Through a Glass Darkly

ALPHA: Wow! Alpha begins today with 220 people signed up. We filled up by Monday morning and the calls kept coming.

So we have already scheduled the next one. The next session will begin on **Wednesday, May 3rd**. That’s correct, a Wednesday evening session. There were a number of people who wanted to take part in Alpha but were unable to commit to a Sunday program. So the next Alpha, beginning on **May 3rd at 6:30** will be an evening one. The plans are to start with dinner and be over by 8:00 pm.

Everyone, please pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all of those taking part in Alpha.

Peace

Fr. Delonnay
Thank you very much for all the wonderful and generous cards and gifts, snacks and treats throughout the Christmas season. Your generosity to me and your support to my ministry are overwhelming and much appreciated. Thank you for sharing your lives with me so that I may share mine with you. May it please you, O Lord, to reward with eternal life all those who do good to us for Your Namesake.

We have 200+ people going through ALPHA for the first time at this parish (but not to worry if you weren’t able to join us for this session...our hope is to have many, many more in the future!) Many people we know and some that we do not know yet have responded to this call from the Holy Spirit to know, love, and serve God in a deeper and richer way. Good fruit will come from this for our parish. Great fruit will come from this for our Church and world. If you are not able to join us for this ALPHA please pray for its success. Pray as well for the next ALPHA that you will be part of. Pray for your table leaders and hosts. Pray for the other guests that will be at your table in the future. Pray for yourself and our parish that we will be open to the fire of the Holy Spirit longing to burn in and through each of us.

Finally, here we are back in ordinary time. Green cloth on the altar, green banners on the walls, and green vestments on your priests. Not to worry though, there is nothing ordinary at all about the way the God wants to enter our lives this year, 2017. Our Lord Jesus on the Cross said, “I thirst.” It is a reminder for us all that down through the centuries God continues to thirst for hearts and souls. He knows you perfectly because in love He created you. Now He wants you to know Him in a perfect and loving way. That is what we believe and we celebrate. And there is nothing ordinary about that at all.

Fr. Brian
associatepastor@OLLwaterford.org
fr.brian@OLLonline.org
248-623-0274 x126

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:
DISCERNMENT WEEKEND
January 19-22, 2017

Who: Men, High School Senior to 55 years old

What: Discernment Weekends are a unique opportunity for anyone feeling a call to the priesthood. You will spend four days living at the seminary which provides you with a first-hand opportunity to see what it’s like from the inside. This weekend provides you with many great tools for proper discernment.

Where: Sacred Heart Major Seminary

For more information or to register visit detroitpriest.com

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:
“THE WATCHMEN” REGIONAL DISCERNMENT GROUPS

Are you a man ages 16-55 who wants to actively discern your vocation as a Catholic priest? Or maybe you are just interested in learning more about the priesthood and meeting people who are working toward the same goal. These Regional Discernment groups will meet bi-monthly for a time of prayer, presentations on discernment, and fellowship. These groups are run by the AOD’s Regional Vocation Promoters. Below are the dates and locations of the groups.

Northwest Region: Jan 19 at 7 pm at St. Mary, Royal Oak (Fellowship Center next to the church)

Central Region: Jan 29 at 6 pm at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit (Monsignor Hickey Porch)

For more information visit detroitpriest.com
Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas break and time with their family and friends. We were busy across the parking lot as we welcomed back many alumni from various classes. Our Lady of the Lakes held its first annual alumni basketball game on December 17 and the tradition carried on at Lakeland ice arena for the 11th annual alumni hockey game on December 30. Lakers from graduating classes as early as 1970 participated in these fun filled events! It was an excellent opportunity for people to reconnect and share their holiday season together as part of the special Laker family.

We will be hosting an alumni career fair on February 10th, to showcase to our current students the many different career paths that OLL graduates have taken. If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more about our alumni events, like our alumni facebook page (Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes Alumni), follow us on twitter (@LakersAlumni), or contact Josh Sawicki (josh.sawicki@ollonline.org) for more information.
Mass Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017
HEB 5:1-10  MK 2:18-22
9:00am…Peter Riccardo requested by Paul & Felice Schneeman
9:00am…Ed Lang requested by his Wife

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
St. Anthony
HEB 6:10-20  MK 2:23-28
9:00am…James J. Bagley Sr. requested by the Bagley Family
9:00am…Marian Gumbelson requested by the OLL Staff & Students

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
HEB 7:1-3, 15-17  MK 3:1-6
9:00am…John Sutherland requested by John & Mary Alfes
9:00am…Deceased Members of the Albert Radowski Family requested by D. Landry

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
HEB 7:25—8:6  MK 3:7-12
7:00pm…Joyce Dika requested by her Family
7:00pm…Albert & Helen Sleno requested by the Whalen Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017
Ss. Fabian & Saint Sebastian
HEB 8:6-13  MK 3:13-19
9:00am…Ed Wolowiec requested by the OLL Worship Commission
9:00am…Jim Lange requested by the Robak Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017
St. Agnes
HEB 9:2-3, 11-14  MK 3:20-21
5:30pm…Mr. & Mrs. Albert Sleno requested by the Whalen Family
5:30pm…Keith Kerton requested by His Daughter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
IS 8:23—9:3  1 COR 1:10-13, 17  MT 4:12-23
8:00am…Ray Dietrich requested by the Blust & Hull Family
8:00am…Tony Taverna requested by David & Cathy Robertson
9:30am…Katie Abraham requested by the Hearn Family
9:30am…Patrick Mountain requested by his Mom & Dad
11:00am…Marie Roy requested by Grace Brennock
11:00am…Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes
12:30am…Victoria Cempura requested by the Cempura Family
12:30am…All Those Laid to Rest at All Saints Cemetery requested by the Management

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno  Army
Capt Kelsey Beno  Army
† Jenna Beno died 10/15/12
LTJG Laura Bis  Navy  Afghanistan
AMN Stewart Blaquiere  Air Force
† PFC Damian Bushart died 11/22/03  Army
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres  Marines  Iraq
Eddy DeRocher  Afghanistan
SFC Scott Emanuel  Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr.  Army
Jackson Jones  Afghanistan
MFgt Justin Jones  Air Force
Matt Koetting  Afghanistan
Robert Maher & Crew  Navy
† PFC Joseph Miracle died 7/5/07  Army
LCP Derek Monday  Marines
Amanda Paczynski  Army  Korea
PFC Christopher Polidan  Army  Korea
Capt. Adam Renkiewicz  Army
Capt. Matthew Richards  Army  Iraq
Katie Rounds  Bahrain
Sgt. Gerald Sanchez  Marines  Afghanistan
Anthony Schmidt  Marines
LCDR Nick Strelchuk  Navy  Iraq
SSGT. Jack Thompson, Jr.  Army  Iraq
Cory Vaught  Army
LSC Colleen E. Ward  Navy  Middle East
James Whitlow  Navy  Iraq

If your son, daughter or grandchild is serving us in troubled places, please let Fr. Delonnay know. Just drop him a note in the mail, e-mail at ldelonnay04@comcast.net, fax him at 248 623-2723, or call him at 248 623-0274.

Thank You!
The family of Gerald Moore would like to thank all the ladies who took time to plan and prepare food following his funeral. We recognize that the holidays are a busy time for everyone, yet despite that a delicious luncheon was provided.
OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER

REST IN PEACE

Remember those who have gone before us

Angie Mayle
Ellen Lauchner
Ruth Lindsey
Andrew Macuga
Gerald Reckinger, Sr.
Mary Swantek

“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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Please welcome to our Christian Community: Ilse Damari and Sergio, children of Sergio and Silvina (Vargas) Rodriguez; and Lincoln Frazer, son of Anthony Tristani and Hannah Frazer.

They were recently Baptized at Our Lady of the Lakes. May God Bless them, protect them and guide them throughout their lives.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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


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

WELCOME

Please welcome to our Christian family: Christine Dunning; John and Judith Helmuth; and Sonia Young.

Remember to introduce yourself to new faces in church. We want everyone to feel welcome at Our Lady of the Lakes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
NOVEMBER UPDATE

In the month of November Our Lady of the Lakes St. Vincent de Paul made 10 home visits, 89 phone calls and helped 96 individuals. We made deposits of $31,420.21, and wrote checks totaling $13,339.64. We had a case where we made a home visit to a single mother and her daughter. We went to their home because they had no heat. With your generosity we were able to help with a new furnace. They had a 25 year old furnace that had been red tagged by Consumers Energy because it was leaking harmful gases. The mother has severe health issues. This is the thank you that they sent:

How do I say thank you?! How do I put these feelings into words? I am so thankful!! I hate what this disease does to me. I have such a hard time doing physical things. I have survived small emergencies with the help of my Mom, but I could never afford a new furnace. I spent hours trying to get help, filling out paperwork, making phone calls that everyone suggested to me. All I heard was that I did not qualify for help. Then my blessing came in the form of 2 lovely ladies who visited my home. With kindness and help from your St. Vincent de Paul, I have a new furnace. My home is warm for my daughter and I. Also, you helped with a gift certificate for food, what a treat it was to go to Tenuta’s. We have saved some so that we can get a ham for Christmas, it has been years! From the bottom of my heart thank you to each and every person who donated to your program. You have warmed my home and my heart. When I have the opportunity to pay it forward, I will be excited to do so! I hope that I have been able to express how much all of this means to me. Thank you again, with love and appreciation.

DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP

Our parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Go to myparishapp.com.
STEWARDSHIP

Snowbird Request Form

If you are planning to leave us for any length of time, the Parish Office would like to be informed. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office. If you would like to receive a copy of the bulletin while you are away, please mark the appropriate spot. By notifying the office, we are able to put a hold on your envelopes and all mailings until you return.

NAME:________________________________________

WINTER ADDRESS:____________________________

CITY:_________________________________________

STATE:__________________ZIP:__________________

ENVELOPE #___________

DATE LEAVING:____________RETURNING:_________

RECEIVE BULLETIN?:  ☐ YES  ☐ NO

Amount of Gift $____________________

Amount Paid $____________________

Balance $____________________

☐ 9 Monthly Payments (Starting in July)  ☐ Quarterly—July/Oct/Jan/April

Checks payable to: OLL CSA

☐ Optional: Please send enrollment form for credit/debit card payment.

COMMEMORATIVE TREE

Leaves are available for the Memorial Tree in St. Joseph Hall. For $300 you can have your name engraved or memorialize a loved one. Contact the parish office at 248-623-0274 for more information.

CSA MINUTE

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

The Archdiocese of Detroit will honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Monday, January 16, with a 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Patrick Gonyeau.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow our local Church to minister to African-American Catholics and predominantly African-American parishes through the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministries. The office’s mission is to highlight, enhance, and celebrate the contributions of the black Catholic community as it shares its gifts with the Church and society.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.AOD.org.

“GOT YOUR 6” ADULT MEN’S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Parish/School members please join us every Sunday evening at 7:30pm in the OLL Gym for 2 hours of fun and exercise as we help veterans, firefighters and police officers offset the cost of a great education here at Lakes. This program is a great way to give back to the people in our school that put their lives on the line everyday. $5 donation per player per week. RSVP Chris Fluegel at cwfluegel@gmail.com or 248-464-8596.
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Stewardship Report

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Again we wish to thank all of you who continue to give so generously to our Parish. May God bless each of you for your gift of sharing.

DO YOU SHOP AMAZON.COM?

Did you know that you can earn money for OLL schools by shopping on Amazon.com? Just go to www.ollonline.org, “About OLL”, “Support Our Lady of the Lakes”, click on the “School Rewards” logo and shop as usual. Up to 10% of your purchase comes back to the schools without any additional cost to you.

Now Kindle owners can help earn money for OLL too! Simply click on the link found on the school website to purchase a Kindle or content such as eBooks. OLL earns a substantial referral fee!

Parish Website

OLLWaterford.org

RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN

2017

What will this New Year and new administration bring? We have no crystal balls to see into the future, but we are hopeful. Hopeful that people who have a reverence for life and acknowledge the need to protect it will be a strong voice in the next twelve months. Hopeful that their voices, and ours, will bring about a change in the attitudes that permit violence toward all human life.

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH
WASHINGTON D.C.

Our Lady of the Lakes High School is sending at least one bus to the Right to Life march in Washington D.C. on January 27, 2017 (note the date change because of the presidential inauguration). We have students that could use financial assistance for this trip. If you are able to donate to financially assist some of our students the cost of the trip is $194. Any contribution toward this life changing event would be appreciated. All checks can be made out to Our Lady of the Lakes. This March has become quite a youth event and our youth are taking on the voice of the unborn. Your generosity is always a blessing.

Questions can be directed to Kathy Lewis at (248) 623-0340/ext. 403.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:
HEROIC PRIEST PROJECT

All members of the Archdiocese are being asked to lift up their priests in prayer, and to submit the name of a priest for the honor of “Heroic Priest,” one who gives witness to Jesus by his conduct and holy life. The Office of Priestly Vocations hopes to encourage the priests in our Archdiocese and inspire men who feel a call to the priesthood to respond heroically.

Here’s how it will work:

The Heroic Priest Project will start during National Vocations Awareness Week (November 6-12). Every parish will receive and pass out Heroic Priest submission forms for individuals to fill out. Submission forms can also be found online at detroitpriest.com. After the forms have been gathered, a priest from each region of the Archdiocese will be chosen and honored on an official Heroic Priest Poster. This poster will be made available to your parishes in January.

For additional information, please visit our website: detroitpriest.com
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

OLL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE
LUAU PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 4th, 2017
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
OLL old Gym
Tickets: $30 per couple*
$12 for each additional daughter
All girls PK-8th grade & their Favorite Guy
(Dad, Grandad, Uncle, etc)
Tickets can be purchased at the
Parish Center or Elementary Office
Make checks payable to AHG Troop 5185

Questions? contact Rachelle Jordan at raejordan8@comcast.net

Includes Lite Dinner, DJ, Lei, Picture,
Door Prizes and much more…..

CHOIR OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY

Stop by Wednesday, January 18th
from 7:15-9:00pm in the church and sing
with us for the evening—no obligation. It’s
a great opportunity to share your talent.

We pray, sing and grow together in our faith through our
service to the Church. Questions? Call me or email
anytime.

Tim Smith
248-821-8443

ENCORE REMARRIAGE WORKSHOPS

Considering getting married again?
Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) can help
you and your future spouse welcome Christ into your union,
 improve your communication skills, and position your
relationship to grow stronger over time! Adhering to Church
teachings and led by Dr. Janusz Wrobel, a skilled CCSEM
therapist, Encore remarriage workshops focus on replacing
communication styles from the previous relationship with
new ones based on trust and friendship. Couples bringing
children into their new union will benefit from additional
content on talking with children about the pending marriage
and issues that can arise in a blended family. The next
Encore workshop is Saturday, January 28, 2017. All
sessions are at CCSEM in Royal Oak at 1424 East 11 Mile
Road. To learn more and register, call 248-548-4044 ext.
3100 or email: youngbloodb@ccsem.org.

SUNDAY HOMILIES

Our Sunday homilies are available on the parish app
and on our website: ollwaterford.org/homilies.

Our app is available for both Android and iPhone by
going to the app store for your device. Search for
MyParish.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a 2016 contribution statement for
income tax purposes, please fill out the form below and
return it to the Delaney Center or you can call 623-
0274, fax it to 248-623-2723 or by e-mail at
Secretary@ollwaterford.org and request one.

Statements will be ready by the end of January.

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ENVELOPE #____________
FOR THE WEEKEND
January 21/22, 2017

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ALTAR HELP

WEEKEND 1/15/17
Debbie Cousens, Beatrice Justice, Theresa Johnson, Sheilah Denne

WEEKEND 1/22/17
Paul & Felice Schneemann, Frank Pardington, Sheilah Denne

Volunteers Needed
To volunteer to become an Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Cleaner or Sunday Counter please call the Parish office at 248-623-0274 and leave your name & number and we will give your info to the appropriate coordinator.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:
Parish Council meets the last Tuesday of every other month at 7:00pm in the Delaney Parish Center.
Dennis Strelchuk, President...248-297-5959
Linda Pietrzak, Vice President...248-623-9117
Tim Tomezak, Secretary...248-933-4841

MASSES
Saturday Evening....5:30pm
Sunday.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am, 12:30pm
Weekdays: Thursday evenings..... 7:00pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.....9:00am

BAPTISMS:
Sundays at 2:00pm. Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class. Call 623-0274

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays from 4:00 until 5:00pm

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:
3rd Tuesday of every month followed by Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
Ages 4/5: Sundays 9:00am and 11:00am
Mondays & Tuesdays: Grades 1—7— 6:15pm
Sundays Grade 8— 6:30pm
RCIC – 6:15pm - RCIA — 7:00pm

WEDDINGS
Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

REGISTRATIONS:
All families must register personally at the Delaney Center or online at OLLWaterford.org.
Please notify the parish when moving in or away 623-0274.