



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

16 Baboosic Lake Road

Merrimack, NH 03045

**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

Reconciliation

Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3 PM and by appointment.

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your needs.

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.

Parish Office/Rectory: 424-3757 Faith Formation Office: 424-4477 FAX: 424-1780
Website: www.olmnh.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 7th

Vigil: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Joyce Foulks req by Dick & Pat Madden

SUNDAY, October 8th

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Robert Dwyer req by his family

10:30AM: Roberto Briones req by Maria Phillips and
for all parishioners

MONDAY, October 9th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joyce Foulks (1st Anniv) req by Tom &
Elaine Lamb & family

WEDNESDAY, October 11th

St. John XXIII, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Kandi Byrd (6th Anniv) req by Larry &
Pat Miller

THURSDAY, October 12th

NO MASS

FRIDAY, October 13th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joseph Arcifa req by Laura, Michelle &
Brian Paison

SATURDAY, October 14th

Vigil: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Denis & Edward Roy req by Pauline
St Germain and for all parishioners

SUNDAY, October 15th

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Skip Watkins req by Diane Boissy &
Alyce Bolduc

10:30AM: John Davis, Jr. req by Kathy Rush

Where Are the Grapes?

Jesus' parable is a little different from the one in the first reading. Isaiah has the vineyard under good and faithful care, but still it produces wild grapes. In the Gospel, the vineyard presumably had a good harvest, but the workers refuse to give any of the grapes to the landowner. The question for us is, which parable is about me?

Do I ignore all that God does to help me be a good disciple? Am I too busy to take time to pray or read the Bible? Do I hold onto grudges instead of forgiving and releasing them? Do I only go to church when someone drags me there, or only at Christmas and Easter? (If that were true, I probably would not be reading this bulletin.) Do I decline the invitations to go on a retreat? Am I afraid to share my faith with someone who needs encouragement? If any of these are true, I might be like the vineyard in the first reading, producing no fruit despite all the opportunities God has given me.

Or we may be the other side of the coin. We had our children baptized when they were babies, sent them to the parish school or religion classes. We went to church every Sunday and took them with us. We gave them as good an example as we could, teaching them to love others and be generous with what they have. Yet they grew up and drifted away from the faith. Then we have to remember how patient God is with us, God's people who don't always produce the fruits of faith.

The Gospel is a little more difficult to relate to. The tenants in the parable refer to those who mistreated or killed the prophets sent by God or the people who would have Jesus crucified. Yet the kingdom of God is still being proclaimed in spite of them. God is patient with them. Look what happened to Saul, who persecuted many Christians before he became one himself. In our second reading he tells us to follow his example as he follows Christ. Then, he says, the peace of God will be with us, too (Philippians 4:6-9).

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120 Club Winners - Congratulations

Week #9: Solange Bechard & Helen Vacca

Parish Stewardship

Week of October 1st : \$5301.00

Hurricane Relief: \$3660.00

September Online Giving: \$8011.50

Thank You

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of October 7th through October 13th is lit in memory of
Roland & Lucille Delude.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one, please call the parish office at 424-3757.



RESTORE, RENEW, PROCLAIM...

All Parishes in the Diocese of Manchester are restoring the original Order of Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation between 2018-2021.



In the early church, people were initiated into the community at one single event. They were baptized, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharist. The sacraments, over time, have been separated from one another and this happened for a variety of reasons.

The Second Vatican Council asked the Church to make it more clear that Confirmation is intimately connected with Baptism and the whole of Christian initiation. This also helps us to see that Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church.

Go to www.catholicnh.org/lifelong for more on this important change.

**SAVE THE DATE
PATRIOTS TAILGATE PARTY
OCTOBER 15, 2017 @ 11:30 AM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

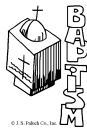


Are you ready for some football???

"Calling all Grillers" —Our Lady of Mercy is hosting our first ever tailgate party as we watch the Patriots squish the New York Jets here in the parish. Show off your grilling talents and share your tailgate favorites with the crowd. Snacks, crock pot dishes and sides are also welcome. BYOB! Our Lady of Mercy will supply the grill, soft drinks and the Game. We will watch the Patriots on the big screen in the Church Hall. You should also bring your favorite parking lot chair or bean bag.

BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome into our parish community: **Amelia Grace Hildreth & Charlette Marie Lantegne.**



May your children 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 faith.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls **Ruth Mary Joyal, Josephine Worster and Joseph Micali, Sr.**

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

FOOT CLINIC

On October 26th from 9:00am to 1:00pm Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Foot Care Clinic operated by the qualified nurses of Home Health and Hospice Care.

The cost is \$28.00 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 & Hospice Care at 689-2931. For a full schedule of foot care clinics visit our website at www.hhhc.org.

Please Pray...

Your prayers are requested for our 9th and 10th grade students who will be attending a retreat on October 26th as part of their spiritual journey. The N.E.T. Team will be conducting their retreat. Every year 150 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET). They travel in teams across the U.S. to share the Gospel with young people and their families. Please keep the team and our students in your prayers.

I Am A Muslim Woman

We are pleased to invite both women and men to this presentation. This event will take place on Monday, **October 23rd in our church hall beginning at 6:45 pm.** An optional tour of our Church will be offered at 6:15pm. Three Muslim women, one each from Pakistan, Turkey and Syria, will speak about Islam and living the faith as Muslim women in New Hampshire. A question and answer period will follow. Plan to join us afterward for refreshment and conversation. Please RSVP to mdancy@olmnh.org or call 424-3757.

October 8, 2017

OCTOBER BABY SHOWER



Throughout the month of October, our parish will once again remember in a special way, pregnant and parenting teens, their newborns and children in need of assistance. Donations of new, unwrapped items will be donated to Birthright and Pennacook Pregnancy Center. These agencies rely totally on private donations to provide services. Your gifts may be placed in the playpen in the back of the church through October 29th.

Items Needed:

Important— both Agencies are in great need of diapers of all sizes, especially sizes 2,3,4 and 5.

Other Items:

Baby wipes, sleepers, baby blankets, onesies, clothing up to 3T, infant socks, bibs, Enfamil, baby washcloths, bottles, sippy cups and sleep sacks.

SONG OF MARK



Can you imagine turning on the nightly news and hearing, "The beginning of the Good News!" This is how the Gospel of Mark opens. The writing continues with the unfolding of the story of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came to live among us and heal those who were sick, feed the hungry, and reconnect humanity to the love of God. It is a fast-paced and amazing adventure that ends at the tomb where Jesus rises from the dead.

On Sundays the Gospel is proclaimed in little pieces. Come and enjoy the Gospel as a whole. Come and appreciate it as the masterly testimony of faith that it is. We will have one session on Tuesday, October 10 at 9:30 AM in the Church Hall, and we will repeat the session on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 PM, also in the Church Hall.

October—Dedicated to the Holy Rosary



Prayer is a good way to offer spiritual support for life in all stages and in all vocations. Each day in October has been dedicated to a specific intention. **To participate, sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary.** The calendar can be found in the main entrance of the church. Each day can be chosen by more than one person.

**Upcoming Faith Formation Dates
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Meetings

Oct 18: Gr 1-6 Parent Mtg 4:30 pm PMR
Oct 18: Gr 1-6 Parent Mtg 5:45pm PC

PHOTO DIRECTORY



It's not too late to be included. Photographers will be here at the parish again on October 13th and 14th. If you were unable to have your photo taken last time, you may sign up online at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y1ydn03c/>.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Our High School Youth Group (Gr 9-12) will be meeting again on Sunday evening, October 8th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Please join us and have some fun!!! For more information or any questions, please contact Mackenzie Murphy at mmurphy@olmnh.org.



Ladies Guild Meeting

We will be having our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

If you are new to the parish and want to learn more about our ministry, please join us or contact Irene Jenness at 424-2362.



**Parish Offices will be closed on Monday,
October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.**

Information Page

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