

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
5:00 PM Maurice Thibeau
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Catherine Soucy (24th Anniversary)
 John Shaver (3rd Anniversary)
9:45 AM Theresa Beauchene
 Nancy & Joseph Hickey
Baptism: Joshua Connor Walls
11:30 AM Sister Claire Francis Pelletier
 Jenna Normandin (10th Anniversary)
MONDAY
8:00 AM Ann Margaret Carey
TUESDAY
8:00 AM Helen Grillo
WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM Chester Pliska (14th Anniversary)
THURSDAY **10:00 AM** **Holy Day Mass**
FRI. **8:00 AM** **Communion Service**
SATURDAY
5:00 PM Norman Sicard (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Richard Sparks
9:45 AM Deceased members of the Hickey Family
11:30 AM Beatrice Walton (1st Anniversary)
 Helen Grillo

COFFEE SHOP will be closed this weekend. We will resume on January 3rd.

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 Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM. We are closed on Thursday and Friday for the holiday.

BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:45 AM MASS is closed this weekend. We will resume babysitting on January 3rd.

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.



Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. - Lk 2:49-50



The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity 10% of the collection from Sunday, December 20th will be used 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.

HOLY DAY: Friday, January 1, 2010 is the Feast of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and a Holy Day. Mass will be at 10 AM. There will be no vigil Mass.



FROM THE PASTOR

On behalf of our entire parish family, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas Liturgies so inspiring. To the choir, the various folk groups, lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, maintenance staff, altar guild, decorating team and countless other behind-the-scene people, we thank you for generously fulfilling your ministries with dedication and dignity. During this season and throughout the year, we are very grateful to Father Andre Gariepy and Monsignor Mongelluzzo for leading us in worship and generously sharing themselves with our parish family.

Thank you to all of our parishioners and friends whose generosity in responding to our "Annual Giving Tree" enables us to make Christmas brighter. We were able to provide gifts for over 820 children and elderly in need, some of who regularly come to our door for assistance. A special thank you to everyone who helped coordinate this huge undertaking and to those who "adopted" families.

Thank you to the Lattanzi family who allowed families to cut down Christmas trees on their land. Fifteen families found joy in cutting down their Christmas tree, and the Lattanzi's were able to donate over \$300 to the food pantry from the donations received.

Once again, the light of Christ shone brightly through your goodness. This truly is what Christmas is all about.

A Blessed New Year,

Father Tim

Religious Education

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*

THERE ARE NO SCHEDULED RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES ON SUNDAY – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th-28th. PEER RETREAT TEAM, KINDERGARTEN, BEGINNINGS AND HIGH SCHOOL I WILL MEET ON JANUARY 3RD. ALL CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 4th and 5th.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: As part of their faith formation, 64 of our High School I students will be taking part in a day long retreat in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 16th. To support them and the team of 21 young people who will lead them, we are inviting you to choose one of their names from a basket that will be offered at the end of each Mass next weekend. We ask that you offer whatever prayer and sacrifice that you feel is appropriate for the student or team member during the weeks ahead and especially on the retreat day for the intention that their hearts will be open to the Holy Spirit.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES are ready to be picked up in the Family Center outside the Religious Ed. Office.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: In the event of a big snow storm on weekends and no school days, we would love to have a list of teens we could call on to assist with clearing our walks and stairways. We also have the need for teens who can offer indoor help on a weekly basis with flexibility around your school and work schedule. If you can offer your help, please call Lisa as soon as possible.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED of Substitute Teachers for Grades 1-5 on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:15 – 5:15 PM and **especially for 6-8th grades** on Monday nights from 6:45 – 8 PM. Substitutes do not have to be available every week. You are free to say yes or no as your schedule permits, and we will train and support you in every way possible. Please call Lisa if interested.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION: With the end of the year comes the holiday season – a time to express appreciation and love for family and friends. It is also a time to evaluate your tax situation and plan accordingly. As you examine your own situation, you may find that you will benefit by making charitable gifts before 2009 comes to a close. If you are in that situation, please consider Our Lady of the Lake in those plans. Thank you.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK	
SUNDAY:	6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 12 Committee Mtg.
MONDAY:	No Religious Ed. Classes
TUESDAY:	No Religious Ed. Classes
WEDNESDAY:	7 PM 12 Steps
THURSDAY:	Our Parish Office is Closed
FRIDAY:	Our Parish Office is Closed
	HOLY DAY MASS 10:00 AM
	7:30 PM Al Anon
SATURDAY:	7:30 PM AA



Mark Your Calendars! Christmas Concert–January 3rd. We have been incredibly blessed by God with wonderful liturgical music at Our Lady of the Lake. Next 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.

Sound System Update: As mentioned a few weeks ago, we have launched a drive to purchase a new sound system to replace our current system, which is on “borrowed time” and is not able to support our current sound needs. To date, we have raised \$12,050 toward our goal of \$15,000. Having surpassed the 40% needed for a down payment, we hope to have the system installed before Christmas. Donations may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Checks can be made to Our Lady of the Lake with the notation “sound system”. Donations made in memory of a loved one, will be remembered on our Memorial Board in the gathering area of the Parish Family Center.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE

Once again, a raffle has been organized for the month of February. A cash prize will be drawn each day of the month. Calendars are \$10 each with a total of \$3,000 given away. Detailed information, along with chances, will be mailed to all parishioners in early January. Additional tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office.



Ensuring the well-being of our children is a priority for us as a parish community. In order to understand our diocesan standards of safety with children and young people, we ask that you take an opportunity to read the CODE OF MINISTERIAL CONDUCT and the United States Bishops’ CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE that are available on the tables at each entrance to the church. If you or someone you know has been a victim of abuse and are in need of support, please contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing & Prevention at (508) 929-4363 (direct line). A 24-hour a day Confidential voice mail is available.