PARISH FAMILY OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
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Parish Bookkeeper: Wendy Chartrand
Facility Manager: Frank Ricardo, Jr.
Director of Music: Regie Pineda

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 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 16TH TO JULY 24TH

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  Margaret Shine
5:00 PM  Meghan McGrath
          Michael Hazel

18TH MONDAY  Saint Camillus
8:00 AM  Father William O’Brien
          Maria Rampello, Month’s Mind

19TH TUESDAY
8:00 AM  Maria Rampello
          Marilyn Cormier, Month’s Mind

20TH WEDNESDAY  Saint Apollinarus
8:00 AM  Margaret Wilson

21ST THURSDAY  Saint Lawrence
8:00 AM  Communion Service

22ND FRIDAY  Saint Mary Magdeline
8:00 AM  Ruth Shattuck, Month’s Mind

23RD SATURDAY  Saint Bridget
5:00 PM  David Bonin
          George Sheppard III

24TH SUNDAY  17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Jeannette Marchetti, Month’s Mind
9:45 AM  Barbara Delumba
11:45 AM  Miguel Gomez Ventura
          Lauren McCumber
5:00 PM  Frances Nugent

Saint Monica, Widow (323-387)
(Room B12)

St. Monica is mainly remembered through the loving testimony of her son, St. Augustine, who gave her special credit for his conversion. “In the flesh, she brought me to birth in this world; in her heart, she brought me to birth in Your eternal life.”

Monica was an African, born near Carthage of Christian parents. She married and bore three children, of whom Augustine was the eldest and her favorite. She suffered that her brilliant son did not share her faith, a suffering compounded by his amoral conduct and by his immersion in the Manichean cult. Constantly she prayed for his conversion and wept over his sins, until finally a sympathetic bishop consoled her: “Go now, I beg of you; it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish.”

Her prayers were answered when Augustine was eventually baptized. By this time, Monica’s days were numbered, as she fell mortally ill. She confided that she had no need for further life: “There was one reason and one alone, why I wished to remain a little longer in this life,” she told her son, “and that was to see you a Catholic Christian before I died. God has granted my wish. What is left for me to do in this world?”

Parish Support

July 10th

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Parish Tithe

Health Alliance Pastoral Care Services Program  $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 weeks of our annual budget (September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016).

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.

Please remember in your prayers:
Frances Nugent and Meghan McGrath.
May they rest in peace and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.
MINISTRIES IN ACTION

LITURGY MINISTRY MEETING
There will be a make-up meeting for Eucharistic Ministers this Sunday, July 17th at 6:30PM in the church.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY
The next BBM meal prep is July 23rd for Our Father’s House in St. Joseph’s Hall and our parish Kitchen at 3PM.
Our Father’s House: AUG 27th, SEPT 24th, OCT 29th.
Sign up to help through Sign Up Genius. The link is on our website now: www.ourladylake.org.

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 on Mondays for the next six weeks. Please join us on Mon., July 18th at 6:00PM at St. Christopher’s in West Boylston to root for our team!

Food Pantry News: During the week of July 10th, 30 bags of food were given out. Thank you for your generosity!

We continue our Annual Partners in Charity Appeal throughout the month of July. I am happy to report that we have received 247 contributions amounting to $56,611. 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.

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 978-342-2978, ext.109.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Staubenville Youth Conference
Thanks to your support, $570 was raised at our Bake Sale last weekend! Along with the money raised at the car wash a few weeks ago, we were able to reduce the cost for each participant and provide spending money to be used at the conference. Please keep our group of 17 in your prayers that Steubenville East will be an enriching and spirit filled experience!

We are currently seeking a Religious Ed 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.

Donations Are Welcome! As always we use the summer months to stock up on office supplies: dry erase erasers, pencils, pens, black permanent markers, classic color broad-line Crayola markers, staplers, refills for Scotch Tape dispensers, glue sticks poster board, tissue paper, paper clips, masking tape, duct tape, Velcro, one-subject notebooks, votive candles or tea lights, battery operated tea lights, unused Christmas cards, and most especially two-pocket folders (in all of one color: red, orange, yellow, blue), etc. If you discover a source of free or low price supplies, please contact us so we can take advantage of anything that might prove to be of use. Thank you!

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.
Father Carlos’ Pills of Faith
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today’s Gospel, Martha and Mary welcome Jesus in their house. Hospitality, presence, and being personally attentive, all of these are personal qualities that are a part of our living in relationships with others and essential to our culture. But also, they are essential to living in relationship to God. The critical question we face is, how welcoming am I to God? How conscious am I of His presence in my life? How personally attentive am I to God’s presence, power, and love in my life? We may feel we are too busy to pay much attention to God. What if God had the same attitude and was too busy to pay much attention to us? How we treat God should be the indicator of how we treat others!

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 call Kim Iannacci at 508-721-1219 or email Kimberly.Iannacci@aseracare.com.

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.

We are currently looking for new members to join our RCIA Instructional Team. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent in this important ministry, please contact Father Carlos or Joan Burns for more information. Thank you!

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus Challenges!
MEN
Together, Catholic men learn from Jesus and his apostles the special power and resources we’ve been given to commit to our faith in God and to protect and defend ourselves and others against evil. The Men’s Spiritual Study Group will meet on Wed., July 20th, 7-8 PM in the parish center. Questions? Call Dave LaLiberty at 978-537-1134 or email at David@HomesJustForYou.com.

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, with guest speaker Sister Maureen Hickey, PBVM, Nurse Administrator of the Presentation Healthcare Facility in Leominster.

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 are at the entrances of the church!

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

PANCAKE MIX                   SPAGHETTI
PANCAKE SYRUP              SPAGHETTI SAUCE
OATMEAL                           MACARONI  & CHEESE
PEANUT BUTTER              INSTANT POTATOES
JAM OR JELLY                   CANNED FRUIT
TUNA                                   CRACKERS
MAYONNAISE                    JUICE
SOUP                                    COFFEE, TEA
BEEF STEW                         HOT COCOA
RICE (WHITE OR FLAVORED)
CANNED MEAT (CHICKEN, TURKEY, HAM)
GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS

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**THIS WEEK’S PARISH EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 16th**
07:30 PM  AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, JULY 17th**
03:00 PM  Pilgrims on the Journey
06:30 PM  Make-up Eucharistic Minister Meeting

**MONDAY, JULY 18th**
08:30 AM  Litany of our Blessed Mother
07:00 PM  Women’s Bible Study

**TUESDAY, JULY 19th**
07:00 AM  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
08:30 AM  Continuation of Adoration

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th**
06:30 PM  Financial Peace University Meeting
07:00 PM  12 Steps Meeting
07:00 PM  Men’s Spiritual Study Meeting

**THURSDAY, JULY 21st**
09:00 AM  Dominoes
01:00 PM  Prayer Shawl Ministry
07:00 PM  NLLL Board Meeting

**FRIDAY, JULY 22nd**
07:30 PM  Al-Anon Meeting

**SATURDAY, JULY 23rd**
07:30 PM  AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, JULY 24th**
03:00 PM  Pilgrims on the Journey

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**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.

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**Kids Alley is looking for volunteers to run games. Please contact Wendy Chartrand at charty1231@aol.com or 978-621-0385 if you can help.**

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**Congratulations to Kathy Cormier and Mike Raspuzzi who were married on July 3, 2016, at Our Lady of the Lake!**

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**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 **Tues. evenings 7-8:30PM.** For more information, call 508-738-5148 or www.learn2cope.org.