

PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along,
the people were
spreading their
cloaks on the road;
the whole
multitude of his
disciples began to
praise God aloud
with joy for all the
mighty deeds they
had seen.

- Lk 19:36, 37b



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Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday at 5PM

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

Daily Mass

8AM on Mon., Tues., & Wed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 4PM

and by appointment anytime.

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Mass Intentions

SAT., APRIL 9TH

5:00PM Cecilia McCarthy, Bday Remembrance
Margaret Little

SUN., APRIL 10TH *Palm Sunday*

8:00AM Polly Curran, 8th Anniversary
10:30AM Gus Lucksinger
Marko DiSessa, 10th Anniversary
and Bday Remembrance
6:00PM Michael McGuirk, 2nd Anniversary
Catherine Ethier

MON., APRIL 11TH

8:00AM

TUES., APRIL 12TH

8:00AM Jessica Petkewich, 8th Anniversary

WED., APRIL 13TH

8:00AM Mary DeRespinis, Bday Remembrance



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

7:30PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

7:30PM Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

8:00AM Easter Mass
10:30AM Easter Mass
NO 6:00PM MASS

Easter Plant Sale After all Masses

This Weekend, April 9 & 10

\$10.00 a plant

All proceeds raised will help
reduce the cost of the
Catholic Youth In Action 2022
summer mission trip.
Thank you for your support!



Dear Friends,

The city of Leominster turned out last week by the thousands as they paid respects to Marine Capt. Ross Reynolds. Ross was the grandson of the late Rita Biron who was a long time and very involved member of the parish. Many of you will remember her as the person who ran the "Jewelry Booth" at the Bazaar. The way that booth was set up and operated, you would have thought you were in a real store! She always took such pride in her work, and made sure her family, her grandson especially, helped her out. Because of this connection to Our Lady of the Lake, we were privileged to walk with the Reynolds family over these many days. The funeral liturgy was held at St. Cecilia's due to the large number of people who were expected to attend. I am proud to say that OLL was well represented in the sanctuary by Altar Servers and Musicians, and other priests associated with our parish. A Marine friend of mine said the bond between Marines is generational, from one to the next, always proud of that legacy. The same can be said for our Catholic faith as demonstrated by Rita! From one generation to the next, the faith held sway. One seed planted can result in hundred of trees! One seed planted, will always bring you home.

Elsewhere in the bulletin you will read that two members of our Staff are retiring and another is moving to Colorado! Needless to say, this presents a challenge and, I believe, an opportunity for each of us. I will be working with the Parish Council, Finance Committee, the Religious Education Commission and others to see how we might be able to provide new opportunities for Evangelization, which, of course, translates into growth. Every parish faces the same challenges and every parish must rise to the occasion to serve God here and now. The key to survival in any organization is not simply about assets and liabilities. Survival depends on how fast and effectively can you pivot? It is not pivoting on our own, it is how we accept the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in these moments. Are you up for the challenge?

This week begins Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. I pray we will all take advantage of the liturgies of these days. These are our "High Holy Days." Come and celebrate the essence of who we are.

Peace,
Fr. Michael

A Time of Transition at Our Lady of the Lake

As we continue to emerge and grow because of, or in spite of the pandemic, life continues to march on for everyone else including members of our Staff. We are sending prayerful support of love to Betty Hudson, Michelle Lutter and Ellen DePatie.

After over 20 years of serving the parish, most notably as the Food Pantry Coordinator, Betty has decided to retire from the job but will not be leaving the parish! Thank goodness for that! In my years in parish life, I have found that the parishes which have a Food Pantry are also the ones most dedicated to the care and service of the poor. Betty and her volunteers have always gone above and beyond in their concern to carry out the mandate of the Lord himself to take care of the poor. Like a true servant of the gospel, Betty always went about her work in a quiet and humble way. There is a tremendous debt of gratitude to Betty and to her volunteers that shines like a star in the heavens!

Michelle Lutter is retiring from her position as Director of Religious Education. She is also remaining in the parish! She has been involved in the Religious Education Program for about 20 years as well. First as a Catechist, then as a paid Coordinator for Junior High and High School. For the past four years she has been the Director of Religious Education in our parish. While families know Michelle, especially as she enthusiastically greets the children each week, what is not so well known by many folks are the innumerable hours she spends on organizing, planning, and carrying out such a massive task! Regardless if you have ten children or hundreds of children in the program, the amount of work is the same if you want a program of fine quality. Her dedication to her Catholic Faith and to all who come to her office door have always received a warm welcome. She has promised to continue to use her gifts and talents in the parish as she and her husband, Rich, begin to enjoy more time together. BTW: Rich has always been her tireless supporter, and part-time (unpaid, of course) co-worker and he deserves our gratitude as well.

Ellen DePatie came to us about six years ago from St. Anthony's in Fitchburg where she was Religious Education coordinator and Art teacher. Ellen is embarking on an adventure with her oldest son, his wife and their child in a move to Colorado! Her time at Our Lady of the Lake has been a wonderful gift to the children of the parish, especially in the Sacramental Preparation piece of the program. Her love of her Catholic Faith and her love for the children has made a beautiful difference in their lives. She has never spoken down to the children, rather, she told them of what was expected of them and they always rose to the occasion.

We'll have an "Appreciation Gathering" for them on June 5 at the 10:30 Mass. Please come and express your gratitude for all they have done for the life of our parish.



Holy Thursday, April 14th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11PM

Good Friday, April 15th

Silent Cross Walk 2.5 miles at 11:45 AM
Living Stations of the Cross (outside) at 3 PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, April 16th

Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 17th

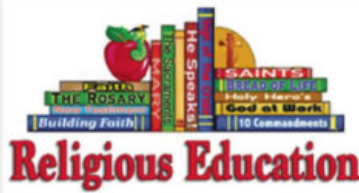
Masses at 8 AM and 10:30 AM
There is no 6:00 PM Mass.



The decorated "Give New Life" Bags for our Food Pantry will be given out or may be taken by those who wish to help those in need of food after Mass at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. A list of the non-perishable items needed is in each bag. The bags may be returned anytime during the Easter Season to the bins at the entrance of the church or in the Parish Family Center Lobby.



Once again, this year, through the generosity of parish tithing, we are pleased to announce the availability of **Christian Service Scholarships** for the young people of our parish who have demonstrated significant voluntary service to our parish community. These onetime scholarships are intended to be used to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Applications, with a cover sheet explaining eligibility, are available in the Parish Office or in the Family Center. Deadline for submission is April 24th. Scholarships will be awarded at the 6PM Baccalaureate Mass on May 22nd.



April Class Schedule

Sunday 10th & 24th 8:45 to 10:15 am *Beginnings*

Sunday 10th & 24th 9:00 to 10:15 am *K -5*

Sunday 10th 4:45 to 7:00 pm *HS I & II* Last class May 1st class canceled.

Sunday 24th 4:45 to 7:00 pm *Confirmation Immediate Preparation*

Monday 11th, & 25th 6:45 to 8:00 pm *Grades 6-8*

Tuesday 12th, & 26th 4:15 to 5:30 pm *Grades 1-8*

The Last week in April will be our last week of Religious Education Classes for 2021 -2022 session.



Middle School Students **Living Stations**

Friday (Good Friday) April 15th
12:30 to 4:00pm
dress rehearsal, pizza party,



Catholic Youth In Action

(CYIA) Team Meeting

Sunday April 10th 3:15 pm
St. Joseph's Hall



Our Lady of the Lake **is forming a Summer Co-ed** **Volleyball Team For** **7th to 12th grade students**

Matches will be Monday evenings beginning June 13th and go through mid-August. Kids come with a wide range of experience and skill! Sign up now to join this awesome team! Invite a Friend. Please email Mrs. Lutter mlutter@ourladylake.org for more info or to sign up.

Sunday May 1st High School I

Peer Retreat

9:30 am to 7:00 pm

Please bring a camp chair!

Sunday May 1st High School II

last class 4:45 pm

Forms for Sponsor, Christian Name and Service hours are due.



Save the Date Save **your Redeemable** **Bottle and cans**

Saturday May 21st
from 7:30am-2:00 pm

Catholic Youth In Action(CYIA) will be collecting your bottle and cans to help reduce the cost of the 2022 mission trip. So please do not clean out your garage just yet.

Mark your calendars for May 21st and bring your bags full of redeemable bottle and cans to Our Lady of the Lake church parking lot!!



2022-2023 **REGISTRATION** **DAYS!!!!**

Now is the time to register!

Please contact the Religious Ed. Office for your family's pre-printed form.

New to the Parish or Religious Ed **Program**

WELCOME! We are so blessed that you have chosen Our Lady of the Lake for your Parish Family. Registration forms for Religious Ed grades K – Confirmation can be found in the parish family center. Please feel free to contact the Religious Ed. office for information about our program.

Religious Ed Fee is \$75 per child \$185 per family. There are scholarships available for families to help cover the cost if needed. Please inquire. Your children are our Priority!!

Thank you for your Parish Support!

**Weekly Collection: April 2nd & April 3rd
Total Mail in, Drop off & At
Mass Collection \$6,834.11**

Please note: The above includes multiple weeks of make-up contributions covering the month of March 2022. There are also pay-ahead contributions through the end of July 2022. This is not a true representation of one week's collection.

WESHARE - Month of March: \$10,518.00



*Throughout the 50 days of the Easter Season, we remember at Mass all those whose names are written on the **Easter Flower Offering** envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.*



Palms from last year may be left in the basket outside of the Parish Office. They will be burned for next year's ashes. Thank you.

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



**THANK YOU
for your continued support!**

*Your generosity has helped many people! This week, **18 bags of food** were distributed! Thank you!*



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. At this time we have achieved \$32,831.00 which is more than 50% of our goal of \$60,000.00. Your kindness is overwhelming, especially during these economically difficult times. Thanks be to God! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you may scan the QR Code above or visit partners-charity.net to do it online. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!



**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
2022 ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Plans are under way for our Bazaar!
Stay tuned for notices about opportunities
to volunteer to help make this our
best Bazaar yet!!

We do have a few Booth Captain vacancies to fill....**Basket Raffle and Food Ticket Booth.**

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please call the parish office or email bazaar@ourladylake.org.

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