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Saturday at 5PM

Sunday at 10AM and 6PM

Daily Mass at 8AM (Mon., Tues., & Wed.)

We will continue to record Mass for the website
and Flocknote for the foreseeable future.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please call the parish office to make an appointment.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*No matter what your present status
in the Catholic Church,
no matter what your current family
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no matter what your personal history,
age, background, race,
no matter what your own self-image:
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved,
and respected here at Our Lady of the Lake.
If you are new to our parish,
please contact the Parish Office to register
as a new member of our parish family.*

Mass Intentions

SAT., JUNE 6TH

5:00PM

SUN., JUNE 7TH

The Most Holy Trinity

10:00AM *Ernest Caponi*

Polly Curran, Bday Remembrance

12:00PM *Baptism: Matthew Robert Montolio*

1:15PM *Baptism: Charles Stephen O'Connor*

6:00PM

MON., JUNE 8TH

8:00AM *Georgie T. and Family*

TUES., JUNE 9TH

8:00AM *Decato and O'Malley Families*

WED., JUNE 10TH

8:00AM *Anne Mulcahy*

SAT., JUNE 13TH

5:00PM *Jeannette Frechette*

SUN., JUNE 14TH

*The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ*

10:00AM *Jeanne Martel*

6:00PM

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Dear Friends,

As I write this column it has been one week to the day that the life of George Floyd was taken in a senseless and wanton act of violence, prejudice, and arrogance. Not since the riots of the 60's and 70's have I seen such a manifestation of the collective expression of anger, fear, and greed. If this is what it takes to Make America Great Again, then they can have it. While I do believe the majority of protestors are peaceful and intend no harm, those who have taken advantage of the fear and anger by their collective greed have exposed the depth of evil that a faithless group of people can produce. They have no problem in prostituting our faith for the sake of themselves. It is a phrase I can't believe I would ever use, but it's true. Someone asked me the other day if evil really exists. I said that it is on full display today. None of these activities come from the heart of God, not one of them. We, who can sit safely in our homes in North Leominster, as white Americans, who can watch or listen to what is happening around our country and around the world, must admit to a certain sense of relief that it is not in our back yard. It's only human.

Does protesting make sense to you? Have you ever participated in a rally, or a march down a main street in a city? It has been a very long time since I have done anything such as that. Perhaps it was in college protesting the Vietnam War or on a Right to Life March years later in Washington, D.C. It was probably about 40-45 years ago that I did those things under the auspices of the seminary I was attending at the time. I believed then, as I do now, that what we hear in the gospel of Jesus Christ, supersedes any other value. Even a secular humanist would agree with the core values of the gospel, if not with the faith based aspect of it all. Perhaps that is why it is so difficult being a follower of Christ in the world today: sometimes our "own" are our own worst enemy. There are those who would pervert the gospel message of Jesus Christ, "Love one another as I have loved you," for their own personal gain. Have we failed the gospel? It is a hard question to ask, however, in the answer we will find the truth of how we are living today. Between the pandemic and the violence born out of anger and prejudice, some introspection seems necessary, if not essential, for each of us.

On the pathway from darkness to light, we are bound to stumble along the way. As we all know, it is in the getting up and continuing the journey where we will realize that it is the Lord, Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the Lamb of God, the Word made flesh, the Alpha and the Omega, the Messiah, the Redeemer, the Bridegroom, the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, who will raise us up by his own hand and walk with us on the journey of life.

As the Lord once said, "This kind of demon can only be driven out by prayer and fasting." (Mk. 9:29) Perhaps it is time to start. Peace, Fr. Michael

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out: "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Ex 34:6)



PSALM

Glory and praise for ever!
(Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b))



SECOND READING

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11b)



GOSPEL

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

We Are Never Alone

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a “John 3:16” sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing “Jesus Saves” shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus’ second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart’s belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

What Is the Purpose of the Pope?

Question:

Why do Catholics have a pope?

Answer:

To answer the question of why Catholics have a pope, we have to pull the lens back and think about the very nature of the Church herself. According to the Nicene Creed (which is the statement of beliefs that we recite each Sunday at Mass), we profess that the Church is “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” These adjectives are called the marks of the Church, and they help us see that the Church is bigger than just our individual parish communities or even the Christians living in a particular region or country.

To help ensure that the community of disciples would remain united in a communion of love, Jesus entrusted the Apostles with special authority to teach, heal, and forgive sins in his name. And from among this group, Jesus chose Simon Peter to play a special role, designating him as the “rock” on which the Church was to be built (see Matthew 16:18-19; John 21:15-17). Peter “the Rock” became the visible sign of union within and among the Apostles. In time, as Peter and the other Apostles passed away, other men were chosen to take their place. The successors of St. Peter — who we honor as the first Bishop of Rome — and the successors of the other Apostles (the bishops) continued the work entrusted by Jesus to that first generation of Church leaders.

According to long-standing tradition, the successor of Peter was Linus, who was followed by Cletus, who was followed by Clement I, etc. This line of succession continues to Pope Francis in our own time.

Over the centuries, these Bishops of Rome — who came to be known as the “pope” (from papa, which means “father” in Latin) — still continue to act as the “rock” of the Church and as the visible sign of unity for all the Catholic Christians. The pope, more than any other bishop, stands as the Church’s primary teacher and as pastor of the Church throughout the world, helping to ensure that the Church remains what Jesus intended her to be: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 857-862 and 880-882).

Thank you for your Parish Support!

Weekly Collection
May 30th & 31th

Total Mail in, Drop off & At Mass Collection **\$4,949.00**

Please note: The above includes multiple of make-up contributions covering the months of March through May 2020. There are also pay-ahead contributions through the end of June. This is not a true representation of one weeks collection.

Weekly Offertory Summary—May 2020

W/E 05/17/2020	\$ 6,029
W/E 05/24/2020	\$ 4,600
W/E 05/31/2020	\$ 4,949
Total May 2020	\$30,460
	(Weekly Average: \$6,092)
WeShare for May 2020	\$ 7,960

PARISH TITHE

Thanks to your generosity---The week of **May 31th Tithe of \$494.90** will go to **The Life Care Center Activities Fund** in Leominster. The money will be used to either purchase an iPad to be used by residents to FaceTime their families during this pandemic or for craft supplies for the residents.



Final Destination HEAVEN!

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Something Beautiful for God Campaign

As of 5/31/20, we have received 189 pledges totaling \$596,809. Kindly send your monthly or quarterly installments to the Parish Business office. Please remember to indicate Something Beautiful for God Campaign in the memo section of checks and mark the envelopes Attn: Wendy Chartrand. If you have any questions regarding the installments, please contact Wendy Chartrand at Ext. 101, or email wchartrand@ourladylake.org. Questions regarding pledging to the campaign should be directed to Fr. Michael (Ext. 111) or Wendy Chartrand (Ext. 101) or wchartrand@ourladylake.org.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for a successful Campaign!



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

(10/30) CRT

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