



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?
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PASTOR

Rev. Gerald H. Dziedzic

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Chacko Kumplam

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Kim G. Buser, Secretary

Beryl Gribbin, Bookkeeper

Karen O'Donnell, Director of Religious Ed.

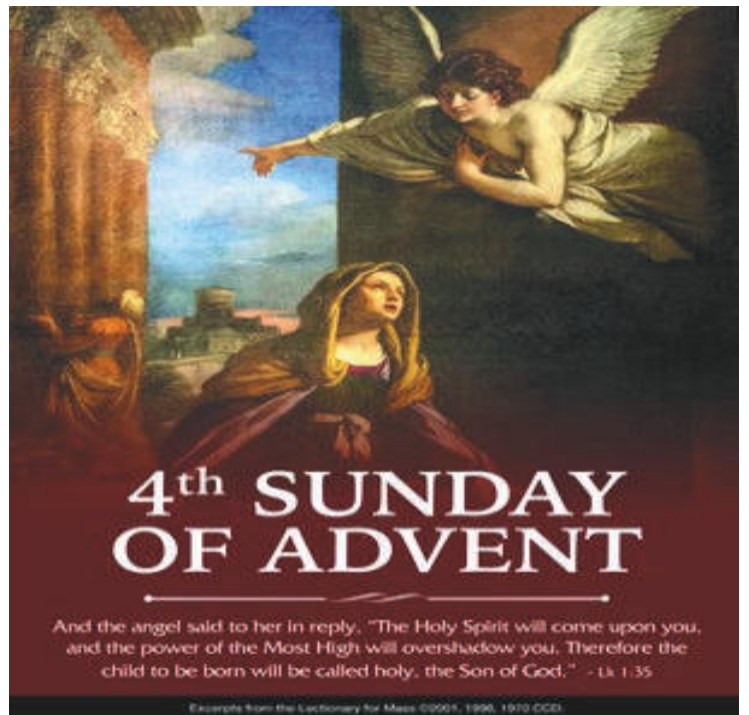
Margaret Fitzgerald, Music Ministry Leader

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 19

5:00 p.m. Edward Cull

Req. by Denis & Judy Larkin

Sunday, December 20

8:30a.m. Maria das Gracias Gabriel

Req. by her family

10:00 a.m. Edward Leheny

Req. by Eleanor Kirk

Monday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Theresa Critelli

Req. by Fred & Carolyn Critelli

Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Bernice Rosadini

Req. by Todd & Nanci Zimmerman

6:00 p.m. Joseph Fattibini

Req. by Kim G. Buser & family

Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Joe South

Req. by Mom & Dad

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Edward Cull Jr.

Req. by Kim & Karen

Week of December 26 & 27

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

E.M.'s R. Toscano, S. Guagenti

Greeters

Lector S. Hoose

Usher J. O'Donnell

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

E.M.'s S. Keaney, B. Urso

Greeters

Lector A. Brandorff

Usher J. Klous/T. Sweeney

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

E.M.'s G. Urso, L. Ross

Greeters

Lector A. Beary

Usher R. Portelance

Readings for week of December 19 & 20

2020 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16, Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27,29, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

This is it! Our Last collection weekend of 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.



Last Call to Keep Christ in Christmas!

There is still time to enter your poster. Deadline for all posters is December 20th. Please leave posters in the back of the Church; they will be picked up after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Good Luck! Thank you for helping us KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Our Lady of the Lakes Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. -

December 25

10:00 a.m.

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t. Francis Xavier Mass Schedule

December 24

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 12 Midnight

December 25

10:00 a.m.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

If you have not registered your child for the upcoming year



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.



Our Giving Tree was again a huge success. Thank you to our parish family who made this holiday special for so many in need. Your generosity was spread across three different agencies. During these uncertain times it was even more special to see a giving spirit.

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.

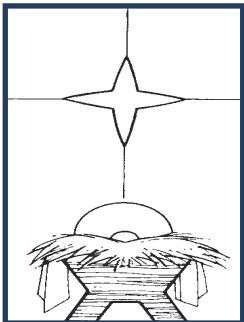
This Christmas and always, may we embrace Your wonderful gifts with courage and conviction. In so doing, we will also be embracing Your greatest gift to us,

Your Son, the Prince of Peace!

Amen

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.



The Parish office and Office of Religious Education will be closed from Tuesday, December 22 and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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Psalm 91: 4
John 11: 25
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