

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
5:00 PM "Ziggy" Wesolowski by Ann-Maureen Pliska
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Priscilla Malenfant by William Malenfant
 Suzanne McGuirk (5th Ann.) by her husband
9:45 AM Rita Walsh by the family
 Mary Bartimo by her husband
Baptism: Madeline Polley Weeks
11:30 AM For the People of the Parish
Baptism: Martin Louis Nugai
MONDAY
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
TUESDAY
8:00 AM Norman Sicard by Gloria Piccicuto
ASH WEDNESDAY
6:30 AM Liturgy of the Word
& Distribution of Ashes
Masses at 8 AM, 4:30 PM and 7 PM
THURSDAY 8:00 AM Communion Service
FRIDAY 8:00 AM Communion Service
SATURDAY
5:00 PM Jeanne Desjean by the family
 Galileo & Albina Melina by the family
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Norman Sicard by M/M Christopher Sheppard
9:45 AM Henry Arsenault (22nd Ann.) by the family
11:30 AM Nora Donovan by Liam Haves

COFFEE SHOP will be open after the 8 AM and 9:45 AM Masses. Join us for coffee, donuts and friendship.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN will be celebrated during the 9:45 AM Mass this Sunday. These liturgies are for children five years of age and older.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS for the week are Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:45 AM MASS is provided in the Church Hall for infant or pre-school children. We have both teenage and adult helpers to supervise. No registration necessary.

THE ROSARY is prayed each morning at 7:30 AM before Mass.

PARISH SUPPORT

246 Sunday Envelopes @	\$4,646.00
8 Paid Ahead Envelopes @	\$46.00
59 Make Up Envelopes @	\$941.00
Loose Cash@	\$1,285.50
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$6,918.50
WEEKLY PARISH OVERHEAD (9673.00)	
DEFICIT	(\$2,754.50)
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(\$6,195.88)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity \$500 will be sent to Warmer Winters of Leominster. This organization provides hand made, warm winter garments to local agencies to distribute to those in need.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

The burning candle in front of our Blessed Mother's statue is invoking her intercession for peace throughout the world and for protection of our loved ones serving in the military.



Wednesday, February 25th is Ash Wednesday. The schedule for Mass and distribution of Ashes is as follows:

Mass and Distribution of Ashes: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
 Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes: 6:30 AM
 (Breakfast foods will be available after the 6:30 AM Liturgy in the Parish Family Center Lobby)

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed by all Catholics who are of (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals are not permitted.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

PARISH LENTEN CHARITY

Almsgiving has traditionally been part of the Lenten preparation for Easter. This year, we have chosen to help the Lantern Light, Inc. of New Orleans. Lantern Light serves those who are chronically homeless and those made homeless by Hurricane Katrina. There will be "brick" banks at the entrances to the church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please take a "brick" and fill it with your cash and checks and return them the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 5th. Let us partner together with our gifts of prayer and contributions to help these victims of Hurricane Katrina rebuild their homes. Thank you for your generosity.



First Eucharist Parent Child Gathering will be held this Sunday, Feb. 22nd from 2-4 PM for children and parents who have not already attended a meeting. Each child should be accompanied by a parent who will help them choose their role in the Liturgy, select the time of their liturgy and create their family banner.

All High School Students are invited to take part in this Sunday's Youth Group Activity after the 9:45 Mass; the Great Tube-ing Adventure. Please feel welcome to bring a friend. We will meet in the church hall right after Mass.

First Eucharist Prayer Partners: Names of children who are preparing to receive First Eucharist are available at the back of the church, so parishioners may sign up to serve as a "Prayer Partner". You simply make a commitment to pray for the child and his or her family during this time of preparation for the sacrament of First Eucharist. Once you have signed up, you will be contacted with specific information and a picture of the child you are praying for.



"COME AS YOU ARE"

Our Parish Mission will begin on Sunday, March 8th through Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM each evening. Our speaker will be Sister Maureen Casey, SND.

Our Parish Reconciliation Service will take place on Tuesday, March 10th at 7 PM. This is a wonderful event, a perfect way for all of us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness. It sets a powerful example for our children and other family members to receive reconciliation together.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent at 7 PM and Good Friday, April 10th at 3 PM.



Our Annual Chowder Fest is scheduled for Friday, March 27th from 5-7:30 PM in the church hall. Menu includes Clam, Fish & Corn Chowder, Macaroni & Cheese, corn bread, crackers, bread, coffee, tea & desserts. Entertainment will be provided by our Folk Group.



Because of a rise in incidents of theft, we will be locking the church doors after Mass during the week. Entrance to the

church will be through the Parish Family Center. If you need to use the building during non-business hours, please make prior arrangements by calling the Parish Office. If you encounter a problem during scheduled times, please call the main church number at (978) 342-2978 for assistance. Thank you.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM Beginnings Class
9:45 AM Youth Mass followed by Tube-ing
2-4 PM 1st Eucharist Parent Child Meeting
6-9 PM High School I Class
6:30 – 8:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 12

MONDAY: 4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Grades 1-5
6:45 – 8 PM Rel. Education Grades 6-8

TUESDAY: 4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Grades 1-5
7 PM Folk Group
7:30 PM RCIA

ASH WEDNESDAY: 6:30 AM Liturgy & Ashes
Masses: 8 AM, 4:30 & 7 PM
9:30 AM La Leche
4:15 PM Echoes of Faith
6:30 PM Leominster Cub Scouts
7 PM 12 Steps

THURSDAY: 1 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
7 PM Boy Scouts
7 PM Choir Rehearsal
7 PM Montachusett Singles
7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAY: **7 PM Stations of the Cross**
7:30 PM Al Anon

WANTED! Experienced Bass Guitar Player: Our Lady of the Lake Folk Group is looking for an experienced bass guitar player to perform with the group at Sunday masses. The current schedule has the group singing at two masses per month with other seasonal requirements as needed. If interested, please call Jim or Terry Howland (978) 840-6439.

READ THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

February is Catholic Free Press Month. Our Lady of the Lake has a quota of 185 subscriptions that is assessed to our parish. Please consider subscribing to this Diocesan newspaper today for only \$23.00 per year. You can use the envelopes you received in your monthly packets or you can find envelopes at the doors of the Church.

The Ladies Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 4th at 6 PM for Pizza and Game Night. All are welcome!

FEBRUARY RAFFLE WINNERS

2/10: Mabel Falkins (\$75) 2/11: Andrea Stone (\$100)
2/12: Aimee Perkins (\$75) 2/13: Christine Gabis (\$50)
2/14: John Alatalo (\$200) 2/15: Lauren Sciacca (\$100)

Over 1000 Catholic Men – Young and Old will connect on Saturday, March 28th at the DCU Center Worcester and Experience 5 dynamic speakers guaranteed to Recharge and Energize their Catholic faith! Attend and You will leave with a powerful awareness that God is in control and we Catholics can be Free from the pressures of today's living. For a brochure, further information, or registration, call Ed Sullivan at (978) 537-6553 or David LaLiberty at (978) 537-1134 or email DLaLiberty@remax.net