



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

November 12, 2023



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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 prayer time in church 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 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. 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11th

**Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

4:30PM: Dolores Uysase requested by Kent & Kathy Johnston

Sunday, November 12th

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

8:30AM: Marie Zellmann req by Clay & Kathy Rush
For all parishioners

10:30AM: For all deceased members of the Knights
of Columbus

Monday, November 13th

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Edna Klardie requested by Angela Dipaola

Tuesday, November 14th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Sally LaVally requested by Barbara Lantiegne

Wednesday, November 15th

**Saint Albert the Great, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Louis Corsetti

Thursday, November 16th

No Mass

Friday, November 17th

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Marguerite Nicolo requested by her family

Saturday, November 18th

**Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

4:30PM: Carol Poligni req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Sunday, November 19th

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

8:30AM: Betty Kelley requested by the Bergin family

10:30AM: Beverly Soucy, 3rd anniversary, requested by
the family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
November 11th – 17th
in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Blazonis



Prayer for Veterans

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind
and author of peace,
As we are ever mindful of the cost paid
for the liberty we possess,
we ask YOU to bless the veterans
of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope, and strength.

May they ever
experience YOUR firm
support,
gentle love, and
compassionate
healing.
Be their power and
protector,
leading them from
darkness to light.
To YOU be all glory,
honor and praise,
now and forever.
Amen!



VA Medical Foster Home Care

The VA Medical Foster Home Program provides eligible Veterans the opportunity to live with a family when they can no longer stay in their own home. The program is recruiting families to host elderly veterans in their home. Please contact the office to learn more.

Readings for the Week: November 12, 2023

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or for the memorial of the Dedication
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session Wednesday, November 15 at 4:30 OR 5:45, church
- Youth Ministry (Edge & Life Teen):** Sunday, November 19 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- First Reconciliation:** Rehearsal Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00pm, church
- Confirmation & First Communion:** Parent meeting Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00pm, church hall

November: Month of the Holy Souls

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of November to remembering and praying in a special way for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Holy Souls (also called the Faithful Departed) are members of the Church awaiting the purification of their souls before joining the saints in heaven. They are referred to as the Church Suffering. The saints in heaven are the Church Triumphant and the faithful on earth are the Church Militant.

Remembering Loved Ones

All are welcome to bring in pictures of their deceased loved ones to be placed on the tables in the back of the church for the month of November.

Catholic Cemeteries

Death is not the end! As Catholics we are witnesses to the promise of everlasting life. Respecting the human person in all phases includes respect for the body. The Church prefers Catholics to be buried in a Catholic cemetery or on sacred ground. Cremation is allowed, but with respect for the dignity of the body, cremains are to be buried intact without scattering, separating, combining, dividing, or encasing in jewelry.

There are 66 Catholic cemeteries in NH. They all provide for casket burials and the burial of cremains.

Additional Diocese of Manchester resources:

- www.catholicnh.org/catholic-cemeteries
- Catholic guide to end of life decisions at www.catholicnh.org/threebeliefs



Be Prepared *Matthew 25:1-13*

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants His disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars explain that a custom of the day for young maidens - friends and family members of the bride - was to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus's parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus's return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us: Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive Him?

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

K of C Breakfast: sponsored by our Knights after the Masses on Sunday, November 12, church hall

Prayer Group: Monday, November 13 from 4:00 to 5:30pm, church

Grades 1-5 Faith Formation: Wednesday, November 15 at 4:30 OR 5:45pm, church

Foot Clinic: Thursday, November 16 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, November 16 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Coffee & Donuts: sponsored by our Knights after the Masses on Sunday, November 19, church hall

Baptism Prep: Sunday, November 19 at 11:30am, church

Youth Ministry: Sunday, November 19 at 6:15pm, church hall

120 Club

Week 4

Julie Boilard

Anne Cunningham

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Collections October 30 - November 5, 2023

Offertory/Miscellaneous

Budget: \$9,231

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Variance: (\$1,959)

Online giving for October: \$19,760

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The Knights of Columbus Council 6725 would like to thank everyone in the Parish for your support of our successful 23rd annual Craft Fair. We thank everyone who came to the fair to support all our vendors as well as all the people that volunteered at the event to make it successful. We would especially like to thank everyone who donated homemade baked goods for our bake table and homemade food items for our kitchen. The proceeds from the Craft Fair go to support charities. It was a very successful event because of so many generous people in our faith community!

OLM Monthly Book Reviews

In the coming months this space will be presenting reviews of both current and past Catholic books. They will all be Catholic in subject matter and will deal with current issues, doctrine, history, and others. The hope is that every book reviewed will be readable to anyone regardless of his or her background in the Catholic faith.

The sole purpose of the reviews will be to provide a reason for you to pick up one of the books reviewed and broaden not only your understanding of the Catholic faith, but also lead you to a deeper prayer life based on some of your readings. The more your interest in our faith can be stimulated, the more you'll want to know about it! What a positive process to begin and carry on.

The reviews will provide the title, the author, and the publisher of the book. Any of the books can be accessed online or through any bookseller with these three bits of information. The hope is to publish one review per month. Ideally that will give anyone interested in a current book time to get a copy and read it before the next review is published. The reviews will vary in length and depth each month based on the type of book and its subject matter. Some reviews will by necessity be longer, just based on what's in the book itself.

Stay tuned for the first review.

Upcoming Scola Dates

The Scola choir will be participating at the 10:30am Masses on November 26 and December 17.



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