



# In Honor of Our Mothers

## Thoughts from Fr. Scott

I am missing you all very much this Mother's Day. Please know you are all in my prayers. Still, we must press on. So, Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful and beloved moms! It is an amazing gift to witness the great example of motherhood lived out here in our Laker community. It is truly a blessing to see the goodness of the Blessed Mother repeated so frequently. Being a mom is a most difficult job in our culture today and must be truly rewarding. Moms have to juggle so many different responsibilities and make it work like a well-oiled machine. Yes, you are owed our gratitude and deep appreciation for simply having the courage to bear children and raise them with patience. Please know of my prayers for all of you and your families this Mother's Day. To my own mom I write: Happy Mother's Day, you are the very best and I love you very much!

Graduation season is/should be upon us. Over the next few weeks, we will be trying to celebrate great accomplishments in very different ways from the norm. I like our senior class very much and will be sad to see them go. I feel very bad that we are unable to celebrate with them in the usual way. We are still hoping to do something with/for them later in the summer but the government will have too much to say about such things. Please pray for these young men and women and all those graduating this year. Times are difficult all around but this is one moment that has been taken from them. God Bless all who are graduating this year. My dear young men and women don't let the loneliness and

isolation of these days downgrade your great accomplishments.

Our Lord asked Philip a wonderful question in our Gospel this weekend. He asks: "have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?" This is a question that could be directed to any of us at different moments of our lives. The challenge is to grow in ways of humility and sacrifice so as to trust Him completely in every way. This is what Easter does for us. It challenges us to reflect upon the great event of our salvation, to trust in the Lord, and to see the Father in Him. In contemplating the unity of the Trinity we come to know Jesus and learn from Him. Therefore, let us grow in prayer to know Jesus and the power of His Resurrection in our lives.

God Bless and have a great week!  
Fr. Scott

### Thought for the week:

Bless our mom's dear Lord, and let them know the favor and protection of our Blessed Mother always.



### MYPARISH APP

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God took the fragrance  
of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of  
morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty  
of the twilight hour...  
The soul  
of a starry night...  
The laughter of a  
rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird  
in flight...  
Then God fashioned  
from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his  
masterpiece was through  
He called it simply -  
Mother.  
~Herbert Farnham

## FR. CHRISTOPHER'S CONTEMPLATION

Hello and happy Sunday,

I pray everyone is doing well. I don't know about you, but I have been enjoying the nice weather we had last weekend. It was nice sitting outside and enjoying the sunshine. It is finally starting to feel like spring. As we enjoy spring (the rain and shine) I want to take a moment and wish all of the mothers a very happy and healthy Mother's Day. In this time of pandemic, I hope all of you can find creative ways to celebrate with your families.

As we remember our mothers this weekend (those who are still with us and those who have gone home to the Lord), we cannot forget, in this month of May, to also remember our heavenly mother, Mary. This past week the bishops of the United States rededicated our country to Mary's protection. We also as a parish crowned Mary for our annual May crowning this past Thursday (if you would like to go back and watch this, please check out our website and/or facebook page).

The month of May offers us a great opportunity to remember and honor the Blessed Mother. She is our parish patroness and I encourage all of us to dedicate ourselves to her protection by following Fr. Scott's invitation to pray a daily rosary during the month of May. Mary is the greatest advocate we have to Christ. She desires us to grow closer to her son and there is no better way than through the great devotion of the rosary. The rosary is one of the greatest spiritual treasures we have in the Church and it should be a regular part of every Catholic's spiritual life.

It is important for us as children to call our mothers regularly. As the joke goes, remember to call your heavenly mother too. She hasn't heard from you in a decade (remember rosaries have decades). This week I invite all of us to take some time individually or as a family to dedicate ourselves to our blessed mother. Let us entrust our families and parish to her protection and ask her to guide us ever closer to her loving son, Jesus Christ.

Stay healthy, stay happy, and strive for holiness.



## RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

It is possible that we will be sharing Mother's Day greetings over the phone, on Facebook, through Zoom or on a Messenger Chat line this year. While it will be different from other years, the well wishes will be no less heart felt. Our mothers said "Yes" to life and for that we are grateful. Imagine how wonderful it will be to actually express our love and gratitude when we are able to visit face to face.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### JEAN'S JOTTINGS

Happy Mother's Day weekend!

Today and every day, let our hearts not be troubled. I know many of us are struggling during these ongoing times of social distancing but I urge you to listen to the Words of our Lord and take refuge in trusting Him. I know many of us are feeling very alone but it is precisely during these times that we should be seeking the shelter and loving embrace of our Lord. We may not be able to do many things but we can still take shelter in our Lord's house; our church doors remain open for your personal prayer time with Him.

I know that during times of loss of any kind, it is hard for us to pick ourselves back up and begin to rebuild and/or start anew but that is exactly what we as a church and during this Easter season are called to do. The great news is that God gives us the strength we need to do just that. We remain a people of great faith and we know that our God is always with us. This week I urge you to focus on all the good that you have been blessed with. Thank God for all of His blessings. Draw your strength from God our Father, His Son, and His Mother Mary. Remember that it is through prayer that God gives us grace to make it through the tough times and that His Mother Mary is a perfect example to us as we grab on tight to your peace of heart.

Please note that as we begin to ever so gently move out of this time of social distancing as a state that we too as a parish are always looking forward. We are looking forward to when we can celebrate the sacraments with our RCIA candidates, our First Communicants, and our Confirmandi. Rest assured that as soon as we can, we will set new dates for those celebrations and we will live out the sacramental life of our parish.

The Faith Formation staff is also looking toward next year's Faith Formation process with the posting of our Faith Formation Registration Forms. Please note that these forms will go out to our current Faith Formation Families via our weekly newsletter this week and then will be posted to our parish website by the end of May. We will also have hard copies available for pick up by the end of May. Please note that Faith Formation classes are held consecutive years for our 1st through 8th graders. Just like all schooling and preparation in life, we grow in our knowledge and relationship each and every year. I wish I had answers at this time as to how things will look in the fall but I don't so to that end, we will move forward with the expectation that we will be able to gather as usual. If for some reason, that changes, we will make appropriate adjustments.

Thank you for your continued patience and prayers as we navigate this time together as a family of faith. Stay safe and stay centered in Him.

Peace and prayers!  
Jean Hartman, DRE

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020**

ACTS 14:5-18 JN 14:21-26

†**Lee Lackey** requested by his Wife

†**Carl Roselli** requested by Teresa Vermeulen

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020**

*Ss. Nereus & Achilleus*

ACTS 14:19-28 JN 14:27-31a

†**Nancy Kerton** requested by Robert & Kathleen Hensen

†**Carl Roselli** requested by Kathy Gibson

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

ACTS 15:1-6 JN 15:1-8

†**Agnus Bousho** requested by Robert & Kathleen Hensen

†**Sue Zanotti** requested by Lisa Suran

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020**

*St. Matthias*

ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26 JN 15:9-17

†**Gordy Bauer** requested by the Ross Family

**Int. Tina Skibicki** requested by B. Tomko

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020**

*St. Isidore*

ACTS 15:22-31 JN 15:12-17

†**Mary Jo Singles** requested by Jerry & Janice Cudnohufsky

†**Dorothy Stahl** requested by the Brelin Family

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020**

ACTS 16:1-10 JN 15:18-21

†**John & Tillie Crigger** requested by the Leon Webber Family

†**Stanley Slabinski** requested by Virginia Slabinski

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17 1 PT 3:15-18 JN 14:15-21

†**Deceased Members of the Arabucki Family**

†**Mike Webster** requested by the OLL Staff

†**Terry Bellows** requested by the Hearn Family

**Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes**

†**David Froling, Jr** requested by his Family

†**Sarah & Earl Swillum** requested by the Swillum Family

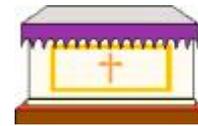
†**Millie Robak** requested by the Ross Family

**Int. Our Lady of the Lakes Class of 2020**

Be assured that every intention is being prayed for by Fr. Scott and Fr. Christopher as they celebrate their private daily Mass.

## LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

The following are times for the Live Stream of Masses on Facebook. To watch live, go to **Facebook.com/OLLwaterford**. After the Live Stream has finished they will be posted on our website **OLLonline.org**.



**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

5:00pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

10:00am

Live Stream Masses will take place as long as necessary.

## PARISH RESOURCES

Visit **www.OLLonline.org** and select option **Parish**, to hear or view Our Lady of the Lakes liturgical services such as:

- Saturday and Sunday Masses
- Homilies
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Weekend Masses are Live-Streamed on our Facebook page:

**Facebook.com/OLLwaterford**

Weekly bulletins can be found at:

**www.ollonline.org/parish/bulletin**

**Our Parish App: Text "app" to 88202**

**DiscoverMass.com**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

# STEWARDSHIP

## IRA ROLLOVER

What you need to know about the IRA charitable gift rollover

Congress has extended and the president has signed the favorable IRA charitable rollover tax provisions for 2015 and made them permanent for future years.

What should a donor over age 70½ do in order to get the benefit that IRA distributions will not be included in taxable income? Donors should follow the same general procedures for IRA charitable distributions as in the past —

- Only **direct distributions to charity** up to \$100,000 qualify as tax-free. Distributions in exchange for a charitable gift annuity or to a charitable remainder trust do not qualify.
- It is especially important that the IRA distribution be made payable to the charity, not to you as the IRA owner and beneficiary. Otherwise, the distribution would not qualify for the favorable tax treatment. **Advise your IRA administrator to make the distribution check payable to the Church or other charity, not to you.**
- Only distributions from traditional or certain Roth IRAs are tax-free; the law does not apply to other qualified retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans. However, you should consider consulting with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other qualified plans to establish an IRA, with the distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.
- Consult with your IRA administrator and tax advisor on the proper procedures for making a direct distribution to your parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation, the Catholic Services Appeal, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, or another archdiocesan institution or qualified charity.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Your contributions are used for the day-to-day operations of the parish including payroll, maintenance and cleaning of buildings, as well as utilities. We thank you for your continued giving during this difficult time.

### 3 Ways to Give Electronically

**Option 1:** If your bank offers free Bill Pay we recommend that you use that option. Log into your bank and follow instructions to set up auto bill pay. You will need the following information: Our Lady of the Lakes, 5481 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329.

or

**Option 2:** Visit [give.aod.org](http://give.aod.org). Choose **Make a Gift to Your Parish** You will be asked to create a profile for your login. Under Gift Information choose **Parish online offertory**, the amount of your gift, and choose **Our Lady of the Lakes**.

or

**Option 3:** Visit <https://woll.weshareonline.org> and follow the instructions to set up a profile and begin electronically giving.

### Mail

Mail your contribution to Our Lady of the Lakes, 5481 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329.

### Mobile Giving

You can drop off your contribution to the Parish Center. There is a mailbox outside the front door and you can drop your offering off there.

### Curbside Service

Call ahead or from your vehicle (248-623-0274) and a staff member will meet you at your car.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Scripture passages hold powerful stewardship messages. In the Gospel, the evangelist St. John shares that Jesus tells His Apostles — and us — that *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* Our discipleship in Jesus, instituted at our Baptism, draws us closer to Christ, which opens the way to the Father. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Christians in Jerusalem choose seven deacons *filled with Spirit and wisdom* to help those widows *neglected in the daily*

*distribution* of food and other necessities. In his First Letter, St. Peter reminds us that while accepting our Lord's gift of faith makes us special to God, it comes at a high price. Christian stewards strengthen this important gift with graces given from participating in Mass regularly and partaking of Holy Communion, daily prayer, and Scripture reading. In our ongoing stewardship journey, do we use God's graces and gifts to galvanize our faith, so that we can, in a spirit of evangelization, share the gift of faith with those we meet?

# OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Please keep in your thoughts and prayers this week the sick members of our Parish:*

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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Rob Amos              | Irene Delasko      | Irene Pawlowski    |
| Beverly Armstrong     | Joyce Delasko      | Mark Pidgeon       |
| Joe Batwinas          | Norma Erdman       | Tania Price        |
| Christian Bodenmiller | Adam Figurski      | Scott Przybylowicz |
| Mikela Bodenmiller    | Patty Fincannon    | Carol Raymond      |
| William Bodenmiller   | Jennifer Gaffey    | Roxy Ryan          |
| Bill Boeneman         | Gary Garza         | Dennis Ritter      |
| John Boncella         | Katie Geary        | Holly Sanders      |
| Margo Brown           | Bill Grace         | Roger Smith        |
| Chuck Campbell        | Suzanne Grimminger | Tress Ann Smith    |
| Janet Cobert          | Linda Hemphill     | Joe Sutherland     |
| Dean Coleman          | Jeff Hotchkiss     | Kenneth Turner     |
| Cheryl Coulter        | Patrick Hull       | Theresa Villereal  |
| Sarah Coulter         | Sally Kubani       | Ralph Vogan        |
| Brady Cullen          | Tim Nepjuk         | Lucy Wilhelm       |
| Kevin Dalley          | Frank Pardington   | Pat Zurbriggen     |
| Ben Darmofal          | Carol Pawlowski    |                    |

May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.



*Bogedin*



*Embrey*



*Macadaeg*

## REST IN PEACE

Remember those who have gone before us

- Anthony Bogedin**
- B. Lee Embrey, Jr**
- Joseph Laveque**
- Edward Macadaeg**

*"Happy are those who have died in the Lord; Let them rest from their labors For their good deeds go with them."*

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Our Lady of the Lakes PRAYER REQUEST LINE

248-623-0274

[ollprayerteam@OLLonline.org](mailto:ollprayerteam@OLLonline.org)

Touch "Prayers" in our Parish App

## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION *for households with children*

May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24 from 12:30-3:30pm

Morse Elementary, 475 Cherry St., Troy

Households with children who are in need of food are encouraged to attend upcoming drive-thru food distribution sponsored by Gleaners Community Food Bank.

*Please stay in your vehicle* to limit exposure. Please arrive with an empty trunk so a volunteer can place groceries there.

Guests without vehicles are welcome to walk up, while maintaining six feet of social distancing, and should be prepared to carry 20-30 pounds or have a cart.

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes and congratulations to

*Trent Drumheller and Hannah Lawassani*

who were recently wed at  
Our Lady of the Lakes.  
May God bless them with a lifetime of  
love, health and happiness.



## CHURCH HOURS

Hours the church will be open for private prayer:

**Monday - Thursday: 7:00am-8:00pm**

**Friday: 7:00am-5:00pm**

**Saturday: 7:00am-6:30pm**

**Sunday: 7:00am-5:00pm**