



Our Lady of the Lakes

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

SINCE 1990 | NEW MILFORD, CT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am
Monday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00am

MORNING PRAYER

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 4:00 -4:30pm
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

PASTOR

Rev. Gerald H. Dziedzic

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Rev. Chacko Kumplam

PARISH STAFF

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Beryl Gribbin, Bookkeeper

Karen O'Donnell, Director of Religious Ed.

Margaret Fitzgerald, Music Ministry Leader

Anne Flynn, Youth Minister

Robert Rella, Youth Minister

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."



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MASSt INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Buser

Req. by the O'Donnell family

Sunday, December 13

8:30a.m. Giovana Valenti

Req. by the OLOL Women's Guild

10:00 a.m. Heather Marie Bogues

Req. by her family

Monday, December 14

9:00 a.m. the Rodrigues family

Req. by Marcus Vas

Thursday, December 17

9:00 a.m. George & Irene Vas

Req. by Marcus Vas

Friday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Arthur Kaufmann

Req. by Louise Kaufmann

Saturday, December 19

5:00 p.m. Edward Cull

Req. by Denis & Judy Larkin

Week of December 19 & 20

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

E.M.'s K. O'Donnell, S. Guagenti

Greeters

Lector S. Hoose

Usher J. O'Donnell

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

E.M.'s J. Hickey, T. Sweeney

Greeters

Lector T. Sweeney

Usher J. Klous/T. Sweeney

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

E.M.'s G. Flynn, E. Portelance

Greeters

Lector L. Ross

Usher R. Flynn

Our offertory for the weekend of:

December 5/6 was \$2,959.00.

Thank you to all our parish families for their support during these difficult times.

Readings for week of December 12 & 13

2020 - Philippians 4:4-5, Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-18.

**Our Last Love in Action Weekend for
this year is**

December 19, 2020

Mother Mary's Cupboard is Open!

Our parish community has continued to support this important ministry throughout this year. Mary's Cupboard doors are open and ready to accept donations for the Food Bank.

**The New Sunday Mass Missals
Have arrived.**

You can purchase your own copy to bring home. Call the office at (860) 354-5239 to reserve a copy.

Cost per book is \$7.00.

Cash or Check made out to OLOL



**DISPENSATION FROM THE
OBLIGATION OF SUNDAY MASS**
The dispensation from the obligation of
Sunday Mass has been extended
THROUGH Tuesday, February 16, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Keep Christ in Christmas!

Do you know why we celebrate Christmas?

Do your children know why we celebrate Christmas?

This would be a great time to sit down and talk to them about Christmas and have them express their ideas as a picture. This is why the Knights of Columbus sponsor the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. It's not too late and not too complicated.

Religious Education Teachers: Education 20-21

Religious Education Teachers, please email Karen O'Donnell your preferred day and time for class meetings. Indicate if your class will be meeting in the Church building or a virtual class meeting.

Home based group meetings will not be possible for this school year.



Please join us on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 3 Old Town Park Road in New Milford, as we pray the rosary in Portuguese.

Junte-se a nós nas noites de segunda-feira às 17h30. na Igreja de Nossa Senhora dos Lagos, 3 Old Town Park Road em New Milford, enquanto rezamos o terço em português.

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.

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



Giving tree gifts are due back this weekend. If you are experiencing delivery delays please let the office know by calling (860)354-5239.

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Psalm 91: 4
John 11: 25
Hebrews 12: 1-2

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