



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

16 Baboosic Lake Road Merrimack, NH 03054

**All Are
Welcome!**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri - 8:30 AM
Holy Days - 8:30 AM
and anticipated vigil - 7 PM

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Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, founded in 1954, is a Roman Catholic community that shares in the life of Jesus Christ, obedient to the Father, and guided by the Holy Spirit. As a faith community, our mission is: to celebrate the sacraments and to proclaim the Word of God; to minister to the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish through prayer, works of charity, personal witness, education, and evangelization; to welcome all people to active participation in our parish community; and to preserve the faith of Church amidst a changing world and diverse social climate. We commit ourselves to this mission, under the patronage and protection of Mary, Mother of Mercy, with faith, hope and love in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May 1999

Sacraments

Baptism for infants is usually celebrated on the last weekend of the month. Please contact the office for more information about baptism and the other **Sacraments of Initiation**. For the celebration of **Marriage**, 6 months notice is necessary.

Reconciliation

Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3 PM and by appointment.

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your needs.

Parish Office/Rectory: 424-3757 Faith Formation Office: 262-1484
Website: www.olmnh.org - see website for possible Mass schedule changes

FAITH FORMATION

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and the continued advisories on in-person meetings, we are suspending all in-person Faith Formation classes through January. We will re-evaluate this decision on a monthly basis.

Life Teen & Edge: will meet remotely via Zoom for the time being on the regularly scheduled dates. Be on the lookout for a Flocknote message a few days before the session for more info!

Grades 1-5: Please use this time to work on lessons in your classroom books together as a family. Check in with the office if you have any questions. Keep an eye out for weekly emails from the Faith Formation office on chapters to cover and other resources.



Family & Faith in the Home

Parents: Start the new year off with an interactive webinar series led by Mike & Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project, sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester.

“You can figure this out! We are here to help spark a conversation with you and your spouse and unleash your distinctive approach to leading your family because there is no one perfect way to be a parent.”

-Mike & Alicia

January 13, 8-9:30PM—Communication in Marriage

January 20, 8-9:30PM—Messy Parenting 101

January 27, 8-9:30PM—Evangelizing Your Children

Register for free at
www.messyfamily.eventbrite.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9th
Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

4:30PM: Arlene Olson req by the OLM Ladies Guild

Sunday, January 10th
Baptism of the Lord

8:30AM: George Samson requested by a friend
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Donna Lewis requested by her family

Monday, January 11th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Michael & Cindy Coughlin in celebration of their marriage this month requested by the OLM staff

Tuesday, January 12th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Amy Sweetland requested by a friend

Wednesday, January 13th
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Leo & Yvette Bouchard req by the family

Thursday, January 14th

NO MASS

Friday, January 15th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: John Nitteling requested by his sister

Saturday, January 16th
Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Dorothy Lavalée requested by her family

Sunday, January 17th
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Karen Maloney requested by her family

10:30AM: Frank DeChiara requested by his wife
For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of January 9th—15th in memory of
Rose Tedeschi.

Baptism

At baptism promises are made. The infant being baptized does not promise anything, but the parents stand before God and the assembly, and promise to raise the child in the Faith. With Divine help and also the help of the community, parents are called to raise the child in a home of peace, faith, prayer, and forgiveness. The Godparents promise to support the parents in raising their child in the Faith. The people of the assembly promise to help the parents on the spiritual journey. God our Father lovingly grabs hold of the child and promises to be a constant presence.

Four Stations of the Ritual of Baptism

The baptism ritual models Christian life.

At the Door: The family stands at the threshold of faith. This is the day the child becomes part of the Body of Christ.

In the Pew: We sit and listen to the Word of God and the instructive words of the homilist.

Around the Font: We celebrate the sacrament. We meet Christ in the sacraments. The child is accepted into the sacramental life of the Church.

Around the Altar: We gather around the altar as a reminder that baptism is not the final moment in the life of the Christian. We look forward to that time when the child will gather at the Lord's table.

The Signs of the Sacrament

The Sign of the Cross: The Sign of the Cross is traced on the child's forehead. It is a symbol the child belongs to God.

Water: With the blessing of the holy water we pray that it might become a means to salvation. Water symbolizes Divine Life.

The Oil of Catechumens: the child is anointed with oil and a prayer that the presence of God in this child will be greater than any evil encountered in life.

The Candle: The child's candle is lit from the paschal candle, symbolizing the Resurrected Life of Jesus.

Sacred Chrism: The child is anointed on the crown of the head with this fragrant oil and the child is called to be a priest, prophet, and king.

The Baptismal Garment: the garment symbolizes a new way of life that is focused outward to serve and care for others.

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



Thank you!

♥In November the OLM community supported the holiday gift drive of our local chapter of Meals on Wheels.

A message of thanks from SJCS Meals on Wheels...

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to your parishioners in providing items for our 2020 Holiday Gift Bag program. We were able to meet our goal of providing 1,300 holiday gift bags to Hillsborough County Meals on Wheels participants. What a wonderful contribution you made on behalf of our older, homebound, and disabled neighbors for the holiday season!

♥In December, OLM ran our own Christmas gift card drive to help meet some of the additional need in our local community. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity! Thank you for always being so responsive!

You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.

-Deuteronomy 15:10

Looking for a way to help locally?

The office has been contacted recently about local parishioners in need of rides to a medical appointments. Please call the office if you'd like to be placed on a list to help with providing rides.

Are you being called?

“Behold the Lamb of God.” Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603)663-0132 or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

January Rosary for Life Prayer Intentions

January 10 - Loving Mother: End human trafficking of children.

January 11 - Queen of Heaven: Continue to bless Bishop Libasci.

January 12 - Our Lady of Lourdes: Comfort our elderly in their daily struggle.

January 13 - Mother of God: Inspire pregnant women with your motherly love.

January 14 - Mary my Mother: Cradle those dying of a terminal illness.

January 15 - Holy Mother: Bring an end to animal cruelty.

January 16 - Sweetest Mother: Stop wrongful research on human embryos.



Pilgrims for Life

While there will be no diocesan pilgrimage to the national **March for Life** this year, our prayer and advocacy must continue. The Diocese of Manchester created “Pilgrims for Life” to help the faithful of NH build up the culture of life in the Diocese and beyond. Prayer opportunities related to the March for Life will be held in each deanery of the Diocese. Visit www.catholicnh.org/pilgrimsforlife for more information and a prayer guide.

Meatball subs!

Deacon John’s *famous* meatball subs will be offered after all the Masses on the weekend of January 23rd and 24th! Subs are packed with tender Italian meatballs, marinara sauce, and cheese. They are made and packaged under CDC guidelines in the Church Hall. The cost is \$5.00. Proceeds go to OLM programs.

Orders do not have to be placed ahead of time, but it is helpful if they are. Place your order (including the number of subs and the day of pick up—Saturday or Sunday) by calling the office or sending an email to deaconjohn@olmnh.org or kcorsetti@olmnh.org.

Parish Stewardship

Christmas:	\$5442
Weekend of Dec 27th:	\$3391
Solemnity of Mary Jan 1st:	\$1021
Weekend of Jan 3rd:	\$4012

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory Envelopes are available

Offertory Envelopes that have not been picked up from the Church Hall, will be moved to the office after this weekend. Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish!

Email Scam Alert

Some parishioners have received emails that seem to be coming from Fr. Paul asking for help and instructing them to respond only to that email. **Please know that this is a scam!** Fr. Paul would never reach out for help in this way.

Winter Weather Cancellations

Please be advised that morning Mass may be canceled due to winter storms. If Merrimack schools are closed due to weather, then Morning Mass is canceled. In the event of a storm during remote learning, cancellations will also be posted on our website at olmnh.org.

Weekend Masses will follow a normal schedule. Please use caution when deciding whether or not to travel in inclement weather.



Grateful!

I wish to say **Thank You** for all the cards and gifts I received throughout the Christmas Holiday Season. Kim and I appreciate knowing that you care for us and shower us with blessings.

Blessings and thanks to all,
Deacon John and Kim

Information Page

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish —Please drop off at the parish office (located behind the mailbox) not the church
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Thank you!

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Bulletin for January 10

100 Copies of bulletin for January 10

Thank you!
Katie