

Our Lady of the Lake

Parish Family

All are welcome

**224 Sheep Pasture Road
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Pastor: Rev. Henry L. Dorsch

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**Tel: 569-0161- email: OLLake7@aol.com - Best rectory
office hours Thurs 9 am-noon & Fridays 8 am to 4 pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:15-4:45; Sundays and Thursdays after evening Mass and by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:

Sundays at 11:15 am. A pre-baptismal meeting for parents and godparents is arranged. Contact the pastor.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Celebrated with Grade 2 in May. Candidates are expected to be first enrolled in grade one.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation begins during high school years and is celebrated in the spring of grade 11. Adult requests, contact the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony

There are preparatory stages leading up to the wedding date. Arrangements should be made up to a year in advance. Contact pastor for an appointment.

Soup Kitchen Outreach:

2nd Tues. of mo. – Sign-up sheets in south side vestibule

AA Meeting: Wed @ 7:30 pm
Fr. Shea Hall

Knights of Columbus #11178

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:15 pm

Parish Council : Maxine Matos,
Chairperson

Praise & Worship Group meets
the 1st **Tuesdays @**
7 pm in the Marian Hall.

Sacrament of Anointing

of the Sick: Anyone with a potentially life-threatening serious condition or serious surgery can be a recipient. Please do not hesitate to call the pastor.

Home and Hospital Visits

Deacon David oversees this ministry. Call 539-0486

Prayer Line:

Diana at (413) 569-3718 or email intentions to:
myprayerrequest555@gmail.com.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

After Tuesday 8:30 am Mass

St. Jude Novena

After Thursday 6:30 pm Mass

Bethlehem Prayer Group

After Thursday St. Jude Novena

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3 pm followed by Litany, consecration to Sacred Heart and Rosary.

Prayer Cenacle 3rd Tues. 7-8

Marian Cenacle of Prayer

Saturdays 7:30-8:25 am

BIBLE STUDY – Deacon David

Tuesday 9:30-11 am & Home of Deacon Dave Thurs 6:30-8 pm

Religious Ed-See inside bulletin fourth column for ongoing info column



4TH SUNDAY of EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Weekend MASS Schedule:

Saturday May 11TH - 5 pm

Sunday May 12TH– 8am, 10 am & 7 pm

MASS SCHEDULE:

Lord's Day Sat. Vigil 5 pm, Sun. 8, 10 & 7pm
Mon, Tues, 8:30 am Thurs 6:30 pm Fri, 8:30 am
Sat 8:30 am

Liturgy of Word & Communion Wed. 8:30 am
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1st Friday of
the month after a.m. Mass - 5pm**

*If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself
after Mass and arrange to register at the rectory office*

Happy Mother's Day





Deacon David will deliver the homily today

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52 If the message of salvation is a non-discriminating one, so also must be the ministers of that message.

Psalms 100 "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

Revelation 7:9, 14-17 In a world that permits the injustices of a Sudan or a Yemen, or an Ethiopia to continue, the peaceable kingdom will never be realized.

John 10:27-30 The ability to recognize God's voice is a precious gift, perfected not by intellectual acumen but by prayer.

Summary of the Scripture Readings taken from "The Ordo." Know that Jesus is the Lord (Ps), the lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and given them eternal life (2,3). In his name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike. (1).

From the Deacon.....Deacon Dave

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear how the light of salvation reaches out to all who are in darkness and in need. Jew or gentile, rich or poor, the word gathers unto life and joy all would hear and open themselves to its power. all that is required of those who would be saved is an open heart and the ability to recognize the loving voice of the one who calls.

Witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ can be fraught with danger, but we can be assured that we will be victorious if we heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. We hear of Paul and Barnabas' missionary work in Antioch of Pisidia. We see that their message is not well received by some of their Jewish brethren, which provides the context for their declaration that God has sent them to be the light to the Gentiles. Resented and expelled from the region, they move on in joyful confidence that their mission has been inspired by God. A word of caution: we should not take Luke's word as a condemnation of Judaism. Rather he was simply trying to give a reason for why the Good News spread beyond its original boundaries to the rest of the world.

The second Reading provides a commentary on John's vision of great branches, typically used to greet kings returning from battle. An elder informs him the people are the martyrs who endured great persecution. God now shelters them and the Lamb shepherds them.

The image of the sheep and shepherd described in the Gospel remains a cherished image of God's care for us. It also describes the heart of the prayer of contemplation. This intimate encounter with the Lord in prayer is a glimpse of what we hope one day to obtain: to be at peace in the presence of the Good Shepherd. Some suggestions: (1) Share time this week with someone close to you, make sure to set aside distractions, recognizing that our relationships are gifts from God that need careful tending: (2) Spend time in quiet prayer listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd in Psalm 23.

"God's blessings upon our mothers and mother-figures in our lives!"

Your brother, *Deacon Dave*

**4ND SUNDAY OF EASTER-
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

- Saturday May 11th**
5:00 PM HOWARD & MARIA CHEAL, req. by their daughter, Carolyn Laptik
- Sunday May 12th Mother's Day**
8:00 AM ISABEL BABBITT, req. by Keith & Diana David
10:00 AM PARISHIONERS & VISITORS
7:00 PM MARIE O'NEILL, req. by her family
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- Monday May 13th**
8:30 AM TONO HERNANDEZ, req. by David & Karen Waterman
- Tuesday May 14th - St. Mathias**
8:30 AM JEANETTE GOMEZ for a healthy retirement, req. by David & Karen Waterman
- Wednesday May 15th**
8:30 AM Liturgy of Word/Communion Service
- Thursday May 16th**
6:30 PM SIMONE WARD-HORNER, req. by her family
- Friday May 17th**
8:30 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY, req. by Marie Ann & Gary Forni
- Saturday May 18th - St. John**
7:30 AM Marian Prayer Cenacle
8:30 AM Mass-Intention of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5th Sunday of Easter

- Saturday May 18th - St. John**
5:00 PM NANCY ODELL-LIUPAKKA, req. by her mother, Shirley
- Sunday May 19th**
8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & VISITORS
10:00 AM WILLIAM DUFFY, req. by Al & Maxine Matos
7:00 PM DIANE DOIRON, req. by Larry & Martse Talbot

**OFFERTORY FOR WEEKEND
May 4th & May 5th
Reg. Offertory: \$4,622
Improvement Fund: \$480**

Congratulations to the winners of the April Monthly Raffle Club. 1st prize - Marilyn Durken; 2nd prize - Patty Dickinson; and 3rd prize Roland Bouchard.

From your Pastor.....Fr. Henry Dorsch

This weekend I am celebrating my 51st Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood: *May 11, 1968*. I am most grateful to God for the many blessings, good health and assignments I have enjoyed over these fifty-one years and have particularly enjoyed and been blessed with wonderful people in my fifteen plus years [*I arrived November 15, 2003*] here as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake parish. This has been the longest period I have been at any assignment and it has truly been a wonderful faith-based experience. For a couple of years now, I have been considering and praying about the time to leave the pastorate and entering into the retirement phase of my journey of life. I've postponed the date a couple of times. Now I have discerned that the time has come and I now formally announce that I will be stepping down from my pastoral role on June 30, 2019. I am most grateful for the wonderful support I have received from my staff and numerous volunteer workers and the overall support of all parishioners. Together we have worked to upgrade our overall facilities and build a beautiful community spirit. Now, in winding down, I will be working toward a harmonious transition to a newly appointed pastor, not yet known but will eventually be announced. May God bless you all!

Mothers' Day weekend – Saturday, May 11th and Sunday May 12th Rose for Life Drive: The rose is a symbol of love and life. More recently, it has become a symbol of the love of life... life whether vibrant or vulnerable, whether competent or in need of special care, whether born or unborn. Show your love of life by supporting the Rose for Life Drive! All proceeds benefit ProLife work in Massachusetts.

MAY IS THE MONTH WE HONOR OUR MOTHER – MARY: PRAYER CENACLE HONORING MARY. FMI call Darilyn at 569-1614.

St. Mary's Parish School is now enrolling students for our Early Childhood Program to children of all faiths that are three years of age by Sept. 1 and two Pre-K classes for 4 years of age before September 1. Our EC classes have two teachers with a maximum of 15 students. Please call Ms. Juli Jensen-Derrig (568-2388) to schedule a tour.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next Weekends are Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA and Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA. FMI, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

GIANT TAG & RUMMAGE SALE: Holy Trinity Church, 331 Elm St., Westfield **Friday, May 31st from 9 am to 4 pm** and **Saturday, June 1st from 9 am to 3 pm** at the Parish Hall. Please use rear entrance with handicapped accessible ramp from the parking lot to the right of the church.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We congratulate our newly confirmed who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Monday evening with Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski sealing the candidates with chrism with the words: **“Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** Those receiving the Sacrament were:

Emilio Colucci, Evan DeMaio, Xander Fox, Alexandra Grimaldi, Katerina Kavrakis, Ryan Laferriere, Joshua Lis, Marissa Longhi, Andrew Maliszewski, Stephanie Marcil, Emily Martin, Ryan Molta, Gabriela Peterson, Riley Prewett, Devin Sheehan, Claire Stratton, Lauren Sussmann.

Teacher / Aide Meeting for grades K. – 8

On Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30pm in Marian Hall we will have an end of the year meeting with lite refreshments served. Please bring your attendance sheets and your experiences of best practices for the year. It will be a nice time to relax with everyone!

Our Lady of the Lake Church presents ~ "Get Creative Art" VBS, (Vacation Bible School):

July 1st - 3rd from 9:30am - 3pm in Fr. Shea Hall. The fee is \$30 / child for the whole VBS and scholarships are available. Please bring your own lunch (that keeps the cost down) with your name on it, snacks will be provided, and bring a white "T" shirt to paint. Volunteers are needed to help decorate and set up, bake, help with the children grades K - 6 and clean up. Community Service hours are available. Please let us know if you are coming to VBS or volunteering by calling the Faith Formation office at (413) 569 - 0162. Come and learn the Creation story by getting Creative with Art! Lot's of fun for all! Art Ventures for kids from Chicopee will be coming! Check them out at www.artventuresforkids.com.

11-DAY OCTOBER IRELAND TOUR; Information Session Sunday April 28th at 1 pm At St. Theresa's Hall, 9 E. Parkview Dr. S. Hadley, MA 01075. FMI call Kathy (413) 536-9709 or email kgallivan04@gmail.com.

Requesting a Mass is easy to do at any time day or night – 24/7: Please send us an email OLLAKE7@AOL.COM; give us a call at **(413) 569-0161** - leave a message for the secretary. I **will** get back to you. I check the voice messages and emails almost daily. I am in the office on Fridays and if you want to stop by the office, my office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you need me to meet you earlier or later just let me know

OUR MISSION

We, Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church seek to have a living faith in Jesus Christ. Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the gospel, encourage our youth and embrace and welcome everyone in need.

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