



St. Mary of the Lake Church

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December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

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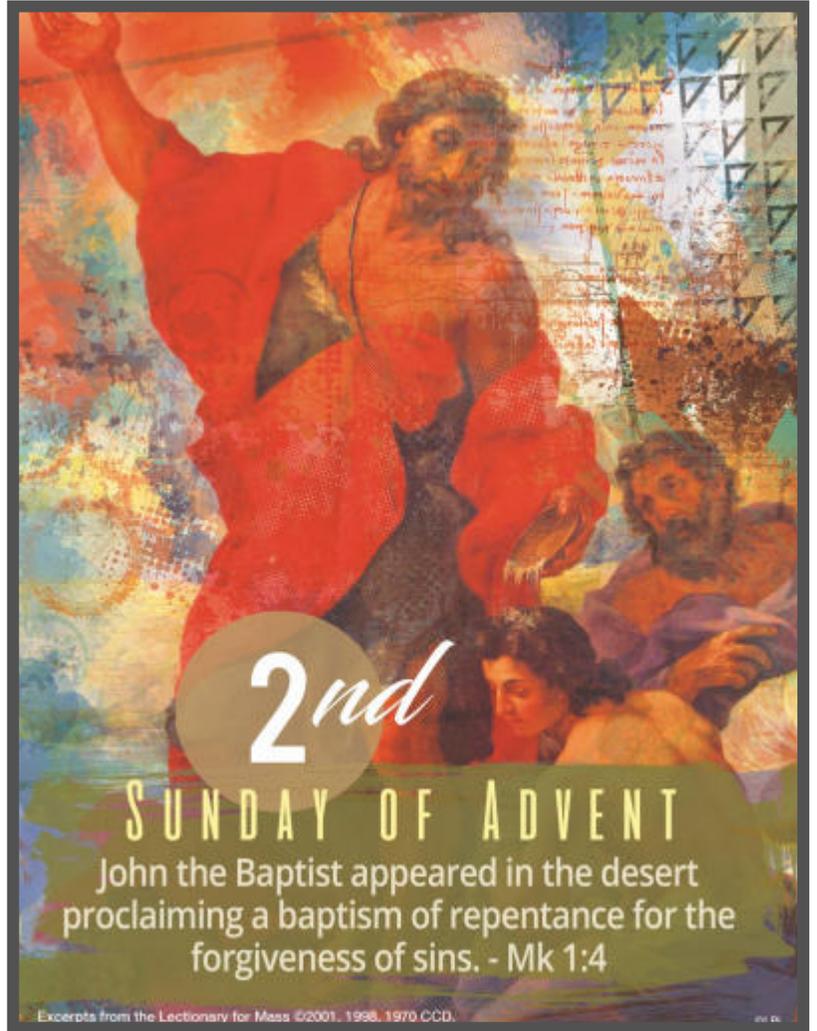
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Daily & Holydays:
See Bulletin

Reconciliation each Saturday at 3:15 p.m.
or by appointment

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of St. Mary of the Lake Church is to be a welcoming, vibrant community, living the gospel of Jesus through loving service, while sharing our Catholic faith with future generations.

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Parish Penance Service

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the desire to keep crowds from getting too big, our annual "Combined" Advent Penance Service with SMOL and JPII Church has been cancelled. However, Fr. Ted will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 8 (before the 7 pm Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception). He is also available every Saturday from 3:15 to 4 pm or by appointment (Just call the parish office). Please note: Confessions are conducted in the side chapel on the Lake Shore Road side of the church and not in the Reconciliation Chapel due to Covid 19.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Tuesday, Dec 8th. The Masses that day are at 8:15 am and 7:00 pm. In addition, the Vigil Mass is on Monday, Dec 7th.

Annual

"Decorate the Church (for Christmas)" Party

Although Christmas decorations will be slightly more subdued and simplified this year, our annual "Decorate the Church Party" will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 12 noon to 3 pm. Volunteers will be needed so please consider helping even for just an hour or two.

Mass on our website

Please help us get the word out that (taped) Mass is offered on our parish website:
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A Note About Collections

Mail in your envelopes

We have established regular office hours and all correspondence should be sent to 4737 Lake Shore Road

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*stop by the Parish Office from 9 am to 1 pm
(4737 Lake Shore Road) or...*

*the Residence **anytime***

(4857 Kennison Pkwy, Norton side door has a mail slot)

Or join our "Electronic Giving" program

*Call the office (627-3123) or go to our Website
(smolparish.org)*



Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon, December 7: (5:30 pm)

Marie Guise, by Bill & Dee Curran

Tues, Dec 8: *The Immaculate Conception of The Virgin Mary*

8:15 am—Renee Foley, by Family

7:00 pm—William Rowe, by Family

Wed, December 9: Timothy Irvin, by Family

Thu, December 10: Tony Weiss, by Family

Sat, December 12: Nancy Guida, by Family

Sunday, December 13:

9 am: David Mietus, by John C. Shelly McKendry

11 am: Kubisty Family, by Family

Please remember in your prayers:

Paul Podsiadlo, Kevin Johns, Reagan Lombardi, Sharon Shedler and Lacy Marie Yerge, and those who have nobody to pray for them. Pray also for those are sick with or who have died from the Coronavirus. May all who suffer disease and illness be united in strength with the grace of God's ending, healing love.

Pastors Corner

It just doesn't seem like Advent until John the Baptist makes his bold appearance! With his dramatic call to change, he really sounds the alarm as only he can. We begin the Season of Advent prayerfully; but St John calls us to look outside ourselves, to prepare for the Lord by bringing those around us to an encounter with Jesus. This Advent Season, we can take some time to talk to family, friends, and co-workers about the true meaning of Christmas. It could be a very small action or simple word from us that opens someone's heart. Don't be afraid to be a witness for Christ. Due to COVID19 restrictions, we have decided not to have a "combined" Parish Penance Service as in the past; however, Tuesday, Dec 8 is the evening we have set aside at the parish for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, before the 7pm Mass for the Feast of Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. I Hope you will stop by and "prepare" by celebrating the Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness. Please note also that the vigil mass for the feast day is not 7 pm, but 5:30 pm Monday, December 7 (at the regularly scheduled time). I am also available every Saturday for the regularly scheduled confessions from 3:15 to 4pm or by appointment (just give me a call at the office anytime).



The readings this Sunday are:

Isaiah, Chapter 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter, Chapter 3:8-14

Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1:1-8

Following Advent 2020

Sun, December 6- At sundown tonight, light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Mark 1:1-8

Mon, December 7- St. Nicholas was a generous man and a courageous bishop. Today, make at least one generous act of love in his honor.

Tues, December 8- The feast of the immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's freedom from original sin. Attend or stream mass and pray a rosary.

Wed, December 9- Today , let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego. He never gave up, placing his trust in Jesus and his Mother.

Thur. December 10- In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love.

Fri, December 11- Buy Christmas gifts from merchants that carry "fair trade" items to support workers in developing countries

Sat, December 12- To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.



Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you called us to be your people , to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways

That will lead us, your people, to you continue that journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with clarity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send us your spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves renew our church.

This we ask in Jesus' name

In addition to our taped Masses at St. Mary of the Lake, Sunday and weekday Masses are being streamed from the following sources.

Look up your parish website for information regarding their own live streaming schedule. If you are looking to live stream your Masses to the faithful of your parish, USCCB has shared some tips on best practices, as well as how to take advantage of your Facebook page and use Facebook Live for live streaming.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church

Livestream feed: <https://nt-olc.org/live-stream/>

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8 am

St. Amelia Church

Livestream feed: [Youtube Channel](#)

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sat: 4:30 pm

St. Leo the Great

Livestream link: stleotheadamherst.com/about-st-leo-the-great/live-feed/

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

St. Gregory the Great

Livestream link: stgregs.org/live-stream

Daily: 7:00 am, 8:00 am and Noon

Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, & 4:30 pm

St. Martha Parish

Livestream link: stmarthadepew.org/About-Us/Livestream

Daily: 8:15 am

Saturday: 8:15 am and 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am and 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Pompeii

Livestream link: olpparish.com/live-streaming-massevent-videos.html

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am

SS. Columba Brigid

Livestream link: <https://livestream.com/accounts/2315534>

Sunday: 9:00 am (Spanish) and 11:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Holy Family

Livestream link: <http://www.holyfamilyalbion.com/livestream.html>

Direct link: <https://livestream.com/accounts/13498042>

Sunday: 10:30 am

St. Francis

Livestream feed: stfrancischurch.us and click on livestream

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:30 am, and 6 pm

Monday-Friday: 8 am



A Prayer To End to the Pandemic:

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that
afflicts our world,
that our God and Father will heal the sick,
strengthen those who care for them
and help us all to persevere in faith.

Almighty and merciful God,
Source of all life, health and healing,
Look with compassion on our world, brought
low by disease;
protect us in the midst of the grave
challenges that assail us
and in your fatherly providence
grant recovery to the stricken,
strength to those who care for them,
And success to those working to eradicate this
scourge.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Address

Now that we have re-established regular office hours (9 am to 1 pm, Mon-Thu), you can send any correspondence to the Parish (Center) Office (*which is in the old school building*):

St. Mary of the Lake Church

(old school building)

4737 Lake Shore Road.

Hamburg, New York 14075

Our Lady Fatima Shrine

The Friday Morning Communion Service will resume in December in the morning at 8:15 am.

The Society of Vincent de Paul

These are very difficult times for all, are you or anyone you know struggling to feed your families? Do you know of someone who could use a helping hand? Our SVDP Conference here at St. Mary may be able to help out anyone living in the Hamburg, Lake View, Blasdell area. Our help is limited and is for only a short time period. If you are interested call our parish office at 716-627-3123, leave your name, address, & phone number . One of our team members from SVDP will contact you to discuss your situation. All personal information received is treated with respect and confidentiality! We have no income guidelines and all are encouraged to call in. Neighbors helping neighbors.



Pennies From Heaven

We are happy to accept any change/donations into our Pennies From Heaven donation container located on the table in the Gathering Space. If you throw your loose change into containers at home and they are just taking up space, we would be happy to accept those donations at our offices as well. We will utilize all amounts collected to help us defer the cost of snow removal this winter.

will be celebrating its 30th annual Festival of lights starting Saturday ,November 21, 2020 COVID related limitations have impacted how we gather the faithful together in 2020. Much of the displays will be outside. To conserve costs we have altered our schedule. In early December, the Festival of Lights will only be lit Friday through Sunday evening. The lights will be on every night for the opening week of the Festival and the weeks of Christmas and New Year's



Congrats!

From among the young men of our parish who elected to pursue their college preparatory Catholic education at Canisius High School, ***Christopher Huddy, Andrew Armstrong, and Eric Geisler*** have achieved the honor roll in the first quarter. We are proud of their hard work and achievements in high school.

Our Famous Fall Flea Market

Our Famous Fall Flea Market is back!
The next fleamarket is
December 12

Other upcoming dates are 1/16, 2/6, 2/27, 3/27, 4/10 from 9 AM to 3 PM. At St Mary's of The Lake.

For more information please contact Janice Misuraca at (716) 627-3619 or ourfamousfleamarket@gmail.com

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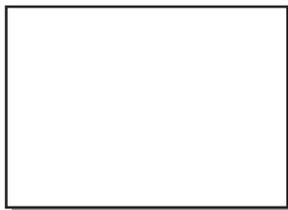
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