

# Pentecost Sunday



*When the day of  
Pentecost came...*

*all of them were  
filled with the  
Holy Spirit*

*Act 2:14*

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish     June 5, 2022



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM  
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM  
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM  
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

## Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM  
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

## Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

## Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

## Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

## Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

## Parish Staff

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

## Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

## Livestreaming available at [olmnh.org](http://olmnh.org)

The 4:30 vigil Mass is live streamed each week to be watched live or at a later time and available on the website at [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org).

## Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

# Mass Intentions

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Saturday, June 4th  
Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:30PM: Timothy Dwyer req by the Dwyer family  
For all parishioners

Sunday, June 5th  
Pentecost Sunday

8:30AM: Keith Boyer requested by Barbara Lantiegne

10:30AM: Durean Caron requested by the family

Monday, June 6th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Gerald P. Lynch requested by a friend

Tuesday, June 7th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Edmund Small requested by the family

Wednesday, June 8th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Mr. & Mrs. Alexis Chapdelaine

Thursday, June 9th

Saint Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Friday, June 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Patrick Davis requested by the Lamb family

Saturday, June 11th

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:30PM: John Villemure req by Pat & Tom Voute

Sunday, June 12th

The Most Holy Trinity

8:30AM: Yvonne Bouchard, 4th anniversary,  
requested by Diane Boissy  
For all parishioners

10:30AM: John Volpe requested by Diane Schultz

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns  
June 4th - June 10th in memory of  
**Felizardo Mopia, Sr.**



## We Welcome our Newly Baptized!

Baptized in May:

Kennedy Jeanne Bullock  
Tyler James Staib



"There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

-Ephesians 4:5

Thank you Lord for making me a living temple of  
the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the water of my  
baptism through which You have given me new  
life in Christ. Amen!



*Tongues of  
FIRE  
descended  
upon them*

## Readings for the Week: June 5, 2022

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8;  
Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13;  
Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5;  
Jn 16:12-15



## FAITH FORMATION

### Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

**•Confirmation & First Communion rehearsal:**

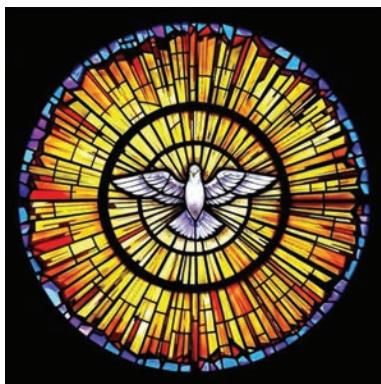
Sunday, June 5 at 6:00pm in the church for candidates and/or sponsors/parents

**•Confirmation & First Communion:** Monday, June 6 at 6:00pm; candidates and sponsors please arrive by 5:30.

**•Stay tuned for registration info for the 2022-23 year!**

### Please Pray for our Confirmation Candidates & First Communicants

Confirmation and First Communion will be on **Monday, June 6 at 6:00pm**. Please pray for our candidates, their sponsors, and their families.



### Prayer for Candidates & First Communicants

O God, we come to YOU asking YOU to bless those in our community who are candidates for Confirmation

as well as those preparing for First Communion.

Bless them, and all those in parishes everywhere seeking YOUR grace.

O God, we ask YOU to instill in them patience and perseverance in their journey of faith.

Enlighten their minds and open their hearts to YOU.

Keep those who come to YOU, O Lord, in YOUR loving care.

Watch over them as they draw closer to YOU.

Surround them with people who are willing to support them in their journey of faith.

We place them in the shelter of YOUR love as they prepare to meet YOU in new ways.

Amen!

### The Gift of the Holy Spirit

*John 20:19-23*

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in the Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to His disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after His death, Jesus fulfilled His promise to send to His disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be His witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus's appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions them to continue the work that He has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As He breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends His disciples to continue His work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.



This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

## Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

**Baby Bottle Campaign:** continues this weekend

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** Sunday, June 5 at 6:00pm for candidates and/or sponsors/parents, church

**Confirmation:** Monday, June 6 at 6:00pm, Bishop Christian presiding; all are welcome!

**Knitting Ministry:** Thursday, June 9 at noon, parish office

**Men of St. Joseph:** Saturday, June 10 at 7:00am, church hall

**Organ Recital:** Saturday, June 10 at 1:30m, church; all are welcome!

**Life Matters Ministry:** Sunday, June 12 at 9:30am, church hall

### THANK YOU from Life Matters

From the Mother's Day Flower event, our parish community sent \$1,000 to Birthright Of Manchester.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

### 120 Club Winners

Sandra Walsh  
Jessica Barowski

Thank you for your continued support!

### Community Arts Ministry Team

The Community Arts Ministry team at St. James in Merrimack is poised to enter its second year of offering classes and events for all ages. From cookie baking to acrylic painting, we believe that creativity is a wonderful way to connect with and experience the grace of God. Our team is looking for at least two new volunteers from community churches. This year our classes and events will focus on home-schooling families, families with young children, and adults. Interested? Please call Robin at 603-424-7459. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Parish Stewardship

Catholic Campaign: \$591

Ascension Thursday: \$1,151

May 28 & 29: \$3,991

Thank you for your generosity!

## Retirement Planning

The Knights of Columbus presents "Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape." We invite you to a virtual evening with Ed Slott, America's IRA Expert. Ed is a nationally recognized speaker and CPA who combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach about the ins and outs of retirement planning, and also provides insight to the latest tax and planning information. **Join us for this complimentary online webinar.**

Although there is no requirement to be a Knight to attend, it serves to showcase what we offer our members.

**Please register** to reserve your spot today for the **June 15 at 7:30pm** online event go to: [www.tinyurl.com/SlottJune15](http://www.tinyurl.com/SlottJune15).

### Support for St. Gianna's Place

In support of St. Gianna's Place, you are invited to take home a baby bottle and return it with a donation to the designated bin in the church by June 12. All proceeds will directly fund operations at St. Gianna's. Together we can change lives and help moms choose life for their babies!

### Saint Francis Charity Golf Tournament

Please join us for our 1st Annual St. Francis Charity Golf Tournament held at Hood Kroft Country Club in Derry, NH at 10:00am on Friday, June 17. All proceeds will benefit Catholic education. To learn more and to register, visit: [www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org) or call 603-424-3312. Thank you for the support!

### Touring Great Britain

Fr. Paul Montminy invites you to join him on a tour of Great Britain, featuring England, Scotland and Wales from October 15-26, 2022. Please call Fr. Paul M. at 603-888-0321 x 137 for more info.

### Save the Date!

Our dear Fr. Paul will be 50 years ordained this summer! You are invited to celebrate his priesthood on Sunday, June 26. Fr. Paul will celebrate Mass at OLM at 2:00pm followed by an open reception in the hall from 3:00-5:00pm. **If you're planning to attend the reception, please use the sign-up sheets at the entrances to the church for parishioners to RSVP.**

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