



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

16 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, NH 03054

Website: www.olmnh.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 8:30am and 10:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Wed, & Friday - 8:30am

Holy Days - 8:30am and anticipated 7:00pm

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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 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 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 the 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

Welcome New Parishioners!

All new parishioners should formally register with the parish by visiting the Parish Office and filling out a registration form. If you move away, please notify the Parish Office.

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism for infants is usually celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. All parents must attend a parent enrichment session prior to the Baptism of their child. Please contact the Pastoral Minister, Marie Dancy, at the Parish Office to sign up for the class. It is recommended that parents attend these sessions during pregnancy. Preparation of all parishioners for Confirmation and First Communion is an integral part of living the Catholic Life. Please call the Parish Office for more information and assistance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confession

Parishioners are encouraged to experience sacramental forgiveness on a regular basis. Confession is available on Saturdays at 3:00pm and by appointment. If you wish to set up an appointment please call the office to speak with Father Paul. Special communal reconciliation services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Weddings

The policy of all Catholic parishes in the state of New Hampshire is that couples must contact their parish priest at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding date. Couples should never make any final arrangements (especially for the wedding reception hall) prior to meeting with the parish priest. A Marriage Preparation Program is also required. A parish Wedding policy brochure is available upon request.

Sacrament of the Sick

If possible, please do not wait until a critical moment to call a priest for the Sacrament of the Sick. Anyone who is seriously ill may receive this sacrament of healing and hope. It is recommended that family members be present for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.

Hospital Visitation

A Catholic Chaplain is available at all our local hospitals. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish a parish priest to visit a family member of the parish who is hospitalized.

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please call the Rectory to inform us in the event you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick or that you need other ministry.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 12th

Vigil: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: Helen Rush (2nd anniv) req by her family

SUNDAY, November 13th

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Thomas Thompson (10th anniv) req by
his wife Jackie

10:30AM: Fr. Donald Lafond req by his friends and
for all parishioners

MONDAY, November 14th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

7:00PM: Mark Chartier req by Pat & Dick Madden

TUESDAY, November 15th

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30 AM: Edward DeCourcy req by his wife & family

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Gordon Wolfram req by Regina &
Michael Bowser

THURSDAY, November 17th

NO MASS

FRIDAY, November 18th

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul,
Apostles, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Irene Dodge req by Sandy & Claude Mayo

SATURDAY, November 19th

Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 PM: Theresa Fleming req by the Fleming family

SUNDAY, November 20th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30AM: Teresa & Gerard Paradise req by their family
and for all parishioners

10:30AM: Al Iannacone req by his wife & family

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed his disciples that even death will be overcome by God. In today's Gospel, he expands that to include most of the bad things that can happen to both non-believers and disciples alike.

Starting with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus mentions most of the scary things that people thought would bring the end of the world. He gives two pieces of advice. First, don't be fooled by anyone who says this is the end or who claims to be Jesus.

When Jesus comes again, there will be no doubt about who it is. Then, don't be terrified by natural disasters or wars.

As disciples, we hope we would respond to disasters not with fear, but with love. Believers can voluntarily help those affected, comfort the survivors, or help rebuild their homes or schools. People have welcomed strangers into their homes after a flood or hurricane has destroyed a neighborhood.

There is a saying that "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus never says that his disciples would be given awards for their acts of charity. In the second half of the Gospel, he says that his disciples would be persecuted, hated, and even betrayed by their own families. Jesus has advice for that situation, too. He tells us "not to prepare your defense," but to let him give us the words. I suspect that he means not to worry about what you might say, lest you become scared speechless. If you let him, Jesus will "prepare" you with the scripture readings, your pastor's homilies, and your own prayer life. All of these can help open us to the gifts of the Spirit, who helps us proclaim our faith without fear.

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Give Thanks to Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 24, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving is embedded in our national identity as Americans, and what the day celebrated makes it a natural occasion to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, as we acknowledge God as the source of every grace and blessing.

Please make every effort to begin your Thanksgiving Day by joining us at the 9:00 am Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of November 12th through November 18th is lit in memory of **Delphis Caron**.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



It's hard to believe, but Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. This year we again are asking that you contribute gift cards from our local supermarkets (Shaws, Market Basket or Hannafords) in any denomination or if you prefer you may purchase one of the non perishable items listed below. Gift cards should be dropped off in the basket on the altar and food items in the boxes at the doors. **Next weekend (November 19th and 20th) is the last weekend of the drive.**

Non-Perishable Items to be Purchased: boxed stuffing mix, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, jelly, Progresso canned soups, canned meats (Dinty Moore beef stew, Spam, tuna, etc) boxed mixes (cakes, cookies, brownies, muffins) pasta and pasta sauce, bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER Festival of Lessons & Carols



Can you believe it? Soon we will enter the Season of Advent. Advent lasts but a few weeks, so we will celebrate it without delay. **On Monday evening, November 28th at 7:00 pm in the Church** we will gather for music and scripture as the parish presents **Lessons & Carols**.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this. All of our parish musicians have been preparing; they want to sing with you! Come and experience the true spirit of Christmas.

PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IN NEED OF YARN



If anyone would like to donate some new yarn for the ladies in this ministry (from baby yarn to worsted), please drop it off at the parish office anytime Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4pm. It would be greatly appreciated.

BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome into our parish community: **Addilyn Grace Hassan & Jason Patrick Goodridge**. May your child bring you joy and happiness in the years ahead.

Be assured of our support and prayers as you exercise the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the faith.

Calling all Nurses, EMT's and other Health Care Professionals !!!

Once a month, our parish nurses provide a blood pressure clinic after the 8:30 and 10:30 am masses on Sunday. We are in need of nurses, EMT's and other health care professionals to provide this ministry to our parishioners. You would not be scheduled for every month and we always work around your schedule.

If you are trained in taking blood pressure readings and are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please call the parish office at 424-3757 or contact Mary Peline at pelrineboys@comcast.net.

HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE FOOT CLINIC

On November 29th from 8am to 12:00 pm, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a foot care clinic in our church hall operated by the nurses of Home Health and Hospice Care. The Foot Care Clinic is open to anyone 50 years of age or older who lives in Merrimack or the surrounding area. The cost of \$26.00 and is payable by cash or check at the time of the appointment.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please call Home Health and Hospice Care at 689-2931. For a full schedule of foot care clinics, visit our website at www.hhhc.org.

THANK YOU



The Pennacook Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Manchester are both very grateful for the overwhelming generosity shown by our parishioners. The donations of diapers, (over 6400) along with wipes, blankets, baby clothes, etc have filled their closets. They are so thankful to have the supplies needed by the moms and dads who come into their centers. They would like to express their sincere thanks to all.

Both agencies send their prayers and blessings to all the parishioners here at Our Lady of Mercy.

November 13, 2016

Advent/Christmas Outreach



Beginning the weekend of November 26/27, the first week of Advent, we will begin our Advent/Christmas Outreach. A wreath will be located at the main entrance of the Church. Take a card off the wreath and purchase the gift card requested. Return the gift card to the church and place it in the Collection Box also located in the main entrance.

Please have all gift cards returned by Sunday, December 11th. This is a way to enable many to make Christmas merry!!

Commissioning of Ministers

On November 19th and 20th, we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. With baptism we come to share in the life of Jesus Christ; we take up his calling as priest, prophet, and king. All who have accepted the honor and responsibility of liturgical ministry will be commissioned and blessed at the masses this weekend. Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, Greeters and Musicians will all be blessed.

Next Sunday we will honor Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, yet we will not hear of Our King judging the people from a velvety throne; he will be hanging on a cross between 2 criminals. This is what those **People Who Meet on Wednesday** will be discussing at 7:00 pm on November 16th in the Parish Center. They would like it if you could join them.

Knights of Columbus Sponsored Blood Drive



American Red Cross Services play a critical role in our nation's health care system. It is the largest single supplier of blood and blood products in the United States.

A Blood drive will be held here on **Thursday, November 17th from 2:00 to 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.**

Appointments are encouraged.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Walk ins are always welcome.

Come Join Us and Meet St. Nicholas

December 4, 2016



Join us downstairs after the 10:30 Mass for a short story about St. Nicholas and some St. Nicholas Day treats.

LADIES GUILD MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 15th at 1:00 pm. It will be held at the John O'Leary Senior Center on Church Street. All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you are new to the parish, or want to learn more about our ministry, please join us, or contact Irene Jenness at 424-2362 for more information.



Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon and Meeting

The Ladies Guild will host a Christmas Luncheon on December 20th at 11:30 am at the Homestead Restaurant in Merrimack. All women in the parish are invited. We order off the menu and everyone pays for their own meal. We will have our regular monthly meeting after the meal. We are also having a Yankee Gift Swap not to exceed \$15.00. The item must be wrapped with no name on it. It is not necessary to partake in the Yankee Swap.



We need a headcount to give to the Homestead by December 13th. **TODAY, December 13th is the last day to RSVP. Call Irene Jenness at 424-2362.**

PARISH BREAKFAST



Come down to the Church hall on November 20th after the 8:30 and 10:30 am masses and take advantage of the wonderful opportunity we are being given to take a moment out of our busy lives and enjoy the company of our parish family. A delicious breakfast will be served by our Knights of Columbus.

Our Parish Nurses will also be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic during the breakfast. Hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Carolyn McGrath, Joseph DiMartino and Russ Scheider.**



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of Carolyn, Joseph and Russ. We pray that the God of compassion be with you during this time of sorrow and that He welcomes Carolyn, Joseph and Russ into His eternal kingdom of peace.

Parish Stewardship

All Saint's Day: \$1352.00

All Soul's Day: \$876

Military: \$2748.00

Weekend of @ November 6th: \$6065.00

120 Club Winners - Congratulations

Week # 14: Arlene Olson & Theresa Maki

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