

The Parish Press

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church ~ December 2017

*For unto you is born this day in the city
of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2 : 11 | www.believers4ever.com



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Dear friends,

We have a bishop! We are very happy to receive the recent notification that we have a new bishop for the Diocese of Nashville. Fr. Mark Spalding of the Archdiocese of Louisville has been appointed by Pope Francis to become our new bishop. Bishop Elect Spalding is young and brings with him a great deal of experience as a pastor and he also has a very strong background in diocesan administration. I know that you join with me in offering our congratulations and very best wishes to him as he commences this new chapter in his life and in the long history of our diocese. The first Bishop of Nashville, Bishop Richard Pius Miles, came from Bardstown, Kentucky to guide our newly established diocese in 1838. It seems very fortuitous that our new bishop also hails from the Bardstown area. He will be ordained bishop at Sagrado Corazon at the Pastoral Center on February 2nd the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. I look forward to sharing more information about this celebration as it becomes available.

As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Our Savior, I want to share with you our new Mass schedule for Christmas. In order to accommodate the large crowds who attend our parish during Christmas, I have added an additional Mass this year. I hope that this will be of service to you and your family as you make your plans to attend Mass for the Nativity of the Lord. Our schedule is as follows:

- * Saturday December 23rd Mass at 5 pm, for the 4th Sunday of Advent
- * Sunday December 24th Mass at 10am only for the 4th Sunday of Advent
- * Sunday December 24th Mass at 4pm Christmas Children's Mass
Mass at 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Mass at 9 pm Solemn Mass of Christmas during the Night
- * Monday December 25th Mass at 10 am for Christmas Day

On behalf of myself, Fr. Thomas and our parish staff, I want to wish each of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year ahead!

Fr. Eric



Check out
our new
website!

OLOL Communications

Did you know OLOL is on social media? Connect with us today! Feel free to share your photos from parish activities and interact with us on whichever platform works best for you.



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MyParish App can be found by texting **App** to **88202** or visiting **myparishapp.com** to download. Select our parish after downloading.

This app will allow you to see daily readings, receive messages from OLOL, schedule confession and it will even remind you to silence your cell phone before Mass!

For questions, please contact Jennifer Harris, 615.417.2234 or email ololcommunications@gmail.com.

We hope you enjoy
this issue of *The
Parish Press*

Thank you to every-
one who contributed
articles, ideas, and
pictures.

Blessings,
Jennifer C. Harris
Communications
Committee Co-chair

OLOL Historian

Stewardship Wall:

During the past three months, the frames for the photos on the Stewardship Wall were updated to nice black frames and the number increased from eight to ten! This project was accomplished with assistance from Bernard Carneal who is a parishioner of OLOL. He operates a picture frame shop by the name of "You've Been Framed." He built the frames and helped with hanging them. I highly recommend his work. Check out the photos on the wall in the hallway.

Photos taken at events will soon be available on the OLOL website under the "Our Parish Tab" and then "Pictures of Events" will be under "What's Happening"!

OLOL 48th Anniversary

The 48th Anniversary of OLOL was celebrated on November 1 which was also All Saints Day. We are fortunate to have several parishioners who belonged to OLOL in 1969, the first year of the parish, and several who joined during the first 10 years. Dallas Scott and Ed Bruchas were recognized for being part of the steering committee that started the parish. Several of those early members attended the morning Mass and were recognized by Fr Thomas. All members were recognized for all that has been accomplished in the 48 years. Several historical photos were displayed in the Narthex and refreshments were served by the OLOL Women Within. Several people enjoyed the photos from the 1982 pictorial directory that were on display. Fr Eric recognized additional members at the evening Mass. After the evening Mass there was a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the youth group. Thanks to the people that brought old photos and items that will become part of our OLOL collection. We plan to have a book of photos and history published for our 50th Anniversary in 2019.

If you would like to be part of OLOL Historians, please contact Emily Helms at ololhistorian@gmail.com



WHO'S WHO?

Parish Council Spotlight



My name is **Jan Morales** and I am the co-chair of the Education Committee for Parish Council. The Education Committee is the voice for all things Education: Religious Education classes, Youth Formation, Adult Education, Bible Study Groups and RCIA. I am also the coordinator for the new Buddy Break ministry which is a respite program for families who have special needs children.

My family and I have been parishioners of OLOL since 2003. My husband and I have been married for 22 years and have one son who is a freshman in college. I enjoy spending time with family and friends. My hobbies include cooking, reading and riding my bike.

Christian Stewardship: Putting the Eucharist into Action

We live in anxious times. Even while regularly celebrating the joy of the Eucharist, we remain mindful of the pain and suffering in our world. In such a troubled world, Catholics often question how they can respond to the daily challenges and opportunities laid out before them with a sense of gratitude, joy and confidence, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We wonder how we can put the Eucharist into action today. The answer to both questions is to embrace a better understanding of our lives as Christian stewards. The mystery of the Eucharist celebrates change. We rejoice in God the Father, transforming His Son's suffering and death into the victory of new life and resurrection. We celebrate transformation as our gifts of bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of the Lord. The whole Christian life of stewardship gives us reason to hope and work for change as well — in ourselves, in the Church and in our world. Stewardship always involves conversion — a change of mind and heart, something that cannot be expressed in one single action, but in a whole way of living. Stewardship offers us a way to re-focus our energy and provides an opportunity to face today's challenges. The re-discovery of stewardship as an ancient New Testament teaching is one of the good news stories in our Catholic life of faith. Catholics in increasing numbers are being introduced to the message of stewardship and are studying how this concept informs their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. As Saint Paul writes: "We are servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1).

As stewards, we understand that a grace-filled potential dwells within each of us and is constantly open to conversion and responsive to the love of God. Also within every human heart, the mystery of God lays dormant, waiting to be awakened by our words, our example or our actions. As individuals, we have power we do not realize. Even our generous acts have power. Like the poor widow whom Jesus esteemed for placing two seemingly insignificant coins in the temple offertory, we have the power to build our community of faith through our generosity. Today, the witness to this power is most evident in those communities of faith that profess and practice stewardship. What we learn from Christian stewardship is that we have an openness to change and respond, to let ourselves be new persons. As stewards, we recognize that all is gift, all is grace, and all things manifest the mystery of God's presence. Once we come to this conclusion, then we are more fully able to live the rest of our days in gratitude by celebrating and becoming Eucharistic people. Our work of stewardship is ultimately our way of saying thanks to God; our way of putting the Eucharist into action.

ICSC – International Catholic Stewardship Council – Eucharist In Action, 2016



PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

Recognizing extraordinary work in our communities

We are excited to launch a new segment of **The Parish Press** called the “Parishioner Spotlight” where we recognize members of Our Lady of the Lake and the extraordinary work they do outside of church. This could be personal or professional accomplishments in the form of recognitions, awards or commendations. If you know of a parishioner that should be acknowledged, please email us at ololcommunications@gmail.com. We thank these parishioners for their willingness to participate and we congratulate you on a job well done!



If you don't know Our Lady of the Lake parishioner **Andy Telli** personally, you might already be familiar with his name, especially if you are a reader of the Tennessee Register, the newspaper for the Diocese of Nashville.

Andy is the managing editor of the Register, which has received numerous awards from the Catholic Press Association, including several for General Excellence, during his tenure at the paper. In the 2017 Catholic Press Association's annual awards contest, the Register received a total of 14 awards and Andy received four. In 2016, the Register won nine awards and Andy received four, including first place in three categories: Best Sports Journalism, Best Editorial on a Local Issue and Best Coverage of the Year of Consecrated Life.

Over the years, Andy has been honored for stories about topics such as: the historic 1965 basketball game between predominantly white Father Ryan High School and all-black Pearl High School, which broke a color barrier in Tennessee high school sports; the death penalty; abortion; immigration; tornadoes; prison ministry; the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti; religious freedom; and Little League baseball. He's also won awards for some of the photos he's taken for the Register.

“I love my job with the Register because it gives me the chance to learn so much about our diocese and my Catholic faith,” Andy said. “Another great part of my job is getting to meet so many wonderful and interesting people. Some of my favorites over the years have been two of Our Lady of the Lake's former pastors, Father Edward Arnold and Msgr. William Bevington, and our current pastor, Father Eric.”

Andy has worked for newspapers since the day after he graduated from the University of Cincinnati, first at a weekly paper in Northern Kentucky, and later at the Bowling Green Daily News and the Nashville Banner. He has worked for the Register since 1998, with a three-year break as editor of the Hendersonville Star News.

He and his wife, Suzette, have two sons, Joey and Jacob, both graduates of Pope John Paul II High School. Joey is a graduate of Aquinas College and Jacob is a junior at Rhodes College in Memphis. Suzette, after a long career at Aquinas College, now works for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The Telli family have been parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake for nearly 10 years.



Emily Helms is a landscape and small event photographer located in Hendersonville, TN. She has enjoyed photography ever since receiving a small camera in the sixth grade. It became a serious hobby in 2005 when digital cameras were replacing film. Since retiring as a business insurance underwriter in 2014, Emily has devoted much of her time to photography.

Currently, she is a member of the Nashville Photography Club, the Brentwood Photography Group and the Society of Nashville Artistic Photographers (SNAP). She was a long-term member of the Hendersonville Camera Club and served as President for two years.

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Her images have won several awards and have been on display at: The Hendersonville Arts Council and Hendersonville Camera Club exhibits and some images were used in their newsletter. Several images have been selected in juried competitions for displays at Chromatics in Nashville and exhibits for the Society of Nashville Artistic Photographers. Several of her photos have won ribbons in the annual TN State Fair photography competition.

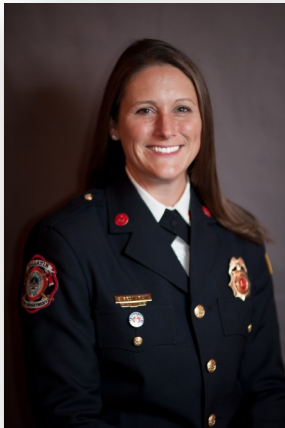
She has photographed Vintage Baseball games in the Nashville area and some of her photos were used in the Nashville Scene as well as on the TN Vintage Baseball Association website. One of her photos from a trip to Canada was chosen as Photo of the Month by Rocky Mountaineer Railway for August, 2017. In 2016, she placed first, and in 2017, placed ninth in a photography competition with the North Georgia Camera Club Council.

Since the summer of 2016, her main focus has been photographing many of the wonderful events at Our Lady of the Lake Church. She started with assisting with photographing the dedication of St Joseph Hall and has photographed many events since then. With the assistance of her husband, she has started doing aerial photography with his drone. He flies it as Emily directs him to get the desired composition.

For Emily, "Photography is a hobby, with a passion. The best prizes my photography has won have been the people I have met. Photography connects me with people and God's beauty around us. It always presents new challenges and opportunities."

Emily and her husband have been members of Our Lady of the Lake since 1995.

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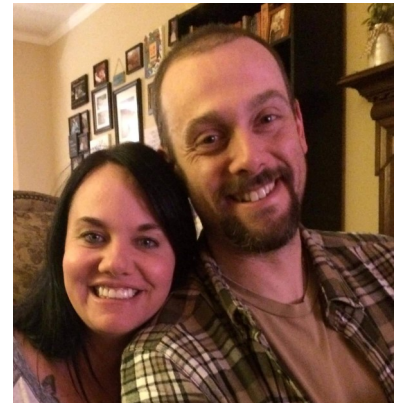
Deputy Fire Marshal Elizabeth Bednarcik presently holds the rank of Captain at the Gallatin Fire Department and is the driving and instrumental force of several proactive public education initiatives and endeavors the department has undertaken to increase public knowledge and awareness of fire and life safety hazards. She has started a Cooking Safety lesson that she teaches to local high schools with hopes of educating the future generations about cooking safely. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires locally and nationally. She also works to bring fire safety lessons to senior adults, who are our most at risk population of becoming injured or killed in a home fire. Captain Bednarcik states that, "My ultimate goal is to reduce injuries and deaths by educating as many people as I can about preventing fires and non-fire injuries such as falls." Captain Bednarcik is a graduate of Belmont University and has been in the fire service since 2004. When asked why she joined the fire service, she says, "I did not choose this career path myself, I actually never thought about being a firefighter while growing up, God chose this career for me and I continue to ask Him daily to guide me exactly where He needs me."

After severing as a fire fighter and engineer for several years, she was promoted to Fire Inspector in 2014. She currently directs and manages the department's Community Risk Reduction Program which was honored by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office in September with an Award of Excellence due to the program's progressive and innovative leadership and approach in making Gallatin a safer community. Captain Bednarcik was recently accepted into the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Leadership Program where she will attend classes in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She holds many certifications such as Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, Fire Instructor, and Fire & Life Safety Educator, but her main focus is keeping the public safe as well as the fire fighters she works with when they respond to fire incidents. She states that "Every building I inspect I constantly imagine it under heavy smoke and fire conditions with my guys crawling around in the dark, my main goal is that they all come home alive."

Captain Bednarcik was recently awarded "Fire Administrator Personnel of the Year" at the 2017 Gallatin Fire Department's Fireman Ball. She and her family have been members of Our Lady of the Lake for 10 years.

OLOL Youth

Hello! My name is Mike Zimmerman and I am the new Assistant Youth Director here at Our Lady of the Lake. I am originally from San Diego, California and have lived here in Hendersonville since 2008 with my beautiful wife Sarah, and our three amazing children. In addition to working with the Youth here at OLOL, I am also a Theology Teacher at Pope John Paul II High School. As a convert to the Church, I love talking about, teaching, and living out the faith. I earned my Bachelors Degree in Religious Studies from Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan and continued on to earn my Masters in Theological Studies from Vanderbilt University and another Masters in Catholic Pastoral Education from the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, England. Coming from an interfaith household growing up, talking about faith and bringing people together to make our world a more faith-engaging place is what I am all about. I look forward to all the wonderful opportunities ahead and meeting you!



Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Laudate Children's Choir

The Laudate Children's Choir is in full swing for its third year! On November 5, the choir led the music for the 8:30 AM and 11 AM Masses. For that Mass, the children learned a little traditional Latin. The Offertory song was a two-part arrangement of Mary Lynn Lightfoot's *Pie Jesu*. For Communion/Meditation, the choir sang *Ubi Caritas* (Where there is charity and love), arranged by Becky Slagle Mayo, one of the children's favorite pieces this fall! In addition to singing, several members played the tone chimes, enhancing the joyful melodies of *For All the Saints* and *Let Us Break Bread Together*.

The excitement continues this fall. Fr. Eric asked the Laudate choir to lead the music for the newly-added 4 PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass. The children have been busily practicing a variety of Christmas carols, and, of course, a special new piece! We hope families with small children will come at 3:40 PM and enjoy the Carol Service before Mass and sing along to celebrate our Savior's birth at Mass. The Laudate choir will also provide the music for the Children's Christmas Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 AM, and they'll sing a few Christmas tunes at the Christmas Coffee House on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 PM.

The Laudate choir is under the direction of Jj Ebelhar, assisted by Deb Bennett and Babs Rector. We welcome students in grades 2 through 8 to join us on Wednesday nights 5-6 PM. For more information, contact Jj Ebelhar jj.ebelhar@gmail.com

Sing Loud

SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG. SING UNTO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.
PSALM 96:1



Fraternus

Fraternus Ranch in June, **Canoe Trip** to the Harpeth River in July and **Excursion I** to Old Stone Fort State Park in October mark some of the highlights of Fraternus OLOL as the chapter sets out on its 8th year. With a blend of adventure and spirituality, brothers white water rafted, engaged in paint ball competition, went horseback riding, canoed, explored, all balanced with Mass, Holy Eucharist, reconciliation, prayers and adoration.

Approximately 250 attended **Fraternus Ranch** which included 24 Brothers and Captains from OLOL, our own Fr. Austin Gilstrap along with three priests from other states.

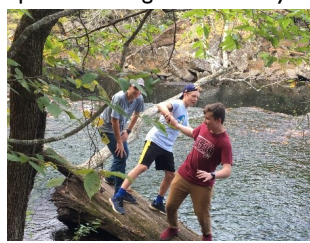
In July, the OLOL Chapter **canoed the Harpeth River** at Kingston Springs. A slow canoe trip, lunch on a rock bar, rope swinging and swimming made for a beautiful day of Brotherhood.

On to **Excursion I**, in October, the first trip to Old Stone Fort State Park for the Middle Tennessee chapters of Fraternus, Nashville West (St. Edward), Nashville South (St. Edward), Nativity, St. Phillip and Our Lady of the Lake. Always a tent camping experience, the weather was perfect, the venue great. Thank you Fr. Gilstrap for a beautiful Mass under the trees. We promise that next year the altar will be placed upwind of the campfire smoke.

Much of the expense for the above outings and the chapter's operating expenses are offset by the generosity of our parishioners at the annual Fraternus Fund Raiser. Thanks to you all.

Watch the **Sunday Bulletin** for the dates of the Fraternus Excursions 2 and 3 and Ranch 2018 and all other Fraternus announcements.

Any young man grades 6 through 12 (and we have several 5th graders) interested in joining the Our Lady of the Lake chapter of Fraternus and going deep into the seven virtues, and having great adventure in Brotherhood please contact Danny Snyder at 438-8626, Tom Wynne at 824-2344 or see any Fraternus Captain for more information or just show up for Frat Night on Monday nights at 6:30PM in the Bevington Social Hall.



Fidelis

This fall, Fidelis, the sister ministry to Fraternus, began at Our Lady of the Lake. Our first meeting was on Monday, August 28, 2017. We are grateful to have twenty-two young women signed up for the ministry along with twelve mentors. The focus of our ministry, like Fraternus, is to grow in virtue. The virtues addressed throughout the year are: Faith, Hope, Charity, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, and Temperance. This is done in the context of the liturgical year.

The first Fidelis Invitational ceremony was held on Monday, September 25, 2017. At the ceremony, eighteen young women accepted the challenge to grow in virtue. It was a beautiful ceremony followed by a lovely dinner in St. Joseph hall. Our chapter has also had its first outing! Several members and mentors travelled to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama on Saturday, October 28, 2017. This was an opportunity for us to build our community and nurture our faith.

We are just beginning but off to a great start! If you are young women in 6th to 12th grade, please join us on Monday nights in the teen room from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. for faith and fellowship with your Fidelis "sisters". All mothers and women of the parish are invited to join us as mentors too!



Paratum cor meum Deus, Paratum cor meum

My heart is ready, Oh God, my heart is ready



Religious Education

This year, we got off to a great start, with our catechist in-service on August 20, 2017. We are blessed to have over 80 catechists to serve our parish. This year's catechetical theme is "Living as Missionary Disciples." With many activities and great learning experiences planned for this year, we will teach our children how to live out their lives as disciples of Christ.

On October 25, 2017, the Confirmation students, parents, and sponsors shared their hope for Confirmation with a candlelight ceremony. As a group, we experienced that we are all on this journey and we are not alone. It is our hope that the promises made at Baptism will be a continuation of their commitment to the Catholic faith. Our Confirmation students are busy helping and supporting our parish and community with a variety of service projects as part of their Confirmation requirements. We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our youth, and our new Bishop, Bishop Spalding on May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

On November 16, 2017, seventy-seven students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the love and generosity of Father Eric, Father Thomas, and Father Jerry. It was wonderful to hear them share their experience and the love that Jesus has for each of us. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Communion on May 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

On December 3, 2017, the children of our parish enjoyed fun activities, games, movies, and even Santa came as our Confirmation students gave parents a break to go Christmas shopping.

On December 10, 2017, our catechists will celebrate the Advent season with a brunch in their honor hosted by Liliana Gonzales. The students in the Religious Education classes will be continuing their tradition of the Jesse tree ornaments that will be displayed in the various entrances of the building throughout the Advent season.

On December 17th, 2017, the children will re-enact the Christmas story in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. It is wonderful to be transported back to Jesus's life in Nazareth by our children as they perform the beautiful Nativity story.

We are very thankful to the Parish families and your support. On behalf of the children, catechists, and staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to a new year together as we anticipate God's great plan for us all.



Moms PLUS

The Moms PLUS Family Life ministry has been enjoying another wonderful semester of fellowship, with members both old and new. We meet weekly throughout the school year. If you are considering joining us for one of our meetings, please check out our Facebook page for more information. We would love to have you!

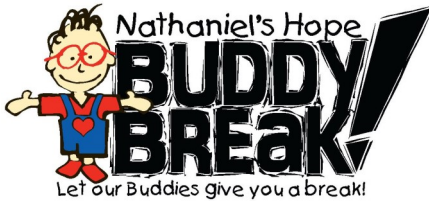
Moms PLUS would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Advent and Christmas season!

° **Moms Providing Love Understand & Support** °

"Yes, I wish to sow courage,
hope, and enthusiasm
abundantly in the hearts of
all those many diverse
people who are in charge of
religious instruction and
training for life in keeping
with the Gospel."

- Saint Pope John Paul II

**SAVE THE
DATE!**
Wiggles Giggles
Spring
Consignment Sale
Feb 28- Mar 2nd



**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE HAS PARTNERED
WITH NATHANIEL'S HOPE TO PROVIDE
"BUDDY BREAK" – A FREE RESPITE / KIDS PROGRAM**

WHAT: Nathaniel's Hope Buddy Break at Our Lady of the Lake in Hendersonville

Nathaniel's Hope Buddy Break is a free kids program where kids with special needs (VIP kids) make new friends, have fun playing games, hear and see great children's stories, videos, music and more! Siblings have fun too! Meanwhile, their caregivers get a break from their ongoing care-giving responsibilities usually for three hours.

Buddy Break is a growing outreach to the VIP community done in partnership with churches across the nation. Our Lady of the Lake is one of those partners and provides "Buddies" who are screened and trained, then paired one-on-one with a VIP during Buddy Break.

WHO: Nathaniel's Hope – Program Founder

Our Lady of the Lake – Program Partner

Nathaniel's Hope is an Orlando-based outreach organization dedicated to sharing hope and encouragement with kids with special needs and their families, as well as educating and equipping the community to reach out to VIP kids and their families. Tim and Marie Kuck established Nathaniel's Hope in honor of their son, four-year-old Nathaniel Timothy Kuck, who was born with multiple special needs. Nathaniel proved to be a "miracle boy" beating the odds and overcoming many health challenges before he passed away in 2001. The Kucks believe Nathaniel's "purpose in life" is fulfilled by providing respite to VIP parents/caregivers and fun to VIP kids and their siblings.

WHEN: Friday, January 5, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Who are VIP kids? – VIPs are kids with special needs, which include any physical, cognitive, medical or hidden disability, chronic or life-threatening illness, or those who are medically fragile. This program is for VIP children and their siblings.

Who are Buddies? – Buddies are friends of VIPs. No previous experience is necessary, just a loving heart and open arms. Buddies are volunteers who are at least 14 years of age and have been screened and trained through a two-hour "Buddy Training 101" class.

INFORMATION:

Nathaniel's Hope (407) 857-8224

Contact: Marie Kuck - BuddyBreak@NathanielsHope.org

Web: www.NathanielsHope.org

Our Lady of the Lake Contact: Jan Morales

Phone number: 615-414-0162

Email: buddybreaklol@gmail.com



The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD

Isaiah 11:2

Handyman Ministry

The Handyman Ministry is a ministry dedicated to helping members of our parish with household maintenance tasks. For the year of 2017, the OLOL handyman ministry will perform 24 small tasks for our parishioners.

Examples of tasks performed for 2017 are:

- 1) Minor painting and exterior wood repair
- 2) Assembly of storage shelves
- 3) Installation of door seals
- 4) Change out of light bulbs
- 5) Installation of Window Blinds.
- 6) Installation of bicycle racks
- 7) Minor plumbing such as faucet replacement



This ministry charges only for materials. We have 8 members and we are happy to help members of parish with small maintenance jobs. If the job is too large we can recommend local contractors. This ministry has been a part of OLOL for years and we do an average of 25 tasks every year.



Golden Guys & Gals

Golden Guys and Gals is a ministry for seniors at OLOL. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at a restaurant, OLOL, or on an outing. Last month several of the members went on a six-day bus tour to Branson, MO. They went to seven shows and rode the dinner showboat. Everyone enjoyed the trip and the fellowship. Attached are some photos from the trip and more are in a collage on the Stewardship Wall. There will be a Christmas meeting on December 11th and an outing to a play in Hendersonville. For more information contact Kandie G-Francisco at 615-420-0029.

Legion of Mary

Join us in being Mary's army here on earth. Notre Dame du Lac meets on Wednesdays after daily Mass to pray the rosary and have a brief spiritual /business meeting. Then we set out to do our main mission: bringing communion to shut-ins and area nursing homes. Weekly we visit between 60-70 people. Residents delight in seeing and praying with church members. We invite both men and women who might be interested in this ministry to join us.. Contact Joanne Huss 615.859.4202.

Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus Help Spruce up OLOL

Over the last few months the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Bevington Council 9132 has been active in several projects at OLOL improving the safety and appearance of our community:

Making Things Safe And Like New Again

The first project was repairing Father Eric's deck at the rectory. Last spring knights had repaired the structural portion of the deck flooring. This required replacing rotted timbers and doing some modifications to the tracks on the floor to provide better drainage. This work was done by Knights Doug Blake, Ed Corbitt, Steve Rozek and Thornton Schoch.

This November, Knights Doug Blake, Ed Corbitt, Mark Pense, and Thorn Schoch replaced some of the trim work and pressure washed and painted the deck. Now the deck is safe to use and looks great.

Restoring the Original Appearance

Over the years since our church was built, the retaining wall in the lower parking lot has slowly changed from a fresh concrete color to almost black. No one noticed the gradual darkening except for Knight Steve (Doc) Bollig who set out, along with his son Greg, to do something about it. Doc recruited fellow Knights Al Bleich and Larry Vessels and together the group pressure washed that retaining wall returning it to its original condition.

Making Things Bright Again

Another item that had slowly deteriorated from its original condition was the Loras Vaske Memorial Bridge leading to the prayer path in the woods north of the church. In September Knights Doug Blake, Ed Corbitt and Mike Manor pressure washed and restained the bridge and as shown in the picture it is now bright and looking good again.



If you want to be involved in a group that values brotherhood and service to others, you are invited to join us. The only requirement is that you be a practicing Catholic man age 18 or above. We have admission ceremonies regularly and would be happy to welcome you into our council. See any knight (most ushers) for information.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

1729 Stop Thirty Road • Hendersonville

*"For today in the city of David, a savior has been
born for you who is Messiah and Lord."*



Sunday, December 24th

10:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
4:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass
6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass
9:00 PM Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25th

10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

We wish you and your family
a Merry Christmas and a
blessed New Year!

*We hope you will join your
parish family as we celebrate
the birth of Jesus Christ.*





Mission for St. Bertin in Haiti

"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? ... Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:17-18

Thanks to the generous support of parishioners, OLOL continues to show our love and compassion in deed and truth through our service to the poor of St. Bertin, our twin parish in Petit Bourg de Port Margot, Haiti.

In October, OLOL Haiti co-chairs Diane Huggins and Therese Casler led a team of seven people on a trip to St. Bertin to be with the people and to work on many important projects.

Services to the poor – Registered nurses Lisa Manor and Laurie Gibbs provided health exams and medications for St. Vincent de Paul Society parishioners. As in the U.S., these individuals – many of whom are blind, crippled and elderly – are among the poorest of the poor in the community. Also, Cherie Phillips helped to organize the distribution of peanut butter, clothing and other items sent by OLOL on the Sea Container. It was a humbling experience for everyone involved to be among these poor, happy, faith-filled people.

Special School Projects - Chuck Scruggs and Bob Donovan focused on several important projects that are underway at St. Bertin School. They met with a local contractor to arrange for the construction of a new composting latrine system to replace the current unsanitary facilities. They also met with an electrical contractor about installing electricity at St. Bertin School for the classrooms and computer lab. Also, we met with a local internet provider to install internet service for the computer lab, health clinic and rectory. Thanks to the generosity of OLOL, the students of St. Bertin will benefit greatly from these needed improvements.

Support for St. Bertin School – We spent a lot of time at St. Bertin School, meeting with the teachers, staff, secondary school parents and the latest addition to the secondary school - the 8th grade class.

Lisa's daughter Ayla Manor and Diane's grandson Hawken Kirchner demonstrated the benefits of youth involvement in mission work. Ayla and Hawken worked together to teach English and personal hygiene classes. The students enjoyed being with Ayla and Hawken and learned a great deal from them.

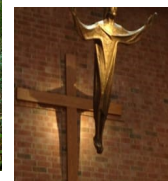
We also began a vitamin program. The team delivered a five-month supply of multivitamins to St. Bertin School. These vitamins will be distributed to students every day and will help prevent malnutrition and provide essential nutrients for healthy physical and cognitive development. Another supply of vitamins will be delivered to St. Bertin early next year.

And finally, we purchased food supplies to provide lunch for the students. The mission team enjoyed serving the food in the classrooms and spending time with the students.

Our journey continues as we strive to make a difference in the lives of the people at St. Bertin. Plans are currently underway to return to St. Bertin in February 2018 for a Dental Mission. Please pray for OLOL Haiti Mission as we continue to seek ways to accomplish God's purposes for St. Bertin.

For more information, contact Diane Huggins at 615-476-2667 or dphuggins@comcast.net or Therese Casler at 615-519-1863 or theresecasler@gmail.com.

OLOL in Action



**A Christmas Coffeehouse
FEATURING
a LIVE Nativity**

**COST
\$5
St. Joseph Hall**

**Saturday, Dec. 16th
5 pm Nativity
7 pm Coffeehouse**

A nativity scene illustration with silhouettes of the Virgin Mary, Jesus, and the three wise men. The background is a dark blue sky with stars and a bright star.



Women Within

Women Within is dedicated to helping women in the Parish be the best they can be. We are women from everywhere – of all ages, cultural backgrounds– on our own paths of self-awareness and personal growth. We are a social, service, and spiritual organization which promotes Christian fellowship through social gatherings of women in our parish and provides support for the needs of our parish and our community.

This year was exciting for us all. We are growing and welcome many new members as they join the church from other places. Last December at our meeting we had an Ugly Sweater Contest and a White Elephant gift Exchange which we will repeat again this year. Our projects have included helping a nonprofit, “Home Safe,” and will be providing some ministry visits to them during the year. Our St. Patrick’s Day event will be held on March 17th at St. Joseph’s Hall. We had another successful Margaritaville and also had fun with Halloween and getting letters out to the Soldiers. We also helped feed a family for Thanksgiving. We are providing Chili for Christmas4Kids. We were able to give Father Eric \$1000 for the Building Fund from our Summer Carnival which we hope to do again with the help of the Knights of Columbus. We are planning to donate in the name of Sharon Ratcliff to the Room at the Inn program during our December meeting.

It has been a great year and we look forward to 2018 with much joy and excitement in being together to do great things for the church and each other.

Please join in the fun and we meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm

Divorced ?

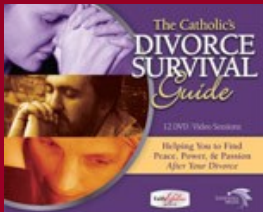
Our Lady of the Lake Parish is pleased to announce the Surviving Divorce program will begin its second year in January 2018. Surviving Divorce is an exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

Experts in the series include Rose Sweet, Surviving Divorce producer and author of *Healing the Divorced Heart*; Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist, Catholic author, and host of Ave Maria Radio’s *The Doctor Is In*; Fr. Mitch Pacwa, priest, biblical scholar, and author; Fr. Donald Calloway, priest, author, and popular EWTN host; Fr. Steve Porter, priest, biblical scholar, and spiritual director; and Christopher West, Catholic speaker and expert on St. John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*.

It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. Please join us as we find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings.

For more information:

Call Roseann, [615.406.5677](tel:615.406.5677) or Cindy, [931.206.3654](tel:931.206.3654) or email: catholicdivorceolol@gmail.com



Baptisms

Emme Grace Tate	Miguel Angel Rosales	Camila Menjivar	Tucker Stags
Dawn Rediker	Roxana Rosales	Aldo Rodriguez	Tyler Lathrem
Stephen Roach	Katherine Lopez	Jane Rodgers	Emerson Villanueva
Samuel Turri	Katherine Parsley	Ava Borders	Marcus Hernandez
Andrew & Madison Hendrickson	Stzel Trujillo	Emma Borders	Arabelle Ferman
Carlos Escalera	Diego Gomez	Owen Wheeler	Emily Paredes
Jordan Reyes	Silbella Sambrano	Charlem Photivihok	Arelly Ruiz
Noah Mendoza	Eloy Hernandez	Marguerite Lee	Enzo Ruiz
Declan Patton	Uriel Salamanca	Hayden Bernard	Jayline Barcenaz
Oliver Olvera	Laura Gutierrez	Reese Pudlo	Anthony Balderas
Jasper Landeros	Jose Salazar	Nicholas Parnell	Evelyn Blanco
Maci Landeros	John Paul Raub	Zachary Parnell	
Naydelyn Aguilar	Elena Debrosse	Gabriel Qiqieh	
Jayden Tejas	Lennon Kozlow	Genesis Ferretiz	
Lester Ramos	Ava Gillam	Jocelyn Ferretiz	
Vanessa Ramos	Gracie Gillam	Hellen Villanueva	
Melissa Ramos	Ayde Luna	Eduardo Fuentes	
Yaritza Jimenez	Morgan Boger	Axel Sosa	
Adrian Villegas	Corbyn Tackett	Dayana Sosa	
Jocelyn Trinidad	Coltyn Tackett	Matteo Diaz	
Leonel Escalera	Nathan Henderson	Karen Ortiz	
Jayden Gomez	Cameron Hamilton	Dariel Vasquez	
Leah Santana	Oliver Wood	Ian Jose Briones	
Alejandro Valey	Fariel Ambriz	Nicolle Morales	
Raul Mejia	Julianna Ambriz	Brianna Ponce	
Colbee Paulson	Shari Martinez	Hector Jimenez	
Margaret Barnett	Daren Martinez	Axel Najera	
Leonardo Molina	Daniel Santiago	Georgia Montero	
Antonio Hernandez	Luis Cebrero	Eloise Montero	
Pedro Medina	Michael Pennington	Caleb Johnson	
Greyson Allbritton	Randall Florian	Emily Johnson	
Jasmine Roma	Leydi Ramos	Kaylee Johnson	



Deaths

Our heartfelt condolences to the families of:

- ◆ Seana Walters
- ◆ Percy Hallock
- ◆ Rick Marvel
- ◆ Lee Ramsey
- ◆ Leonard Hutt
- ◆ Toni Sewell
- ◆ Gwenn Hughes
- ◆ Sharon Ratcliff
- ◆ Bill Margulies

Marriages

Our very best to the newlyweds:

- ◆ Aniseto Nunez and Marlana Bedolla
- ◆ Sean Patterson and Amy Moran
- ◆ Bryan Deemer and Jaclyn Clifford
- ◆ Manuel Romero and Nedy Hernandez
- ◆ Joseph Wegenka and Pamela Galvin
- ◆ Nikolas Blascoe and Melissa Culbertson
- ◆ Omar Cuevas and Susana Quiroz
- ◆ Ignacio Sanchez and Amparo Fernandez
- ◆ Tyler Brun and Jordan Batman
- ◆ Alec Pierce and Rachael Dana



Please join us in welcoming the following families who have recently registered at Our Lady of the Lake.

Our Parish family is a large and active one and is always in need of newcomers involvement.

For additional questions or volunteer opportunities, please contact:

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Welcoming Chair
615.305.0465
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OLOL New Members

Bill & Tara Albright

Maya

Anthony & Kathleen Ausderau

Madeline, Lauren, Peyton & Chase

Zach & Lindsey Balser

Ava

Troy & Kristine Bartlett

Aleksandra

Allen & Jennifer Beard

Jack & Johnny

Joyce Bernard

Annette Bevelhymer

Kory

Theodore & Marananta Biltos

Louisa

David & Michelle Blanton

Hanna & Emily

Chance & Margaret Boles

Laska & Kelin

Richard Braun

Andres & Gisella Bravo

Andrew

Tom & Cathy Brinegar

William & Analina

Edgar Antonio Calderon

Charles & Elise Carlson

Tucker

John & Ana Cash

Jack & AnnaBelle

Cheryl Cole

Gwen & Caelyn

Wilma Connolly

Stephen & Vareena Cornelio

Jason

Anthony & Janis Coquillard

Jeremiah & Ashleigh Davis

Simone, Evelynnn & Amelia

Adam Daniel

Matthew Delgado

Cherie Duhe

Chris Florek

Jack

LaQuada Florek

Waylon & Krystal Forgey

Lyla, Nora & Oliver

Sean & Julie Forrest

Liam, Erin & Hannah

Ben & Michelle Francis

Miller & Bayleigh

Victoria Franzese

Matt & Jacki Frutiger

Peyton & Madison

Chris & Dina Fuselier

Dina Marie & Kristen

OLOL New Members (continued)

Brandon & Katie Gibson
Emma

William Grib

Alexander & Becca Griepentrog

Gentry Hale IV

Melissa McGinness

Sherry Hartley
Ryan & Justin

Gary & Barb Hegeman

James & Arika Hoscheit
Aiden & Alexa

Robbie Kiernan

Peggy Kime

John & Cyndy Knapp

Derek & Laura Kowalski
Ella & Sylvie

Bob & Patricia Krauth

William & Tricia Langon

Kevin & Adrien Lee
Michael, Elijah, Isabelle,
Corinne, Xavier, Josephine &
Genevieve

Donald Linville

Angel & Ana Martine
Rayhan

Mike & Kelly McDonnel
Claire

Patrick & Maria McLaughlin
Sean, Parker & Ethan

Tom Miller

Brian Momberg

Hector & Dianne Montalvo
Ivy & Mia

Juan & Tiffany Montero
Georgia & Eloise

Elaine Muger

Suzanne Muger

Mike & Ali Oxley
Virginia

Dwight & Amy Parnell
Zachary & Nicholas

Matt & Keri Photivihok Charlie

Jeremiah & Brittany Pierce
Mia & Jackson

Justin & Keeley Poff

Florance Printz

Ben & Jody Pryor
Sarah, Annie & Josh

Joe & Sandy Purdon

Brian & Angie Reynolds
Branden, Kaitlynn, Jacob & Luke

Mal Rhett

Lamar & Rita Roberts

Brian & Tami Schiermeier
Michael & Thomas

Todd & Amy Shaw
John & Chelsa Simmons
Ken & Lori Skonicki
Colton & Carson

Jane Slowinski

Ryan & Jessica Spraggins

Ron & Barb Staggs
Brandon, Ryan & Alyssa

David & Katie Tabbert

Rich & Ann Tomko
Isaac, Dalton & Vivian

Michael & Vinh Trull
Anna

Frances Trupiano

Diann Vaccaro

Stephen & Catie Wall
Anna & John

Danny & Chelsea Wardlow
Amberly & David

Jacob & Jennifer Webb

Jessica Weir

Thomas Gravelle
Evy

Skip & Anne Williams

George & Aislinn Williams
Archie & Melodie

David Woods

Joe & Jessica Young

Jason & Katherine Zeleznik



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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Mission

A parish is a place of encounter with Christ where His followers gather in His name to worship and find spiritual nourishment for our pilgrimage of faith.

Our Lady of the Lake is a welcoming and committed family of believers, centered in the Eucharist, who strive to authentically live as disciples of Our Lord.

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday Mass 5:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Worship obligation)

Sunday Masses* 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass 6:00 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:15 AM

Friday (Communion Service) 6:30 AM

Wednesday Youth Mass (when school is in session) 6:15 PM

Reconciliation Saturday, 4:00 - 4:50 PM or by appointment

* Nursery for infants & toddlers provided at Sunday morning Masses

Our hearts and doors are open. We hope to see you here.