



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

MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 6th
Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**

4:30PM: Michael Tedeschi requested by his cousin
For all parishioners

**Sunday, March 7th
Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30AM: John & Joan Clossick requested by a friend

10:30AM: Ed Begin requested by Fran Pichette

**Monday, March 8th
Saint John of God, Religious**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: David Hurd requested by Diane Schultz

**Tuesday, March 9th
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Dave & Mary Burrell requested by Chris &
Sharon Nagy

Wednesday, March 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jack Kram req by Chris & Sharon Nagy

Thursday, March 11th

5:30PM: Confession

6:10PM: Evening Prayer

6:30PM: Paul Durkin requested by the Nagy & Durkin
families

Friday, March 12th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Judith Ashcraft (10th ann) req by a friend

**Saturday, March 13th
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:30PM: Philip Russell Dwyer requested by Jane &
Crystal Dwyer

**Sunday, March 14th
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30AM: Mollie Gannon req by the OLM Ladies Guild
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Alice Gerace requested by the Gehling Family

**Palm Sunday: Knights of Columbus
Breakfast to go**

To continue the tradition of a Palm Sunday breakfast, the Knights of Columbus will be holding a take-out breakfast on Sunday, March 28 after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church Hall. Our menus will include eggs, home fries, pancakes, and coffee/tea/juice. As always there is no charge although donations will be accepted. Stop by and pick up some breakfast on March 28 after Mass!

St. Gianna's Place

St. Gianna's Place will host a virtual fundraiser on March 23 from 7:00-7:45 PM to celebrate its second anniversary. Immaculee Ilibagiza, author of *Left to Tell* is the keynote speaker. She'll tell her amazing story of surviving the Rwandan genocide of 1994 and share how her deep faith allowed her to forgive and move on to a successful life. We will also hear from some women that St. Gianna's Place has helped over the past two years. For info visit stgiannasplace.org/

Upcoming meetings:

Life Matters

Sunday, March 14 at 9:30 in the church hall.

Women at the Well

Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 in the church hall. All are welcome including newcomers!

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of February 28: \$3,257

February online giving: \$17,690

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
Marth 6th-March 12th in memory of
Gayle Bergin.

FAITH FORMATION

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! We are excited to announce our plan to resume in-person classes in April!

Grades 1-5: We hope to resume in-person Wednesday grades 1-5 classes on April 7. We can't wait! 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 .

First Reconciliation: The First Reconciliation rehearsal is rescheduled for April 13 at 6:00PM with the celebration being April 20 at 6:00PM. Both meetings will take place in the church.

Confirmation & First Communion: We are thrilled to announce the Rite of Confirmation and First Communion will be on Saturday, May 8 at 10:00AM. There will be a class some time in the weeks prior; date and time to be determined. Please pray for our candidates!

I have decided not to let this Lent go by like rain on stones, leaving no trace. I will let it soak into me, changing me. I will be converted, I will turn again to the Lord and love Him as He wants to be loved.

-St. Jose Maria Escriva



My name is Nicodemus.

I am a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. I am mentioned in three passages of the Gospel of John. In the first passage I visit Jesus one night to discuss His teachings (John 3:1-21). The second time I am mentioned as I remind my colleagues in the Sanhedrin that the law requires that a person be heard before being judged (John 7:50-51). Finally, I appear after the Crucifixion of Jesus and ask for Pilate to release the body of Jesus for burial (John 19:39-42). I assist in the burial.

In next Sunday's gospel reading you will hear of me. I do not want to be seen by others, so I come to Jesus in the cloak of night. I want to know more about Jesus's teachings, because spiritually I am in the dark. Each time I am mentioned in scripture, you will see that I become bolder and less afraid to bear witness. Jesus encouraged me (and all of you) to come into the light; to live in God's truth and goodness.

**Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving
Making time for PRAYER**

The pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—are three paths to grow closer to God during these 40 days. We listened to Jesus speak about them in the Gospel reading on Ash Wednesday. Jesus said:

“When you pray. . .pray to your Father in secret.”

“When you fast. . .do not appear to be fasting.”

“When you give alms . . .do not win the praise of others.”

Lent is a journey of humility. Sometimes we can be tempted to brag about how holy we are, whether it is what we are giving up or the good works that we are doing, for example. Jesus reminds us that holiness requires us to be humble. It does not matter what anyone thinks of us, good or bad. What's important is our relationship with God.

Reflect: Think about your prayer experience so far this Lent. When is the best time of your day to find one-on-one time for prayer between you and God? Families: how can we grow in prayer together as a family during Lent?

Respond: All of us need some time alone with God. Even Jesus made efforts to find alone time to pray to the Father. Make the commitment during Lent to give yourself and your family that time every day. When will you find those moments alone with the Lord today?

The Lenten Season: Live Your Baptism

Lent provides time to reflect, repent, and renew!

Faith Foundations Series taught by Faith Formation director, Michael Coughlin, on Tuesdays at 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM

- The evening session will be live streamed to be watched live

Evening confession & Mass opportunities Thursdays

- 5:30-6:10 PM Confession
- 6:10 PM Evening Prayer
- 6:30 PM Mass (will be live streamed)

Stations of the Cross*

- Fridays at 6:30 PM (will be live streamed)
- Soup “to go” available

The Word Among Us: daily reflections based on scripture. Pick up a copy at the doors of the church.

Best Lent Ever: Receive short, daily reflections in your email from Matthew Kelly (author of *I Heard God Laugh*) and the Dynamic Catholic team. Sign up for free at dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever.

Living Lent as a Family: tips for parents on Formed.org.*

Sign up at Formed.org/lent for daily reflections.

The Search: From Real Life Catholic comes a 7-week Lenten retreat. Big questions will be explored: Why am I here? What is the life I was made for? Does God care about me? View each episode on Formed.org for free.

My Beloved Son: From Bishop Barron on Formed.org.*

The Saving Grace of Beauty - online young adult retreat March 12 from 7-9 PM; register by March 9.*

40 Days for Life prayer vigil, Manchester*

Marriage in Christ online retreat. Register by Mar. 31.*

Almsgiving: OLM almsgiving collections will go to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and the St. John Neumann Food Pantry in an effort to help meet some local need.

*More info within this bulletin.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life Lenten Calendar to pray for an end to abortion: all events outside planned parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester:

Daily vigils 7am-7pm, including weekends. It's never too late to pick a 1-hr time slot. Contact Norm Thibault at 603-289-0574.

Mid-Point Candlelight Vigil: Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30pm, sponsored by Our Lady of Mercy Knights of Columbus.

Stations of the Cross "walk around the block" Saturdays, March 13 and March 27 starting at 3:00 PM, led by Fr. Christian Tutor.

The Saving Grace of Beauty

A virtual Lenten evening of reflection for young adult Catholics

March 12 from 7:00-9:00 PM

Retreat facilitator: Kathy Tardif, director of campus ministry at Plymouth State University

There is no cost for this retreat, but registration is required by Tuesday, March 9.

More information and the link to register on the homepage of the Diocese of Manchester at catholicnh.org.

Marriage in Christ

The **Marriage in Christ** program has been changing lives for 11 years in parish group settings by helping couples make the Lord the center of their married life. An "at-home" program is now available for free!

The new **Marriage in Christ At Home Seminar** is a 5-week couple's experience that consists of streaming videos, downloadable activity packets, and easy instructions to help couples pray, talk, and act together. The cost is normally \$40, but for a limited time, Communication Center is offering it to parishioners for FREE!

See details including endorsements by Catholic bishops, priests, and couples at www.marriageinchrist.com. Take advantage of this offer: register on the website before March 31, 2021 (access available until May 31, 2021).

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 March 7

150 Copies of bulletin for March 7th

Thank you!
Katie