

OUR LADY OF LAKE CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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May 26, 2025| SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Mission

We are called by Christ to **INVITE** everyone to **LIVE** the Gospel as we **JOURNEY** together in faith towards God

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Sat. 5:30pm (Vigil) Sun. 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon—Fri. 7:00am, 12:00pm Sat. 9:00am

Sacraments

Reconciliation Sat. 12:00pm - 1:00pm or by appointment

Marriage

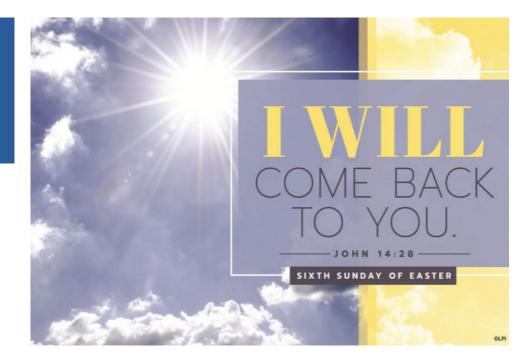
Contact the Parish Office to arrange a date one year prior to the wedding for ample preparation.

Sacraments of Healing

Please notify the Parish Office if someone is ill at home or in the hospital.

Membership

All are welcome to join our Parish Family. Parish policy requires registration to participate in Baptism, Marriage, Sponsorship, and Religion Classes. The Registration Form can be found on our parish website. Please notify the Parish Office when change of address or move occurs.



OUR STAFF

Pastor

Very Rev. Peter G. Wehrle, V.F.

Pastor Emeritus Rev. Michael A. Hanly

In Residence Rev. Jerome Arthasseril

Deacons Deacon Paul H. Pak Deacon Ralph F. Powell

Pastoral Council Elizabeth Ward

Trustees Ana Flores Douglas Huber

School Principal Thomas Conroy **Business Manager and Safe Environment Coordinator** Barbara Yeates

Director of Sacred Music John Romeri, Interim

Cantors Michael Alworth Tee Crincoli Samantha Lax Zachary Morehouse

OCIA Deacon Paul Pak

Parish Secretary Paula Leo

Building and Grounds Anthony Benenati



COMPASSION

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. May 24	St. Vincent of Porto
9:00pm Robert Topolski	
5:30pm The People of the P	arish
Sun. May 25	6 th Sunday of Easter
7:30am Cindy Nausid	
9:00am Seth and Susan John	nson
10:30am Elaine Shaffer	
12:00pm The Bove Family	
Mon. May 26	St Philip Neri
9:00am Jean and John Dong	ofreo
Tues. May 27 S	St. Augustine of Canterbury
No Masses	
Wed. May 28	St. Margaret Pole
No Masses	č
Thu. May 29	Pope St. Paul VI
No Masses	*
Fri. May 30	St. Joan of Arc
7:00am Alfredo Gonnelli	J.
12:00pm Donald Mattucci	
	ion of Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00am Barbara Anello	,
5:30pm Santos Fernandez	
Sun. June 01	The Ascension of the Lord
7:30am The People of the P	
9:00am Richard Marino	
10:30am Kathyrn Snogans	
12:00pm John Steven Staffor	ď
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MEMORIALS

Wine and Hosts

Sanctuary Lamp

Altar Candles

MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note that because the Priests Convocation of the Archdiocese of Newark, there are no daily Masses celebrated on Tuesday—Thursday. Deacon Paul will lead a Eucharistic Service on those days at 7:00am.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.



- Sick: Fy Alzadon, Gary Colangelo, Paul Grimes, Taylor McGee, Angelo Pomarico, Carol Wronka
- Deceased: Mary Catena, Edward Riley
- Military: Luke Adelhelm, Walter Kolojski, James Hopp, Matthew Martin, Andrew McPhail, Daniel Noyes

The sick will be listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks. You may call and have them placed back on the list thereafter. Those in the military will be listed for 6 months and can be renewed if service continues.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	Acts 15:1-29/Ps 67:2-8/Rv 21:10-23/Jn 14:23-29
Mon:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-9/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tues:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wed:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thur:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20
Fri:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
Sat:	Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56
Sun:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-9/Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53

STEWARDSHIP

Week of May 11, 2025	
Weekly Offering: Envelopes	\$3,492
Weekly Offering: Online Giving	\$4,172
Grounds & Maintenance	\$6,848
Mother's Day Offering	\$2,618

Thank you for your continued support!

Future Collections:	06/15	Grounds and Maintenance
	06/29	Peter's Pence

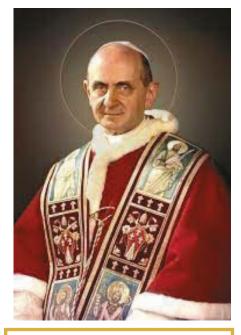
ONLINE GIVING

Access ParishSoft Giving at <u>giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ollverona</u>, Click the "Sign In" tab and then "Create One" to create your own personal account. Here, you will be able to manage all your contributions to your parish.

UNITY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FORMED.org

This week we celebrate the feast of Pope St. Paul VI who served the Church from 1963 until his death in 1978. This was a turbulent time in world. Paul VI: the The Misunderstood Pope is an hour long video seeks to place him in the context of history. The documentary film rediscovers a Pope whose holiness is now recognized by the Church since his canonization in 2018 by Pope Francis. Take some time to learn about this 20th century saint. If you have not already signed up for your free membership courtesy of OLL, simply follow these simple steps:

- 1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2. Select your parish (use zip code)
- 3. Choose "I am a parishioner"
- 4. Register with name and email

Check that email account for a link to begin all the great content on FORMED for you and your family. You can even download their free app for your phone in the Android or Google app store.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: How many scripture passages from the Bible are usually read during each Mass?

From the Pastor's Desk

UNICO is the largest Italian American service organization in the US. This past Tuesday, the Verona chapter invited me to a presentation at our local public library. Msgr. Bruno Fasani spoke about his work as the director of the Chapter Library in Verona, Italy. Established in the fifth century, it is the oldest library in continuous use in the world. In the years following 312 when the Roman Emperor Constantine allowed Christianity to be legally worshiped, metropolitan churches formed collections of books for the use of the clergy. The "Biblioteca Capitolare" contains many ancient books and manuscripts that have survived the trials of time. This included a direct hit by a bomb during WWII that completely destroyed the building. Fortunately, most of the precious collection had been previously removed for safety.

This incredible institution is a testament to the work that people have done to pass the faith on to us today. We are blessed that we have such easy access to information in this digital age. Sometimes we forget how we have received the Word of God. In the Acts of the Apostles, which we read during the Easter season, we hear of the work of the disciples to spread the Gospel message that they received from Jesus. Beginning with the oral tradition, scribes eventually put words on a page so that we today can know what Our Lord said to His disciples and through them, to us.

This weekend, we hear of His promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit to serve as our Advocate before God. While Jesus prepares to ascend to Heaven, He assures the disciples and us that He is with us always. Today, we are blessed to be able to hear His Word proclaimed to us and to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist as strength for the journey. Take a moment to pray for all the people who brought the Good News from Jesus' lips to our ears.

Pax et bonum

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday Natalie Iris Cestaro received new life through the living waters as well as the graces of the Holy Spirit during their Baptism. Natalie is the daughter of Marc and



Kelly Cestaro and the little sister to Caroline and Jack. Congratulations to the newest members of our parish! Please keep her and her family in your prayers!

6TH GUNDAY OF EASTER



A: Four

MISSION





VACATION TIME

Is the open road calling you this summer? Are you headed out to explore the country? Don't forget about us while you're away! We now accept ApplePay, GooglePay, PayPal

and Venmo! Visit giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ ollverona before you hit the road, and sign up for our online giving program through ParishSoft eGiving.

AND THE WINNER IS

Last week, we pulled the winning ticket for the month of May in our Calendar Raffle. It was ticket #13 belonging to Camille Criscuolo! Congratulations, you are the newest \$700 winner!

WE ARE HIS WITNESSES

Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey! So far, 165 people from the parish have completed the DMI since the launch on DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX 4/26. The Archdiocese of Newark is



working on a pastoral plan involving all Catholic institutions in these 4 counties of northern NJ called "We are His Witnesses." The information gathered through the survey is essential in helping Our Lady of the Lake assess our greatest strengths and opportunities - so that our parish can thrive! If you're a parishioner over the age of 18, please take the DMI survey today! We need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ. This survey will be active until this Sunday, 5/25. You can access the DMI via our website or from Fr. Peter's weekly email. Paper copies are available at the parish office.



2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2025 Annual Appeal is well underway. Congratulations, we have surpassed our parish goal of \$74,089! So far, 197 families from Our Lady of the Lake have pledged \$80,517. In 2024, 209 donors gave \$88,111. Let's see if we can surpass the number of donors this

year. Because we surpassed last year's goal by 6/30/24, our assessment to the Archdiocese was reduced by 2% or \$13,290. We also received a rebate of \$16,853. In addition to helping the Archdiocese fund countless charitable projects, Catholic schools and educate future priests, we received \$30,000 back here in the parish. Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Appeal. To make your pledge today visit: RCAN.org/ sharing. Pledge envelopes can also be put in with the collection at any time.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

After the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 1st, the Welcome Ministry will be hosting coffee and donuts outside the Church by the ramp entrance (weather permittingshould it rain it will take place in the School Cafeteria). So, instead of rushing off to your car, why not come and spend a



few minutes getting to know those who you worship with at Mass. After all this is your parish family – come join us!



CONVOCATION

Joseph Cardinal Tobin has called for a convocation of all the priests of the Archdiocese of Newark from Monday, 5/26—Thursday, 5/29. This will offer the over 400 priests to gather for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. One of the major topics for discussion is how the

Catholic Church can be best positioned for the future here in the Archdiocese of Newark. Please pray for the priests as they pray for you.

FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year has begun and current families should have received an important email this past week containing the form. Our parish program begins in grade 1 and runs through grade 9. In grade



2, students prepare for and receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion. The Sacrament of Confirmation is received in grade 9. Our goal is to assist the parents in teaching the faith to their children. Parents are the primary teachers for their children. As partners with you, we will assist the parents in the task of laying a solid foundation, encouraging spiritual growth, fostering discipleship and helping your children to develop a lasting relationship with God. The class options this coming year are as follows:

Grades 1-8	Beginnir	ıg in September
Grades 1—4:	Sunday	10:00am—11:15am <u>OR</u>
	Monday	3:45pm—5:00pm
Grades 5—8:	Sunday	10:00am—11:15am OR
		3:45pm—5:00pm
Grade 9	Once a n	nonth beginning in October
Group A:		8:45am—11:00am <u>OR</u>
Group B:	Sunday	10:45—1:00pm

You can find the registration form on the website -OLLVerona.org or by visiting the Parish Office.

MERCY



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun. 05/25 1:00pm OCIA

(PC Conf. Rm)

Mon. 05/26 Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed Tues. 05/27

Wed. 05/28

7:00pm Outreach Committee Mt	g. (PC Conf. Rm)
7:00pm Men's Bereavement	(PC Living Rm)
7:00pm Patriotic Rosary	(Church)
Γhu 05/29	

Fri.	05/30

05/31

12:00pm Confessions	(Church)
Sun. 06/01	

9:00pm Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church) 11:30am Coffee and Donuts (Ramp Entrance)

UPCOMING...

- New Altar Server Training 06/02
- 06/03 Pastoral Council Meeting
- 06/05 Knights of Columbus
- 1st Friday Holy Hour 06/06
- Respect Life Meeting 06/09



ALTAR SERVERS

Becoming an altar server offers a unique opportunity to participate deeply in the Mass, strengthen one's faith, and develop valuable life skills like teamwork, leadership, and responsibility. We are looking for

dedicated people who are interested in serving God and the parish community. This ministry is open to anyone who will be entering 5^{th} grade in September and older. There will be a introductory meeting on Monday, 6/2 at 3:30pm in the church to begin the training. If you are interested in joining us, please email Fr. Peter at Pastor@OLLVerona.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY		
Prelude	Trumpet Tune—Carter	
Opening Hymn	#806	
Sprinkling Rite	#391	
Gloria	#399 Carroll Andrews	
Readings	#1179	
Gospel Accl.	Good News Acclamation—Chepponis	
Offertory	#646 Come Down, O Love Divine	
Euch. Accl.	#259, 262, 266	
Lamb of God	#268	
Communion	#1025 Take and Eat	
Recessional	#608 Christ the Lord is Risen Today	
Postlude	Fanfare - William Mathias	
Choir	I Will Not Leave You Comfortless—Titcomb If Ye Love Me—Tallis	

WELCOME WEEKEND

The weekend of May 31-June 1 is our next "Welcome Weekend" where there will be Greeters at most of the doors of the church at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday. A greeter is usually the first-person visitors and parishioners meet when they enter the SPECCEPS church. Greeters set the mood and spirit for



those who have come to worship. For this weekend, we are in need of parishioners who would like to volunteer to be a Greeter at either the 7:30am or 12:00 noon Masses. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish office.

WELCOME BACK

Next weekend we will welcome Rev. Sebastian Anthonysamy to Our Lady of the Lake. He will be with us for the months of June and July. Fr. Sebastian is a priest of the Diocese of Kumbakonam in the Tamil Nadu region of India. He is looking forward to returning and spending time with us here in Verona this summer.





In celebration of Memorial Day, our parish offices will be closed on Monday, 5/26 and will reopen on Tuesday morning, 5/27 at 9:00am.

As we pause for this unofficial beginning of the summer season, please take a moment to prav for and remember all those men and women who offered their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice is the reason for our freedom.!

COMMUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY

It is a good idea to review a few important points about what we celebrate as Catholics and how we do it through the liturgy. If you have any questions about the liturgy or the Church that you would like addressed, please send them to Fr. Peter at Pastor@OLLVerona.org.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A CATHOLIC?

This is a question that many of us don't really think about because it just happened. At least, that the way it was for those whom we refer to as "cradle Catholics." Our parents and godparents brought us to the local parish and had us baptized. Voilà, we were Catholic! We then went through either a Catholic school or the Religious Education program and over the course of the years, we received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

For those who were not welcomed into the Church through baptism before the age of 7 (what we consider the "age of reason,") the process is somewhat different. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process through which adults seek to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. They may either seek baptism, if they were baptized in another Christian denomination and desire to convert to Catholicism or are Catholics who never completed the Sacraments of Initiation: Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. These individuals gather to learn about the faith over the course of 2 years and eventually then complete their initiation. Their learning consists of 5 stages; inquiry, catechumenate, purification, illumination and mystagogy. The inquiry phase is a period learning about the Church and her teaching. The catechuminate phase offered deeper study and preparation. Coinciding with the season of Lent, purification and illumination are characterized by reflection and prayer. The final stage, mystagogy, takes place after the celebration of the sacraments and involves ongoing formation and integration into the life of the Church.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church or completing their sacraments of initiation, please contact the parish office so that you can begin the journey with us.



SEALED BY THE SPIRIT

Last weekend at the noon Mass, 10 individuals were welcomed into full communion in the Catholic Church. Baptized in the Methodist Church, Judy Sybist was welcomed into the Catholic Church. Nine others completed their Sacraments of Initiation: Dominick Allen, Jacqueline Allen, Nicole Booth, Anthony Cagno, Kimberly Cano, Selena Caraballo, Vincent Ciulla, Emily Ferrara and Joseph Iovine. Congratulations to these parishioners on this great milestone in their faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on the pathway to Christ.

THE PIPE ORGAN

One of the sad facts is that there are many churches that no longer use their pipe organ. Some of these institutions have closed while many others have opted to bring their musical accompaniment in another direction. The Organ Clearing House was founded in 1961 by Alan Laufman who had a great devotion to the historic American pipe organ. Over the decades, the company has facilitated the relocation of more than 2,000 pipe organs. They seek to help churches, schools and private individuals acquire high-guality vintage pipe organs, preserve venerable instruments from abandonment or descruction and also champion the heritage of America pipe organ building. Of course, an instrument of this nature cannot just be delivered to a church. It is an involved project that requires many individuals who will then work to be able to prepare the space to receive the instrument, make any necessary repairs to the pipework and



other mechanisms, upgrade the electrical systems as well as integrate new technologies. One of the instruments that we are exploring for possible installation is available through the Organ Clearing House. It is a 1984 instrument built by the Goulding &Wood company in Indiana. They built it for the First United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, IN. When the church building was sold to Perdue University, Goulding & Wood went back in and packed it up for storage until the parish decided how it would move forward. They eventually decided that they were going in a different musical direction and have decided to sell it so that it could be used and loved in a new home. Representatives from the Goulding & Wood firm will be coming out to Verona in the coming weeks to inspect our site and see if it would be a good fit for our use. They would also help us to be able to integrate some of our Peragallo organ into the design.



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