



# 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

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## PASTOR

Rev. Gerald H. Dziedzic

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Chacko Kumplam

## PARISH STAFF

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

Kim G. Buser, Secretary

Beryl Gribbin, Bookkeeper

Karen O'Donnell, Director of Religious Ed.

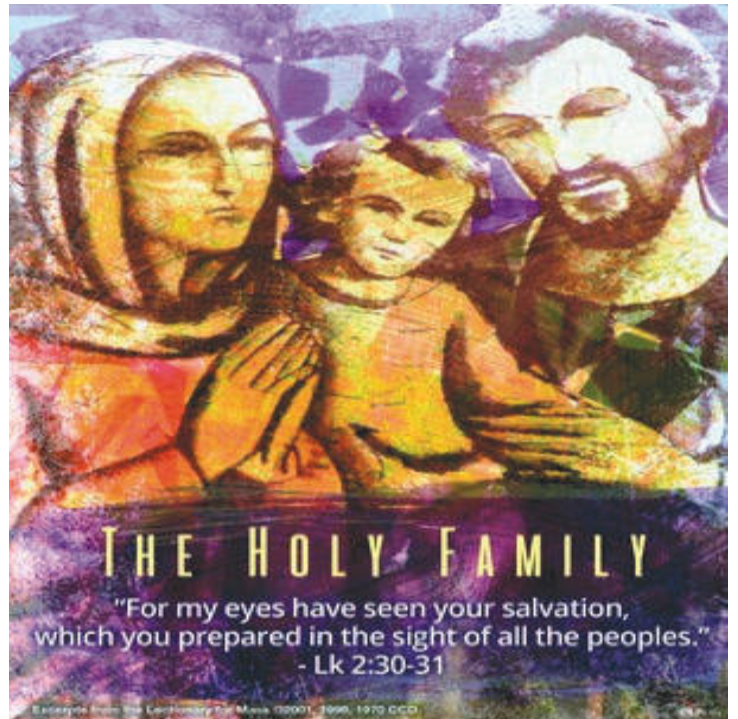
Margaret Fitzgerald, Music Ministry Leader

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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Altar Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event. Call the parish office at (860)354-5239 to check availability of a date for 2021.

Our offertory for the weekend of: December 12/13, 2020 was \$1,321. Thank you to all our parish families for their support during these difficult times.

**Readings for week of December 26 & 27 2020:** Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3, Psalm 105:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9, Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19, Luke 2:22-40

**Saturday, December 26**

**5:00 p.m.** Edward Cull  
Req. by Kim & Karen

**Sunday, December 27**

**8:30a.m.** Frances McStravkk  
Req. by Denis & Judy Larkin  
**10:00 a.m.** Donato Quintiliani  
Req. by his wife

**Monday, December 28**

**9:00 a.m.** Antionette Apruzzese  
Req. by Mary Apruzzese & family

**Thursday, December 31**

**5:00 p.m.** Edward Howe  
Req. by Tom & Ruth Sweeney

**Friday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary**

**10:00 a.m.** For the people of Our Lady of the Lakes

**Saturday, January 2**

**5:00 p.m.** Edward Cull Jr.  
Req. by Ralph & Noreen Toscano

**Week of January 2 & 3**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**

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

Lector T. Sheehan

Usher J. O'Donnell

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.**

E.M.'s C. Bellagamba, J. Hickey  
Greeters

Lector C. Brandorff

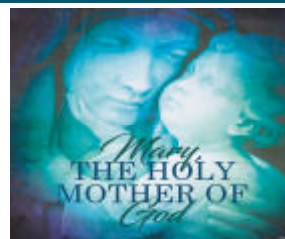
Usher J. Klous/T. Sweeney

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

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

Lector L. Ross

Usher M. Barberio



Solemnity of Mary  
January 1st

Mass times for the  
Holy Day of Obligation are:  
Dec 31st Vigil—5:00 pm  
January 1st—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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



### “We Three Kings”: Wise Men Indeed!”

Who were these guys? Were they kings? Were they astrologers? Were they simply very smart people? The Gospels don't tell us much, except that they weren't Jews, they were Gentiles and they brought three gifts: Gold; a gift given to a king by a king, for it was a symbol of royalty. Frankincense, the finest incense, which was something used then and now by the High Priest, for sacrifice. Giving it to Jesus meant they recognized Him as the 'High Priest'. The third gift was Myrrh which was something used to embalm bodies for burial. To be sure, an unusual gift to give a baby. Mary and Joseph must have wondered about that gift!

We learned their names not from the Bible, but from folklore. They are Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. The fact that they came from “far off lands”, shows the depth and scope of the “Good News” proclaimed by the angels. They were followers of the Persian Zarathustra and were used to ‘miraculous events’. They were watchers of “all things in the heavens above”, so they made their journey following a star until they found “The Star” to end all stars! Traditionally, we celebrate Epiphany on the 12th Day of Christmas; for the convenience of the people, Epiphany has been moved to the



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



Loving God,  
with Christmas joy we praise you  
for the year gone by and for the  
year we have begun.  
Your Son comes among us to  
bring glad tidings and proclaim  
a year of mercy and grace  
for all the world.  
Strengthen us to follow you  
more closely during this coming year.  
Amen.

### 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 please call the office.

### 2020 Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2020 contributions for tax purposes, please call the office at (860)354-5239. If it is after regular business hours, you may leave a message on the answering machine or email your request to [ourladyofthelakes@aohct.org](mailto:ourladyofthelakes@aohct.org). Please note: only registered parishioners who use the envelopes or checks can receive this letter.

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

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