



# Our Lady of the Lakes

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## Welcome To Our Lady of the Lakes

### Our Mission Statement

“We the people of Our Lady of the Lakes are called to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through Eucharistic celebration and adoration. We strive to build a community of faith by the recognition of the God-given dignity of the human person and the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and to be disciples committed to carrying out the mission of Jesus in our own time and place. We collaborate freely through the use of time, talent and treasure to be a parish of true stewardship and human development.”

### Pastor

Rev. Gerald H. Dziedzic

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Chacko Kumplam

### Parish Staff

Kim G. Buser, Secretary,

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Beryl Gribbin, Bookkeeper

Karen O'Donnell, Director of Religious Ed.,

[ourladyofthelakes@aohct.org](mailto:ourladyofthelakes@aohct.org)

Margaret Fitzgerald, Music Ministry Leader

Anne Flynn, Youth Minister

Robert Rella, Youth Minister

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Telephone

Office (860) 354-5239 Fax (860) 354-2968

Religious Education (860) 355-5365

Rectory (860)799-7449

### Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

### Morning Prayer

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

and by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for marriage are made at least six months before the marriage date.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

Is the priesthood for you?

Call: Office of Vocations (860) 242-5573

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 8

9:00 a.m. The people of Our Lady of the Lakes Church

5:00 p.m. Michael Connelly  
Req. by Debbie Poletto

Sunday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Isabel Herring  
Req. by Jim Wall

10:00 a.m. Tom McGee Sr.  
Req. by his wife

Monday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Anthony C. Parise  
Req. by Bob & Stacey Keane

Thursday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Barbara Marx  
Req. by Janice & Gary Sopotnick

Friday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Joseph Cassidy  
Req. by Bob & Stacey Keane

Saturday, December 15

5:00 p.m. Patrick Maguire  
Req. by Victor & Catherine Consaga

Sunday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Geoffrey Burns  
Req. by Victor & Catherine Consaga  
10:00 a.m. Heather Marie Bogues  
30th Anniversary  
Req. by her family

Ministries

December 15 & 16

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

E.M.'s K. O'Donnell, P & S. Lamontagne  
Greeters Hopper family  
Lector T. Sheehan  
Servers: Z & B Cadovious  
Usher J. O'Donnell

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

E.M.'s S. Keane, A. Woronick, J. Larkin  
Greeters Leclair family  
Lector T. Sweeney  
Servers  
Usher J. Klous/T. Sweeney

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

E.M.'s G. Flynn, G. Urso, L. Ross  
Greeter Polo family  
Lector R. Portelance  
Servers A & L Farrell  
Usher J. Buchheit

ALTAR-FLOWERS



Altar Flowers are given in honor of The Blessed Mother on the Feast of her Immaculate Conception. They are given by Carolyn Critelli.



Our Lady of the Lakes:

December 24—4 p.m. Children's Mass  
6 p.m.

December 25—8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier:

December 24—4 p.m.  
6 p.m.  
12 Midnight Mass  
December 25—10 a.m.

EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

Odd Fellows Breakfast, Friday, December 14th at 9 a.m. Suggested donation of \$3.00. Call the NM Senior Center to sign up at (860)355-6075 so they know how many eggs to fry and pancakes to flip!

Ask the Elder Law Attorney Roundtable, Tuesday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the NM Senior Center. This free informational services is offered by elder care Attorney Rudy Kuss or Attorney Michelle Liguori of Kuss & Liguori, LLC. Questions about estate planning, living wills and transfer of assets, Medicare and Medicaid. These are informational sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call (860)355-6075.

Jingle Bell Ball—Holiday Celebration-Friday, December 28 at 11 a.m. (Snow Date Jan. 4th) at NM Senior Center, cost \$10. Tickets go on sale Dec. 3—Dec. 20. Call the Senior Center at (860)355-6075 for more information.

### *Straw for the Crib*

The crib at the Church is ready and waiting for our children (and adults) to fill it with pieces of straw, one piece for every act of kindness we do during the weeks of Advent. The figure of the Christ Child is not placed in the crib until Christmas Eve. By that time, the crib will be full of soft straw as a bed for the Christ Child.



Next Regular meeting is **December 16, 2018**. *2nd Payment Due for Lockin.*

### **The Candy Cane**



The candy cane reminds us of Jesus. Its shape is like a shepherd's staff. Its wide red stripes remind us that Jesus shed his blood for our sins. Its narrow red stripes remind us that "By his stripes we are healed." Its white stripes stand for purity. The peppermint flavor is similar to hyssop which was used in biblical times for purification. Turn it upside down and it becomes a "J" for Jesus.



### **NM Animal Shelter Needs our Help!**

We will be collecting: Pet food, treats, toys for our furry friends living at the shelter. **Collection dates are December 15 & 16.** Items may be dropped at the Parish Office prior to that date.

### **Aging Religious Need Our Help**

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to this special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be as generous as possible.

### **4 P.M. Christmas Eve Family Mass**

**All children** who attend the 4:00 p.m. Mass are invited to gather at the altar to sing **Silent Night** after Communion along with the choir. The children will sit with their families during the Mass and will be called up to the Altar after Communion.

All musicians who participated in the pageant (and alumni) are invited to join in the instrumental ensemble at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Musicians please be at the Church at 3:00 p.m. on December 24, and bring your music stands.

### *Did you know.....*

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