

JANUARY 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

JOHN 1:36

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 13th

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Donald Rivard req by Ida Rossignoll

SUNDAY, January 14th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Agnes McIsaac req by Irene Sullivan and for
all parishioners

10:30AM: Dorothy Lavallee req by her family

MONDAY, January 15th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 16th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For deceased parishioners of our parish

WEDNESDAY, January 17th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michael Hamm req by Bruce & Janet Angus

THURSDAY, January 18th

NO MASS

FRIDAY, January 19th

NO MASS

SATURDAY, January 20th

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: For all parishioners and for the intentions of our
Confirmation Students, their Sponsors and Teachers

SUNDAY, January 21st

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Rev. Donald Lafond req by a friend

10:30AM: John Guman, Jr req by his family

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of January 7th: \$5670.00



Thank you for your generosity!!!

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday,
January 15th in observance of Martin
Luther King, Jr Day.



Hello God

Just before our first reading it says that "the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions." (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Haven't you ever wished you lived in biblical times, to see some of the miracles you read about? Wouldn't it be cool to hear the LORD speaking in a vision? Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the LORD was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can lead you to understand what God is saying to you. Your pastor may be able to do that, or at least able to refer you to someone.

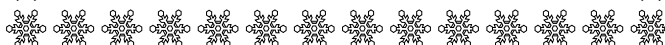
Warning: A spiritual director will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. Then God tells him what God's plan was. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. Don't be like the man who complains he never know what his wife wants from him. When asked what she tells him, he says, "I don't know; we never talk." I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

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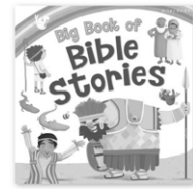
MORNING MASS SNOW POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners and also to give our maintenance staff a chance to clear walkways and to make sure the parking lot is plowed, **if Merrimack schools are closed or if there is a delayed opening, Mass is cancelled.** We will call and reschedule the Mass intention for that day.



SUNDAYS IN JANUARY....

Please join us for Bible Story Time.



*Children of all ages are welcome, as well as interested adults.
Learn about fascinating individuals and events in our Church's history.*

Children appreciate and remember better through pictures and colorful visuals. While the Bible is filled with stories that can be used for teaching values and character to your children, the language and concepts may be too heavy for them to grasp. By storytelling with the help of storybooks – your child will be keen to listen and will be more likely to ask questions and will get motivated to read.

These stories will be read after the 10:30 AM Mass downstairs in the Church Hall during the month of January. We hope you can join us.

Moms & Tots



This is a group of parents who come together twice a month for social time. Parents stay (with their children) and visit with each other while the children play together (with parents in the same room) in our special children's area located in our parish office building or out in the play area, weather permitting. The children's area has toys, books, games, etc. We welcome all parish parents and their children (ages infant to 6 years).

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24th from 10am to 12 noon. Please join us!!!

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING
(Greeters and Ushers)**

The members of the Hospitality Ministry will be meeting on **Saturday, January 27th at 9:00 am in the Church.** We will be implementing some new procedures and would like to discuss them with you and to get your input.

We are also looking for new volunteers for this ministry and this would be a perfect opportunity for you to join us. If you are thinking you would like to become more involved in the parish, this ministry is a great way to begin. Please join us!!



***Our Lady of Mercy
120 Club***

The Ladies Guild would like to thank you for your support of the 120 Club over the years. We use the profits to help refurbish or replace furnishings in the Church. We also support Catholic Charities, the Giving Tree at Easter and Christmas, our seminarians, Community Hospice House and other charities.

The cost of the 120 Club is \$1.00 per week for 20 weeks for a total of \$20.00 at sign up. Each week 2 winning numbers will be drawn for a prize of \$25.00. On the twentieth week, eight numbers will be drawn. The first number will be the Grand Prize of \$250.00; the second number will win \$100.00; the third and fourth numbers will win \$50.00 each; the next four numbers pulled will win \$25.00 each. Winners will receive their prize in the mail.

Members of the Ladies Guild will be at the Church doors the weekend of January 27 & 28th to assist you in choosing your numbers. Please help support this fundraiser that benefits so many charities as well as the needs of our parish.

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Rosary Calendar Signups



A new year is beginning soon and we all have many reasons to pray. More than ever, we need love, guidance and the intercession of our Heavenly Mother Mary. She is our Queen of Peace!

Praying the Rosary is a wonderful way to ask our Blessed Mother to bring peace in our hearts and to offer spiritual support for life at all stages and in all vocations. Through prayer you can make a difference.

Each day of January 2018 has been dedicated to a specific intention. To participate, simply sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary. Each day can be chosen by more than one person.

Parents, please talk about the daily intention with your children and say a short prayer with them each day.

Pray for families, for priests, for the elderly, the unborn and our government leaders. Life is God's gift to all of us. Sign ups begins the weekend of January 6th and 7th after all the masses or anytime throughout the month.

Home, Health & Hospice Foot Clinic

On **January 25th from 8am to 1:00 pm**, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Foot Care Clinic in our Church Hall. The Foot Care Clinic is open to anyone 50 years of age or older who lives in Merrimack or the surrounding area. 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 and Hospice Care at 882-2941. For a full schedule of Foot Care Clinics, visit our website at www.hhhc.org.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our High School Youth Group is up and running and is having lots of fun. Currently, those students in grades 9 through 12 are welcome to attend. The meetings are every Sunday evening from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Our next meeting is Sunday, January 14, 2018. Please join us and have some fun!! For more information or any questions, please contact Mackenzie Murphy at mmurphy@olmnh.org.



MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass (evening before) 7:00 pm

Holy Day at 8:30 am

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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for January 13th through January 19, 2018 is lit in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Shablin & Mr. & Mrs. Guguy.**

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.

PARISH BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!!



Make a New Year's resolution to join us for one of our amazing parish breakfasts.

The Knights of Columbus do a wonderful job of serving a delicious, home cooked breakfast to our parishioners.

Join us downstairs in the Church Hall after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses this Sunday for good food, good company and good conversation.

The Parish Nurses will **not** be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic this week.

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