



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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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

or visit: www.vocationshartford.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22

5:00 p.m. Roger Ploof
Req. by Mary Ann Ploof

Sunday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Theresa Critelli
Req. by her son
10:00 a.m. Jenny Temple
Req. by Eileen & Rich Portelance &
Portelance family

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the
Mahoney & Roemig families
6:00 p.m. Isabel Goetz
Req. by her family

Tuesday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Donato Quintiliani
Req. by his wife
10:00 a.m. Joe South
Req. by Mom & Dad

Thursday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Josephine Russo

Friday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Gilda Martin
Req. by the Martin family

Saturday, December 29

5:00 p.m. Shirley Maurice
Req. by Karen & John O'Donnell

Sunday, December 30

8:30 a.m. Anne Doyle
Req. by Dr. & Mrs. Viola
10:00 a.m. Stanley Neil Bake
Req. by the Murphy family

Ministries

December 29 & 30

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

E.M.'s S. Murphy, P & S. Lamontagne
Greeters Ciaglo family
Lector J. Kubasa
Servers: C. Ciaglo
Usher J. O'Donnell

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

E.M.'s P. Teixeira, D. Keuper, G. Urso
Greeter Petruso family
Lector E. Buchheit
Servers A McBride
Usher R. Portelance

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.



A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father,
We celebrate the birth of Your Son,
Jesus, remembering the words of the
angels on the night of His birth,
"Peace on earth to all of good will."

Today, as never before, Almighty God,
we pray for Your loving peace.
May peace be the guiding force in the
hearts of our world leaders. May peace
reign in every corner of the globe and in
the hearts of every man, woman and
child upon this earth.

This Christmas and always, may we
embrace Your wonderful gifts with
courage and conviction. In so doing, we
will also be embracing Your greatest gift
to us,
Your Son, the Prince of Peace!

Amen

*December 23, 2018
4th Sunday in Advent*

Oplatek—Christmas Wafers

For centuries on Christmas Eve, families in Poland, Lithuania, the Czech and Slav Republics have practiced a beautiful tradition. It is the breaking and sharing of the Oplatek-Christmas Wafer. Oplatek, taken from the Latin word *oblatum* meaning Sacred Bread, has been the symbol of Christianity and Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.

On the Holiest Night of the year, a festive 12 course meatless meal is prepared for the gathered family and friends. An extra setting is prepared for a beggar (our Lord) who may come to the door, or a poor family (the Holy Family) looking for a place to stay. The host or hostess leads in a special prayer and distributes the oplatek to the participants. Each person breaks off a piece of the other's oplatek and continues until they have exchanged good wishes and blessings with everyone.

Traditionally at midnight, the head of the household takes a pink oplatek and shares it with the animals on his farm or at his home. This custom brings us back to the Holy Night when even animals were able to speak, and remind us that we are all God's creatures.

A supply of wafers will be available in the atrium of the Church.

The Oplatek are being provided this year by the Women's Guild.



The next Respect Life Committee meeting will be January 14, 2019. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, January 6, 2019

1st Grade Vestments and Vessels

After 10 a.m. Mass

Father Gerry will meet with all the first graders and their families after the 10 a.m. Mass. Father will chat with the children about our church and the special "Vestments and Vessels" used in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sunday, January 20, 2019

**2nd Grade Rite of Enrollment &
Parent Meeting**

2nd Grade Rite of Enrollment at 10 a.m. Mass. Parents will meet after Mass. Information will be given on the upcoming retreat and First Reconciliation.

Sunday, January 27, 2019

**3rd Grade Rite of Enrollment &
Parent Meeting**

3rd Grade Rite of Enrollment at 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parent meeting will be held immediately following the Mass to review the upcoming retreat and First Eucharist.

CPR / AED Certification

January 27, 2019—11:30 a.m.

We will offer a CPR/AED Certification Class at the Church. This is open to any parish member on a first come first served basis.

Pre-registration is required by calling Joe Buchheit at (860) 355-2433. Registration deadline is January 20, 2019.



The Parish Office and Office of Religious Education will be closed beginning December 24, 2018 and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Merry Christmas!

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