

Our Lady of the Lake

Sunday
December 26th

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Thursday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.

See below for Reconciliation
schedule and other devotions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.; and by
appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Sundays at
11:15 a.m. Contact the pastor, Father
Matthew.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Celebrated with Grade 2 in May.
Candidates are expected to be first
enrolled in grade one.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Preparation begins during high school
years and is celebrated in the spring of
grade 11. Adult requests, contact the
pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony: There are
preparatory stages leading up to the wedding
date. Arrangements should be made up to a
year in advance. Contact pastor for an
appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Anyone with a potentially life-
threatening serious condition or serious
surgery can be a recipient. Please do
not hesitate to call the pastor.

Adoration: First Saturday of the month,
12:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Home and Hospital Visits: Deacon David
oversees this ministry. Call 539-0486.

Bible Study: Deacon David Tuesday's after
morning Mass in Marian Hall

Faith Formation: See inside bulletin for
more details.

OTHER MINISTRIES:

Soup Kitchen Outreach: 2nd Tuesday of the
Month in Fr. Shea Hall, meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus #11178: 1st and 3rd
Thursday each month in the St. Matthew
room at 7:15 p.m.

Praise & Worship: 1st Tuesday of the month
6:30 p.m. in the main church.

Prayer Line: Diana at (413) 569-3718 or email
intentions to: myprayerrequest555@gmail.com

Caring Calls: On going need for our
homebound/ elderly. If needing calls or
would like to take time to call someone,
please contact Diana for details 569-3718.

DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal Novena: After Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Mass

St. Joseph Novena: After Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Mass

St. Jude Novena: After Thursday 8:30 a.m. Mass

The Holy Family



OUR MISSION

We, Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church, seek to have a living faith in Jesus Christ.. Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the gospel, ncourage our youth and embrace and welcome everyone in need.

Today's Scripture Readings:

First Reading: *1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28*
Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10*
Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-2,21-24*
We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:41-52*
The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

A Message from Father Matthew:

Q. Dear Father,
What is the significance of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph?

A. Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. Marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

1. Every marriage intends children. Although Mary and Joseph were not united in a carnal way, their marriage is a true marriage: an indissoluble, exclusive union, wholly subordinated to the child. Mary and Joseph are united only to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.

2. The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus, it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

3. "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary stood above Joseph. Nevertheless—if we except the event in the Temple—Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.



Saturday, December 25– Christmas Day
The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 a.m. The People of Our of the Lake Parish

Sunday, December 26- The Holy Family

8:00 a.m. John Yourous, req. by the Yourous/ Blanchard Family

10:00 a.m. Lionel T. Fry, 6th Anniversary, req. by his wife, Rachel

Please remember Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation and does not satisfy your weekly responsibility. You must still attend Mass on Sunday, December 26th to fulfill your weekly promise to God.

Monday, December 27

8:30 a.m. Rosa DelPiano, req. by the Guzik Family

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to God's Mercy, req. by Linda & Ted Carmondy

Wednesday, December 29

8:30 a.m. Daniel H. Haywood, 25th Anniversary, req. by his wife, Roberta & family

Thursday, December 30

8:30 a.m. Fr. Robert W. Thrasher for the repose of his soul

Saturday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 a.m. The People of Our of the Lake Parish

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Thomas Despard, req. by Ellen Ayotte

10:00 a.m. The Busi & Daniele Families, req. by Lynda Daniele & family

Offertory Envelopes

Each week there will only be ONE collection, however some weeks there are multiple envelopes. Please drop all envelopes into the one collection. The list below are all the upcoming offerings for those that may not receive envelopes.

Each month there is always an envelope for the Improvement Fund and Utilities & Energy Expense Fund.

December 25th- Christmas

December 26th- Regular

January 1st- Solemnity of Mary

As always, THANK YOU for all you do!!!



~ High School Students ~

Please remember to sign in at Masses. The sign in sheet is on the altar rail at the entrance of the church closest to St. Jude.

**** NO Classes December 26th or January 2nd. Enjoy your winter vacation. God Bless and Stay Safe!!****
Classes will resume on January 9, 2022!!



CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy will be ongoing through out the year thanks to Mark and Neilda Henke's dedicated work.

Children will go to Marian Hall during the 10:00 a.m. Mass for a child friendly Gospel of the day and reflections on the Gospel.

Neilda and Mark are looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy. If interested, please speak to them after Mass or call the office at (413) 569 – 0162.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Merry Christmas to our parish, Faith Formation Families and Staff!! May you all have a wonderful New Year!!

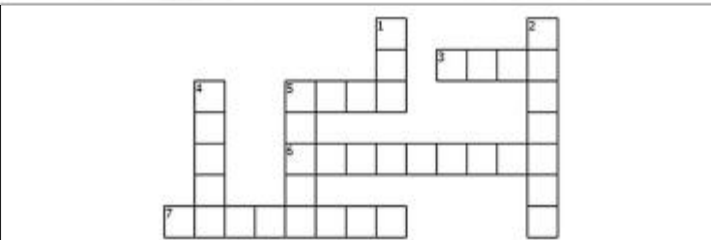
Please know you are all in our prayers and thoughts for a blessed Christmas!!

May your New Year be filled with love and joy all year through!!



A new year means a new chapter. I hope 2022 is an incredible part of your story.

Mrs. Daniele, Director of Faith Formation, O.P.



ACROSS

3. The word or words by which a person is known
5. A title used for Jesus in the Gospel of John (John 1:14)
6. To know someone because you have seen them before
7. Boys and girls from the time of birth until they are adults

DOWN

1. The One who created the universe
2. To think that something is true
4. The soft part of the body of a person which is between the skin and the bones
5. The earth with its inhabitants

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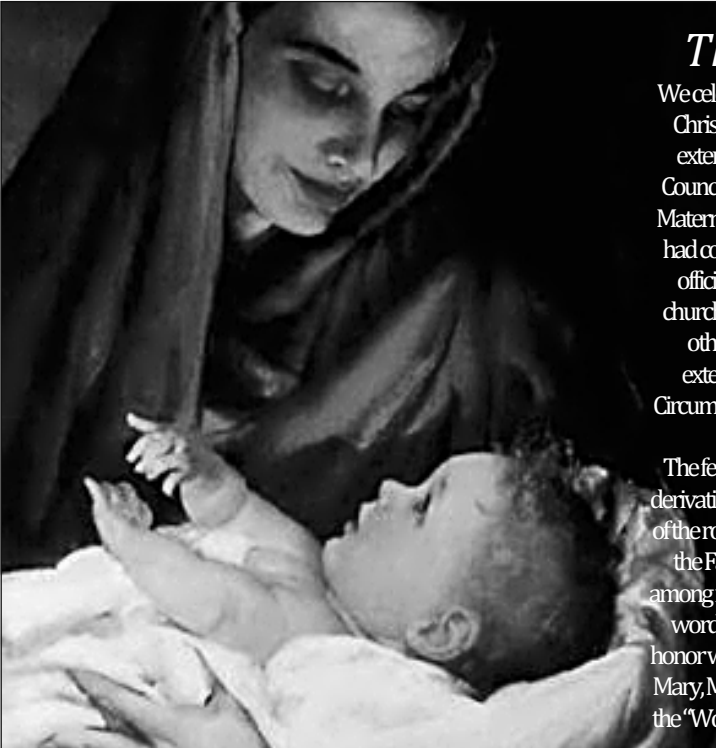
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6. 22-23-25-20-14-23 _____
7. 22-23-8-6-10-23-17-15 _____
8. 25-19-22-10-23-17 _____
9. 15-23-8-17-6-10-4-26-11 _____
10. 10-19-2-15-23 _____

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The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight-day extension of the feast. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary; however, in 1751, after a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be observed on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year.

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

40- HOURS DEVOTION:

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

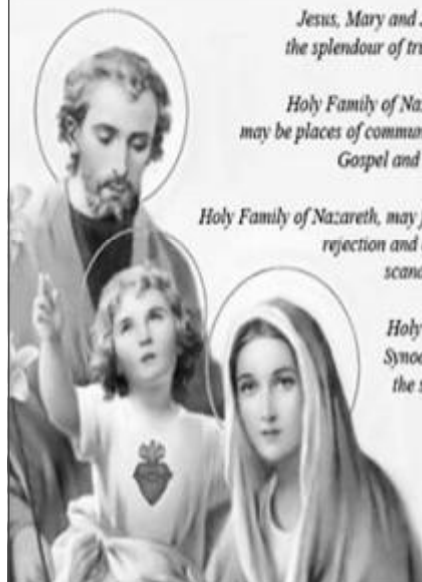
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.



Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Trinity Church on Elm Street in Westfield has Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



For all those lucky parishioners flying south for the winter, please call Kim at the parish office, 413-569-0161, so that she can stop your envelopes while you are enjoying those warm sunny days. Just remember to call when you return so that we can start your envelopes up again.

Help Wanted...

DOMINICAN NUNS, located at 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, is looking for an Operations Manager who will assist with the upkeep of the monastery building and grounds. Mechanical skills required as well as some lifting. Monday-Friday mornings only. If interested, please stop by the Card Office and fill out an application.

Groundskeeper/Maintenance position available. Year-round lawn care, snow removal, minor repairs and maintenance. Experience preferred - full time and part time available for St. Thomas Cemetery. Please contact Mirek Pietras at 736-2334.



Please join Catholics for the Unborn for a pro-life vigil on Thursday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12:00 p.m. (Noon) there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. For more information call Marilyn at 567-6085.

Respect Life



Catholic Charismatic PRAISE & WORSHIP

Tuesday, January 4th @ 6:30 p.m.

In-person (In the main church)

We will celebrate the Holy Spirit with music by Jack & his guitar, and share blessings, prayers and witnesses together!

Please Join Us and the Holy Spirit!!!

Bring your friends, family and neighbors!!



Adoration and Confessions cancelled on January 1st postponed to January 8th

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer you would lead a weekly Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact me, Mary Higgins at (413) 552-7231 or email me at: DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com

Please call or send prayer requests to Diana at...

Prayer REQUEST

413.569.3718 or email: myprayerrequest555@gmail.com

EACH REQUEST WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR PRAYER TEAM

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all the people who are dear to me,
 I wish all of you nothing but the joy and happiness that this Christmas brings!
 Merry Christmas to all!

Christmas and New Year Schedule

Christmas Schedule:

Saturday, December 25th: Christmas Day
 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please note: No 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Christmas Day. Christmas Masses do NOT fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Sunday, December 26th: Feast of the Holy Family
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Mass

New Year's Schedule:

Saturday, January 1st: New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please note: NO 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on New Year's Day. The New Year's morning Mass does NOT fulfill your Sunday obligation. The obligation to attend Mass for Mary, Mother of God (January 1st) is lifted since it falls on a Saturday. But you're more than welcome to join us and ring in the New Year with Holy Mass.

Sunday, January 2nd: Solemnity of the Epiphany
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Mass

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