

Father,
the hour
has come.

JOHN 17:1

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish May 21, 2023



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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.

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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.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to the website at 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

Saturday, May 20th
Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: Daniel Vachon, 16th anniversary, requested by the family
For all parishioners

Sunday, May 21st
Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: Ernest Chapdelaine

10:30AM: Charlie & Marylou Kemp requested by the Hauver family

Monday, May 22nd
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jim McIvor requested by a friend

Tuesday, May 23rd

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joshua Danforth requested by Bruce & Janet Angus

Wednesday, May 24th

No Mass

Thursday, May 25th
Saint Bede the Venerable,
Priest & Doctor of the Church;
Saint Gregory VII, Pope;
Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

No Mass

Friday, May 26th
Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Carmelle Murch requested by her husband

Saturday, May 27th
Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:30PM: Leslie Sheehan req by the Lyons family

Sunday, May 28th
Pentecost Sunday

8:30AM: Roland & Lucille Delude requested by their children
For all parishioners

10:30AM: William Hanson

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
May 20th – 26th in memory of
Del Pilar & Filizardo Mopia.



Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed
& First Communicants!



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
Kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have
taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same
Spirit, help us to know what is truly right and
always to rejoice in you.
Amen!



Readings for the Week: May 21, 2023

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,
30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor
12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

• **Life Teen:** Sunday, May 21 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!

• **Faith Formation Registration:** Stay tuned for registration information for the 2023-24 school year for grades 1-12!

Mary's Holiness

All of the popes of the 20th century proclaimed something wonderful about Mary. Pope Paul VI declared her the Mother of the Church in 1964. Just as mothers give birth, nourish, and educate their children, so does Mary guide our spiritual birth and development. She unceasingly prays to Jesus on our behalf and provides us with an example of how to live a holy life.

Mary's holiness was the result not only of a special gift from God but also of her continuous and generous cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit. We contemplate Mary admiringly as Pope Paul VI said, because she was "firm in her faith, ready in her obedience, simple in humility, exulting in praising the Lord, ardent in charity, strong and constant in the fulfillment of her mission." ("Signum Magnum: Letter on the Blessed Virgin Mary," May 13, 1967).

The Hail Mary

The Hail Mary, our prayer in communion with the Mother of God, reflects two movements.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. The first movement praises the Lord for all the great things He has done for Mary and, through her, for all human beings.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. The second movement entrusts our cares to Mary.



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Jesus Prays for His Disciples

John 17:1-11a



Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus's Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus's final commendation of Himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for His disciples.

Jesus's prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus's life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus's death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over His spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus's prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Meatball Subs: available after the Masses Sunday, May 21, church hall

Life Matters: Sunday, May 21 at 9:30am, church hall

Life Teen & Edge: Sunday, May 21 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall

Simon Ministry: Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30pm, church hall

Foot Clinic: Thursday, May 25 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, May 25 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office building

Baby Bottle Collection: begins the weekend of May 27 & 28 to benefit St. Gianna's Place

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, May 28 after the Sunday Masses, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

120 Club Winners

Week 12

Richard Vachon

Margaret Bergeron

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Parish Stewardship

May 6 & 7: \$3,593

Capital improvements: \$3,667

Thank you for your generosity!

Baby Bottles for St. Gianna's Place

St. Gianna's Place, a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson, will hold a baby bottle campaign beginning on the **weekend of May 27&28**.

St. Gianna's doors have been open for four years and has offered a loving, supportive home to over 20 women and many babies and children during this short time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of operations and educational programs we offer to our moms.

To participate in the Campaign, take home a baby bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church **by June 18**.

With your support, we can change the lives of mothers and their babies through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

Rosary for Life Calendar

Intentions for May



May 21 - Mother of Holiness, we pray for Fr. Paul who mirrors your Son's love for us.

May 22 - Our Lady of Hope, we pray for responsible stewardship of all natural resources.

May 23 - Mother Mary, pray that medical personnel work to protect life from conception to natural death.

May 24 - Sweetest Mother, protect and support Deacon John Castelot.

May 25 - Mother of Sorrow, comfort those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

May 26 - Our Lady of Mercy, we pray for God's healing love for women who have suffered an abortion.

May 27 - Queen of Peace, heal the victims of violent crimes.

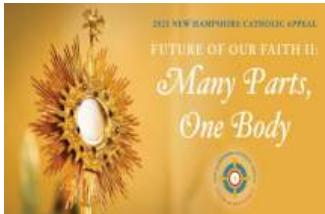
OLM Organ Recital



Music director Christian Copeley invites you to an organ recital showcasing his dedicated and talented OLM students on **Saturday, June 10 at 1:30pm** in the church. Hope to see you there!

Charity Golf Tournament

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Saint Francis Charity Golf Tournament at Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown at 9:00am on Tuesday, **June 20**. All proceeds benefit Catholic education. Learn more and register at www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org or 603-424-3312.



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If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholcnh.org/nhca or drop your gift in the collection basket at Mass next weekend.

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