



# 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

## Parish Staff

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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.

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## 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](http://www.olmnh.org) - see website for possible Mass schedule changes

## ***MASS INTENTIONS***

**Saturday, January 16th**

**Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30PM:** Dorothy Lavalley requested by her family

**Sunday, January 17th**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30AM:** Karen Maloney requested by her family

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

**Monday, January 18th**

**NO MASS—Office closed**

**Tuesday, January 19th**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** In thanksgiving of Kristen Rebello on her birthday

**Wednesday, January 20th**

**Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;**

**Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Ken Sperber req by Karen & Bob Correia

**Thursday, January 21th**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, January 22nd**

**USA: Day of Prayer for the legal protection of  
Unborn children;**

**Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Ronald White requested by Sylvia White

**Saturday, January 23rd**

**Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30PM:** Mary Clare Collings req by Pat & Tom Voute  
For all parishioners

**Sunday, January 24th**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30AM:** David Hurd requested by Bob Bergin

**10:30AM:** Ken Sperber req by Karen & Bob Correia



## **FAITH FORMATION**

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

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

**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.

### **Food for thought...**

Have you given thought to the Bible as a family? "Bible" means books. The Bible isn't just one book, but a collection of many written over thousands of years.

The Bible is split into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The New Testament focuses on Jesus and the early Church. The first four books are the Gospels that tell the story of Jesus's life. We listen to a story from the Gospels at Mass. Most books in the New Testament are letters written by the Apostles. We usually listen to these letters as the second reading at Mass.

The Old Testament focuses on a special group of people to whom God chose to reveal himself. There are many well known people in the Old Testament: Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samson, Ruth, King David, King Solomon, and the Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and many more. The first reading at Mass usually comes from the Old Testament.

**Reflect Together:**

What are some of your favorite Bible stories? What books of the Bible do you like the most? Why? If you're not sure, explore the Bible. Look up the daily readings (they're listed on our website: [olmnh.org](http://olmnh.org)) and start there.

**Respond Together:**

A popular prayer before reading the Bible comes from St. John Chrysostom. The most common part of the prayer is:

"O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart that I may hear Your word, and understand and do Your will, for I am a sojourner upon the Earth."

-from [formation5.org](http://formation5.org)

### Wednesday People

Let's include spiritual matters in our **New Normal**. We are very fortunate that we have a spacious, well-ventilated interior space in our church. Our usual Wednesday gatherings appeal to approximately 12 people. Our church safely accommodates that number of masked, well spaced participants.

What do we do when we gather? We read the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. We read the passages and explore how they relate to our lives today. We pray for our personal needs, the needs of the community, and the world. Wednesday evenings help us to enter more fully into the Sunday Liturgy. This continued and consistent discipline helps to shape our spiritual lives. We will gather again in the church on Wednesday, January 20 at 7PM. You are invited to participate. Come once, or come as often as you can.

### Seminary Fund

The annual Seminarian Fund collection will be taken up this weekend, and 100% of every dollar raised will go toward the education and formation of our young men studying for the priesthood. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Seminarian Fund using your parish envelopes or through the diocesan website, and please continue to pray for our seminarians and for vocations in the Diocese of Manchester.

### Prayer for Diocesan Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to be fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come! Follow me!  
Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Mary, Mother of the Church, model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes!" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.  
Amen!

Are you thinking about following Jesus "the Lamb of God" as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603)663-0132 or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### ACT NOW!

Perhaps you have been thinking about truly becoming a member of the Church. Perhaps you are thinking about becoming baptized or confirmed. Maybe you feel called to Eucharist. Don't put it off! Act now! Call the office and say you're ready. Take that life-changing move today.

### Looking for a way to help locally?

The office has been contacted 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.

### 120 Club Winners

Week 13 Rachel Watkins & Nancy Pelletier  
Week 14 Sue Letourneau & Deacon John

### Congratulations!

### 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](mailto:deaconjohn@olmnh.org) or [kcorsetti@olmnh.org](mailto:kcorsetti@olmnh.org).

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of January 16th—22nd in memory of **George Samson**.



## January Rosary for Life Prayer Intentions

January 17 - Queen of Martyrs: Comfort the victims of violent crimes.

January 18 - Our Lady of Mercy: Bring hope to those who suffer from mental illness.

January 19 - Holy Mary: Heal your children imprisoned by addictions.

January 20 - Dearest Mother: Lead our Faith Formation students closer to Jesus.

January 21 - Queen of Angels: Bless and reward Fr. Paul and Deacon John.

January 22 - Mother most Charitable: Attend to the homebound in their loneliness.

January 23 - Mother of Sorrow: Assist caregivers as they comfort the sick.

## 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](http://www.catholicnh.org/pilgrimsforlife) for more information and a prayer guide.

## United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Vigil for Life January 28 & 29

### Thursday, January 28

8:00PM National Rosary for Life

8:30PM Opening Mass with Archbishop Naumann

9:45PM Holy Hour for Life

11:00PM Live-stream holy hours throughout the night

### Friday, January 29

8:00AM Closing Mass with Archbishop Lori

The live feed of the vigil is provided by Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and will also be available via live-stream at [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org). Live-streaming information for the overnight bishop-led holy hours can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

## *Parish Stewardship*

**December online \$19,945**  
**Weekend of Jan 10th: \$2779**

Thank you for your generosity!

### **Offertory Envelopes are available**

If you have not picked up your Offertory Envelopes they are in at the church office. 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](http://olmnh.org) as well as in the WMUR scrolling cancellation announcements.

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



### **Grief Support**

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting an online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again," a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, January 28 – March 4 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register at 603-752-1325 or [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org).

## Information Page

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Thank you!

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*100 Copies of bulletin for January 17*

**Thank you!**  
**Katie**