

Our Lady of the Lake

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Pastor: Rev. Matthew S. P. Guidi
Deacon David Przybylowski

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 Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 9th



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Office hours: Monday—Wednesday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.; Thursday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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, encourage our youth and embrace and welcome everyone in need.

Today's Scripture Readings:

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30*

A prayer praising God's greatness.

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 3:15-16,21-22*

Jesus is baptized by John.

A Message from Father Matthew:

Question:

Why did Jesus need to be baptized?

Answer:

Jesus did not need to be baptized. The baptism by John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance, and the sacrament of baptism removes original sin. Since Jesus had neither original sin nor actual sin, he did not need to undergo baptism. However, Jesus also had no need to be born, to suffer, or to die as a man. He did so out of love for humanity.

John the Baptist appears to recognize the strangeness of Jesus asking to be baptized (Matt. 3:14) yet obeys Jesus' request.

The baptism of Jesus began his public ministry and gave the first example that we are to follow. For if Jesus, who had no need of repentance or cleansing, humbled himself, then we all the more need to humble ourselves.

Jesus not only gave the example for us to follow, but many Fathers of the Church commented that in the baptism of Jesus the sacrament of baptism was born. It was a symbolic action that, though the grace of Christ, was changed into an ontological action. When we receive a sacrament, the grace flows to us from the sacrament, but in the baptism of Jesus the grace of Christ flowed into the sacrament.

In salvation history, the Jordan River was very important. It was through the Jordan River that Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Jesus chose this spot to be baptized so that through his immersion and emergence from the Jordan River all humanity could be led to heaven.

Ultimately, the reason Jesus chose to be baptized in the Jordan by John was not for him but for us.



Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. — *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.



Saturday, January 8

4:00 p.m. Lewis Wescott, req. by his daughter, Kelli DeiDolori

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Mary & Andrew Rossetti, req. by Mary Jane Babbitt

10:00 a.m. Edie Stanton, req. by the Davis Family

Monday, January 10

8:30 a.m. For all of our Parish Ushers

Tuesday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Deacon Dave Przybylowski, req. by Olga Colson

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Roberta Haywood, req. by Her Rosewood Friends

Thursday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions, req. by Linda Smigielski

Saturday, January 15

4:00 p.m. Maureen Rankin, req. by the Rankin Family

Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Helen Willis, req. by Richard & Robbin

10:00 a.m. Elizabeth "Betty" Robertson, req. by Father Matthew



If you would like to donate Altar Flowers, please contact Darillyn Patterson at 413.569.1614.

Sanctuary Candles

Sanctuary Candles are another way of honoring your loved ones. Please consider this option. Contact Kim in the office for more information.

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.

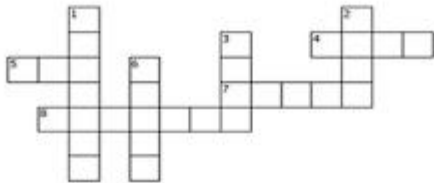
Each month there is always an envelope for the Improvement Fund and Utilities & Energy Expense Fund.

- January 9th - Regular
- January 16th - Regular
- January 23rd - Regular
- January 30th - Regular
- February - Utility & Energy Costs
- February 6th - Improvement Fund
- February 6th - Regular
- February 13th - Regular
- February 20th - Regular
- February 27th - Regular

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

Jesus, the One and Only

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22b (NIV)
Based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



ACROSS

- 4. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
- 5. A male offspring
- 7. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords
- 8. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head

DOWN

- 1. A shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
- 2. A deep feeling of affection for a person
- 3. A bird often used as a symbol of peace
- 6. Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H2O

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- 6. 15-22-10-8 _____
- 7. 10-22-5-14-8 _____
- 8. 6-8-3-10-8-24 _____
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- 10. 16-26-5-23-5-12 _____

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Classes will resume on January 9, 2022!!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEEK

The weekend of February 6th, 2022, we will have our



“Safe Environment Week” for grades 1 – 9. Students will be learning about keeping safe, being always aware of their environment, and internet safety. These programs are

mandated for all parishes in the diocese of Springfield. All Faith Formation volunteers have been trained in the Virtus Training Program required by the diocese. As always, parents / guardians are welcome to attend classes at any time. FMI call Lynda @ (413-569-0162).

PARISH FAMILY WINTER DANCE

(Formerly- Father/Daughter Valentine’s Day Dance)
On Saturday evening, February 26th, 2022, we would



like to have a PARISH FAMILY WINTER DANCE from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Shea Hall. If interested in attending or volunteering to decorate etc., please let Lynda know. We’d

like to have an idea of attendance before we plan further. This has been a great success in the past and we welcome any input you may have. Community Service Hours will be available. Thank you!

Lynda Daniele (413) 569 – 0162

E-mail – ReligiousEducation@ollsouthwick.com

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





We all have things we want to change in our lives. The New Year always brings us to the time of reevaluating what we have, want or need. Most of the time we think of the most common resolutions... eat healthier, exercise more, quit smoking, save money... and the list goes on, however do we think about our spiritual resolutions and what we can do to strengthen our relationship with God?

How about we take a moment to think of a couple of resolutions (we can keep ☺). Here are a couple of examples that might help you... 1. When you wake up in the morning, Thank God for giving you life and say a prayer thanking him for all the beauty in your life. 2. Read a passage in the Bible each day. So simple, yet do we really take the time to read and practice God's lessons. 3. Join a daily prayer blog... there are so many out there free of charge that give you a small push to prayer each day. 4. Reach out to an old friend or family member. Rekindle a friendship or mend a broken relationship. A card, note or phone call can make all the difference in someone's life. 5. Say a Rosary! Mother Mary believed and gave us a miracle and she is always there for us.

We have had such a difficult time in the last two years, its time to force out the evil one and bring strength and faith back into our lives and society.

Here is a special prayer of "surrender" ...

Jesus, I surrender, I turn my life over to you.

I am attached to many things (Pause – What are they?)

They have a grip on me.

I am enslaved by them, I give them to you,

I give my heart, my live, wife, husband, children, possessions, Relationships, position, social life – all and everything that is mine.

Purify my attachments, my desires, my loves – make them yours.

If they are not approved by you, I do not want them.

I desire to be open and surrender to you that I may be cleansed and healed by your love, and to be a channel of healing grace for my dear ones and others in my life.

Do with me what you will!

With many special blessings for a wonderful New Year!

Father Matthew

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A Very Special Thank You!

I would like to thank you so much for donating with such love, support, and enthusiasm to the holiday activities and collections we had these past 2 months. Countless numbers of people and families made the bag of joy and the Westfield soup kitchen party such a huge success!!! And a special thank you to our devoted soup kitchen group who each month helps pack up the meals each month. It's a lot of work!!!

Also, we had to choose to cancel or downplay several activities we had planned, and I thank you for your understanding and patience!

Our parish family ALWAYS comes through!!!

Sincerely, Diana David

In **The Bible in a Year** podcast,

Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

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.

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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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THE SOUP KITCHEN

The **SOUP KITCHEN** in Westfield needs our help!!!

We will be preparing/ serving **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH**

We are looking for people to help prep the meals in the Father Shea Hall kitchen at **2:00 P.M.** on the 11TH. Please bring all food to the Fr. Shea Hall by 1:30 p.m. Dinner bags will then be transported to the soup kitchen in Westfield.

EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK AND GLOVES!!!
 (Still needed for food preparation. Thank you for understanding.)

The MENU for JANUARY 11TH IS AS FOLLOWS:

HOMEMADE MAC & CHEESE
COLESLAW W/ DRESSING
CORN BREAD
APPLE SAUCE CUPS OR FRUIT CUPS
BROWNIES (Individually wrapped, 2 per pkg.)

The sign up sheet will be located on the bulletin board in the Marian Hall. Please call Diana if you are unable to sign up at church.

If you have any questions or are not able to come to Mass but would like to help,
 PLEASE CALL DIANA AT 569-3718.

YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY IS



Come, Pray + the Rosary

Please join us every week for our Rosary conference calls on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:50 p.m.

Conference Phone to Call: 712-432-3900
 Conference ID: 226058


- ♥ 6:50PM the Conference Bridge will open for "Social Time."
- ♥ 7:00PM Most callers will be muted for preparation.
- ♥ 7:05PM the Rosary will begin lead by Fr. Matthew or someone chosen in his absence.
- ♥ At the end of the Rosary, callers will be unmuted for several moments until the Conference Bridge is closed.

Hand outs are available in the Marian Hall. Please take one on your way out!

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST


"After the happiness of communicating: Rise modestly, return to your place, kneel down, and do not immediately take up your book or rosary. What good are the words of men when God is speaking? We must be like someone who is very curious and listens at the door. We must listen to all that the good God says at the door of our hearts." St. John Vianney, *Eucharistic Meditations: 16th Meditation*.

For more information and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net



Eucharistic Adoration

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



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



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