. Relying on the relationship we have with God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, our Blessed Mother, can only serve to keep us steady in the tornadic atmosphere in which we live. Supporting one another in our efforts to live as Christ has asked us to live will strengthen us for the journey and give us the kind of peace we need.

As we continue to worship together we are asking those who are Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Sacristans, depending on your level of comfort, to return to that same ministry. Beginning in October we will start scheduling people for different masses as we had done in the past. The main difference at the moment is that all of the scheduling will be handled through the Office so it is important to notify Laura of your availability. Altar Servers are welcome to serve provided that your parents give you permission to do so. We all observe the CDC and state guidelines and provide all the necessary lotions, wipes, etc. We will be recruiting new servers in the weeks ahead and have a refresher course for those who might be a bit nervous about remembering what to do. As Fr. McKenna said to us as altar servers, "If you forgot what to do, just bow to the altar and return to your seat. No one will really notice!" Humor and wisdom all rolled into one!

On Saturday, October 2 at 9:00 am. we will have the Blessing of the Pets in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. All are welcome!

Peace,

Fr. Michael



Religious Education Families:

If you would like your child registered for Religious Ed Classes this year, Please Register Now! If you know a family that has a child entering first grade, please reach out to them to invite them to register their child this year to begin preparation for first Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Have You Been Away From Church For A While? Welcome Back!!!

We do have classes available on all grade levels for children who have had little or no formal religious education, but who would like to get “caught up.” If you’d like more information, we’d be happy to answer any questions you might have. Now is the time to be welcomed! Please call 345-2978, ext.109.

Called to be Witnesses for Jesus

Next weekend at the 6:00 pm Mass we celebrate the commissioning of our Catechists and Aides who will share faith with our young people. Please keep them in your prayers that, nourished with the Eucharist and the Word of God; they will continue to be powerful models of living faith for our parish.

Prayer for Catechists

O’ God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.



Please mark your calendar for upcoming Parent Meetings

Confirmation Grade 11 Sunday Sept 26th **Parent & Child** 4:45 to 7:00 pm *This meeting includes attending 6:00 pm mass together.

Grade 1 Wednesday Sept 29th **Parent & Child** orientation/ Ice-cream Social 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Grade 6, 7, and 8 Monday Oct 4th **Parent only** 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Grade 3, 4, and 5 Tuesday Oct 5th **Parents only** 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Grade 2 Sacramental Prep Wednesday Oct 13th **Parents only** 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Classes Begin

Sunday Oct 3rd 4:45 to 7:00 pm *High School I (9th) and HS II (10th)*

Parents are encouraged to join us for Mass at 6:00 pm

Sunday Oct 17th 9:00 am to 10:15 *Grades 1-5 and Beginnings*

Sunday Oct 17th 4:45pm to 7:00 pm *Confirmation Prep*

Parents are encouraged to join us for Mass at 6:00 pm

Monday Oct 18th 6:45 to 8:00 pm *Middle School grades 6-8*

Tuesday Oct 19th 4:15 to 5:30 pm *Grades 1-8*



Religious Ed Commission Welcomes New Members

The Religious Ed Commission is an invaluable source of support and encouragement to all involved in the Religious Ed. Program. Commission members are available to receive feedback and to help support Catechists, children, and families of our parish community. The basic purpose of the commission is to serve as an extension of the religious ed. staff in meeting the needs of students and parents for religious formation. The Commission meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Please contact the religious ed office if you are interested in becoming a member.



Do you like taking pictures?

We are looking for parish members who can document events in Religious Ed and Parish life in pictures to help us create an Our Lady of the Lake picture yearbook. Your images can be emailed to socialmedia@ourladylake.org. If you are interested in sharing your talent, please contact Michelle Lutter at 978-342-2978, ext.109 or mlutter@ourladylake.org. Thank you!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on Sat., Oct. 2nd at 9AM in the parking lot to have your pets blessed! All pets and their owners are welcome. This celebration commemorates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.



Youth In Action Summer 2022 Mission Trip June 25th – July 2nd

Informational Meeting Sunday
October 17th at 3:30 pm

Youth in Action! Helping high school students encounter Christ through a week-long, Catholic experience of service, community, and prayer. During the informational meeting you will listen to testimony of last year's mission week and discover: *Where are we going, how much does it cost? How long is the trip? What to expect.*



Do you have a passion for living or do you have a feeling that something is missing in your life?

Are you a Catholic who has never received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation) or maybe you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of these questions apply to you, we would love to help you on your journey. For information about Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), contact Father Michael at 978-342-2978, ext. 111.

GIVING OF ONESELF

On Sunday evening after mass, my mother made a comment to Fr. Michael how she missed my twin sister and me, being an 'empty nester' and all. He was quick to chime in how it was him that was really missing us, voicing his latest concerns about how the parish needed to recruit both children and adults for all kinds of ministry work now that we were settled in at our universities and were no longer altar serving there. As I sit here in my dorm room just 20 miles to the U.S. / Canadian border in upstate New York, I have been contemplating what I can do here to possibly inspire, maybe appeal to others to make this incredible, rewarding decision to serve Him, to serve others.

Like some stories in life, our story did not always go smoothly. We were your typical family trying to cram the impossible with utilizing our entire day of overflowing weekly struggles to get endless hours of school, sports, extra curricular activities and part time jobs all accomplished in an impossible 24 hour day. It was demanding, relentless and down right exhausting, but we were all focused on the end result - the best outcome for college someday. One morning, everything came to an abrupt STOP. My mother explained that we needed to return back to the church after what she had thought at the time, a much needed break. After a few choice words from us, we knew we had lost the war but still gave her heck about her final decision. Momma was definitely not backing down on this, especially after Nana had expressed how important it was to have God back in our busy lives. She had finally realized what we were trying to complete was just not worth doing: none of it. It was time for us to regroup as a family once again and refocus on what was truly important in life.

For quite a few months, the household was not a delightful place to be as we were trying to acclimate. We could not believe we were placing another two new things on our overflowing, hectic plates to attend both CCD classes and weekly masses on top of our ever demanding schedules, along with trying to get the best grades and highest recognitions in sports/activities. Afterall, how else were we going to afford college? Fast forward ~ so one afternoon, Fr. Carlos approached my older sister to recruit her to altar serve. As she got into the car, she informed my mother how she was going to pursue this calling and needless to say, my mother was first in total disbelief and then BEYOND ecstatic! Seeing her proud teary-eyed face was so touching. Shortly thereafter, my oldest sibling approached my twin sister and I for us to come and get involved. I was full of trepidation of the unknown, but believed God would guide me through it. When I saw my mother looking at the three of us walking down the aisle together, I thought she was going to lose it completely!

After joining, I finally got it. It was never about all that other nonsense stuff - just one important thing: about serving our Almighty Lord. Now I look at things differently. We are here for a very short period of time, so what will we do with it? What can I do? Unfortunately, some day we are all going to leave here and be gone a lot longer than we were ever alive. How can I be a better Christian? What is the most rewarding, selfless, Christian thing you ever did for Him? What small acts of kindness can I possibly do to make a difference? What are we going to do with our limited time here on God's green earth? What mark will we leave behind? What Christian work will we have accomplished today, tomorrow, next week, next year? What small act/s of kindness can I possibly do to make a difference for Him? The answer is simple: the giving of oneself. That very precious valuable and quality time we always try to make more of. Doing small acts of kindness is truly one of the greatest little gifts in life. For me, it has always been about serving others and doing ministry or community service work. It has been a remarkable of endless, blessed moments that I am so extremely proud and elated we did as three sisters and more importantly, made us closer as a family. Sadly, those precious years went by in a blink. We are truly grateful for having those experiences where we were able to share dozens of masses together we now treasure. To me, ministry work is such an unbelievably fulfilling and gratifying inner feeling.

God bless and as always, I thank you for your continuous heartfelt love, support, prayers and guidance you have shown me and my family. Any inquiries, please contact Fr. Michael Broderick at (978) 342-2978 or visit Our Lady of the Lake Parish website at: <http://www.ourladylake.org> for other beautiful and enriching ministry ways you and/or your loved ones can help our congregation to flourish in the coming years. Any other questions that I may assist you or your child/ren please feel free to contact me at: gfar12@icloud.com.

With much appreciation,
~ Genevieve Farr

Thank you for your Parish Support!

Weekly Collection:
September 18th & September 19th
Total Mail in, Drop off & At
Mass Collection \$5,280.20

Please note: The above includes multiple weeks of make-up contributions covering August, 2021 through the September 12, 2021. There are also pay-ahead contributions through the end of December 2021. This is not a true representation of one weeks collection.

Thanks to your generosity, the week of **September 19th** title of **\$528.02** will be sent to **Diocese of Les Cayes in Haiti** which was the epicenter of the recent earthquake in Haiti. Hundreds were killed when the quake struck. Many more injured, missing and homeless. The Diocese of Worcester has had for more than twenty five years a covenant of support with the Diocese of Les Cayes. Eight of our parishes support twin parishes in Les Cayes. In their tremendous need they need the help of all of us at this tragic time.



Next week will be the annual Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal. This year we welcome the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers as our mission appeal recipient. The Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers were founded in 1911 by the Bishops of the US Catholic Church to train, send and support missionaries from the US in overseas mission. Today Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers are active in mission ministries in 22 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and in mission education and formation in the US. There will be a second collection next weekend for the mission ministry of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers.

To learn more about the mission ministries of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers please view the mission of Fr John Barth, MM at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdOUrAYOlzM>.

Please visit: <http://www.maryknollsociety.org> to learn more about the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers and please also visit www.maryknollvocations.org to learn about mission vocations.



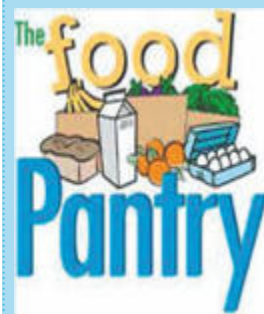
Safe Environment Notice

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**.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR 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 volunteers, Catechists, Aides, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and Lectors.** For those who have not already attended a session, the training is available online. To register for the Online Course, email dbronchuk@ourladylake.org. You will then be contacted by Cathaleen Peloquin from the Office of Healing and Prevention who will send you the link for the online training. Once you have completed the training you must send the certificate to Debbie Bronchuk. If you are interested in a LIVE course or if you have any questions please contact Debbie at the Religious Ed. Office, or email dbronchuk@ourladylake.org. Our Parish requires that you fill out a CORI form **every three years** (with attached copy of your driver's license) and the new Code of Ministerial Conduct. These forms can be found on the table outside the Religious Ed Office in the Parish Family Center.



Donations are *always* welcome to replenish our food pantry and may be left in the totes at the entrances to the church or in the Parish Family Center lobby.

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