

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Joe Firmani

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Lawrence Whelan

9:45 AM Max Maxfield

11:30 AM Romeo Pineda
James Bocian

MONDAY

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY

8:00 AM Shawn O'Malley

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

THU. & FRI. 8:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Margaret Gada
Dorothy Frigoletto (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Francis Harding, Sr.
Richard Sparks

9:45 AM Dennis Raspuzzi (8th Anniversary)
Edward & Anne Loughran

11:30 AM Shawn O'Malley
Baptism: James Colt Kerselbach

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 will be 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. The Litany of the BVM is prayed after Mass on Tuesdays, the Rosary for Priests is prayed after Mass on Wednesdays, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed after Communion Service on Thursdays.



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Lk 21:36



"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity \$700 will go towards purchasing the Little Black Lenten books.

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.



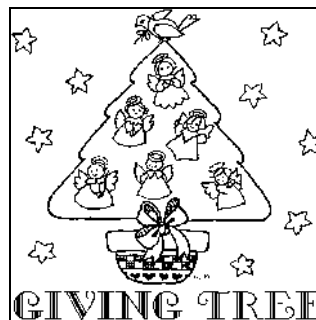
This Sunday at the 9:45 AM Liturgy, we will have the Rite of Welcoming for our RCIA Candidates. This is the first of the celebrations used in the process of leading individuals into full communion with the Church through

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.



"THANKSGIVING FOR ALL": Thanks to the generosity of our Religious Education children for donations, our parish family for turkey gift certificates, food and cash donations, and over 70 pie bakers, we were able to feed over 225 families on Thanksgiving. It was an incredible team effort. Our thanks also go out to Sholan Farms for their donations of apples, and Cumberland Farms for their donation of bread.

Our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LETTER** will be mailed out in early December to every registered family. We have recently updated our parish registration database and ask for your help. If you do not receive this mailing, please call the Parish Office so that we may update our records and ensure that you receive future mailings.



The Giving Tree

As has been our tradition, The Giving Tree is in the sanctuary, loaded with "gift tag" ornaments. We are servicing several agencies of people in need. Everyone has a wish list. This year we have many tags with "wish items" printed on them. If you or your family can

reach out to purchase one of these gifts, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. In order to ensure the gifts get to the families on time, the gifts need to be returned **UNWRAPPED (with the ornament tag attached)** on or before **December 12th and 13th**. Thank you!



Staff Members: Lisa Sciacca *Director of Religious Ed. High School & Youth Ministry*
 Debbie Wood *Grade Level Coordinator Grades 1-5 and Special Needs*
 Michelle Lutter *Grade Level Coordinator Grades 6-8, Beginnings, CLW Kindergarten*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: We welcome Bishop Daniel Reilly as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with thirty three young adults at an 11 AM Liturgy on Saturday, December 5th. Please continue to pray for our confirmandi, that the power of the Holy Spirit will be reflected in each of their lives.

JOIN US!! – in Celebrating “JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON”. Our 1st through 5th grade students will present their beautiful dramatization of the Christmas story during class times (4:15 – 5:15 PM) on Monday and Tuesday, December 14th and 15th, capped by a birthday party celebration in the church hall. After dropping children off at 4:15 PM, parents and friends are invited to find a seat in the church to await the performance. We are still looking for donations of cake frosting or decorations which can be left on the table at the entrance to the Parish Family Center at any time, and especially unfrosted cupcakes which can be dropped off on Sunday, Dec. 13th or before classes on Dec. 14th.

SPECIAL THANKS to all those who baked and sold Kingdom pies, to Theresa and Francis Bastine who donated their homemade fudge, to Sholan Farms who donated apples, and to all those who purchased pies. With your help we were able to raise \$702 to support our Kingdom Assignment project for 6th grade students as well as donate 51 pies for our “Thanksgiving For All” baskets.

YOUTH MINISTRY is looking for adults who have a love of teens and who would like to be a part of a youth ministry adult planning team. This group would be involved in planning and carrying out a program for the high school youth of our parish. Please call the Religious Ed. Office if you are interested.

RELIGIOUS ED. COMMISSION would like to welcome a few new members. The Commission members serve as a support for the Religious Ed. Program, offering feedback and ideas, and helping with events. If you would like more information, please call the Religious Ed. office.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are still in need of a few adults to help with Child Care from November to May during the 9:45 AM Mass each Sunday. Volunteers typically serve once a month. Please call Lisa at (978) 345-7469 if you are interested.

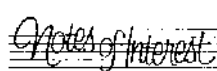
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: All High School Students are invited to take part in the upcoming Youth Group Activities: The Poinsettia Sale, Christmas Caroling, and Christmas Stockings for a retired Sister. Please gather with us this Sunday, November 29th, as we share some lunch and plan for these activities! If you would like more information, or want to reserve a space, please call Lisa at the Religious Ed. Office.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	8:15 AM Peer Retreat Team Meeting 8:30 AM Beginnings Class 9:45 AM Rite of Welcoming/Youth Mass 6-9 PM HS II Class
MONDAY:	4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Gr. 1-5 6:45 – 8 PM Rel. Education Gr. 6-8
TUESDAY:	4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Gr. 1-5 7 PM Folk Group 7:30 PM RCIA
WEDNESDAY:	12:30 PM Women’s Guild Christmas Party 7 PM Compassionate Companions 7 PM Haiti Information Meeting 7 PM 12 Steps 7:30 PM Men’s Spiritual Study Group
THURSDAY:	6 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Lunenburg Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 7 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7 PM N. Leominster Little League
FRIDAY:	7 PM Choir 7:30 PM AI Anon



Our **Helping Hands Ministry** needs your help. We are looking for 2 people who are interested in helping with cleaning the church (vacuuming and sweeping between the pews), from mid-December to mid-May. If you can help on Monday mornings after mass or Sundays after 2 PM, please contact Frank Ricardo at the office.



Mark Your Calendars!
Christmas Concert–January 3rd:

We have been incredibly blessed by God with wonderful liturgical music at Our Lady of the Lake. On Sunday afternoon, January 3rd, the Feast of the Epiphany, at 2 PM, we will have a Christmas Concert with music provided by our five music groups. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together as a Parish Family to celebrate the Christmas Season. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds to benefit a fund for a new sound system. Please join us!

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: We have recently installed a “Pray for our Troops” board in the rear of the church. If you wish to post a picture of a family member/friend who is currently serving in the Armed Forces, please submit a picture (no bigger than 4 x 6) with his/her name, rank and branch of service on the back of the picture to the parish office. For additional information, please contact Debbie Cameron at (978) 534-9319 or debcam729@yahoo.com.

HAITI MISSION TRIP: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Family Center to plan the upcoming trip to Haiti, in February 2010. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Emery Gaudet at (978) 537-1907.

Our Catholic Faith: Adult Catechesis: Come to this new Wednesday evening group from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Topics of discussion include the Liturgy, Sacraments, Mary, Saints, Catholic Beliefs and Practices and anything else you want to know about the Catholic faith. For more information, please call Cynthia @ (978) 621-9742.