



SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 6, 2018

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

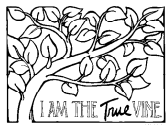
John 15:13

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Pastor: *Rev Paul Bouchard*

Deacon: *Mr. John Castelot*



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 5th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

SUNDAY, May 6th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: Aurelio Montenegro req by the Swonger family and for all parishioners

10:30AM: Antonia & Alfred Bernier req by their family

MONDAY, May 7th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For deceased members of our parish

TUESDAY, May 8th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all parishioners

WEDNESDAY, May 9th

Anticipated Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

7:00 PM: For the intentions of the celebrant

THURSDAY, May 10th

Ascension of the Lord

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Cathleen Small req by her mom

FRIDAY, May 11th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the deceased priests of our Diocese

SATURDAY, May 12th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

SUNDAY, May 13th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: For the deceased priests of our Diocese & for all parishioners

10:30AM: Mary Theresa "Terry" Mullaney req by Don & Alyce Bolduc

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have booked a Mass and would like for you or your family to bring up the gifts at that Mass, please let one of the ushers know before Mass begins.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 29th: \$4574.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 AM
and anticipated vigil: 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3:00 pm and by appointment.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the book of Acts, we learn that God is the primary active agent in the world. God is indeed active within the church. But here we learn that the



Holy Spirit also is out ahead of us, working in the lives and communities of people who are different from us. God is busy within and among people who don't know God, or who understand God differently, or who struggle to understand God.

Like Peter and the early church, many of us somehow learned, often in childhood, whom to trust and who should be avoided. God, however, seems to be fond of crossing boundaries. The Spirit is stirring in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and public spaces. Many of us will need to learn to pay attention to this. The Spirit invites us to find God there and to join in God's work. Our parishes are invited to embrace our local communities. As we listen and learn from our neighbors and share God's love with them, we will deepen our understanding of being church today.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATIONS

Our Summer Program for 2018 will run from **July 16 through July 27th** for students in grades 1 through 5. Classes will meet on the parish property Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 11:45 am.

Registrations will be sent home with students who now attend the fall/winter programs and will be mailed to those who attended the Summer Program or the At Home program.

We will begin registering in late April. You may mail back your child's registration form or you may also register and make your payment on our website at www.olmnh.org.

GRADES 6 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL—EDGE AND LIFETEEN WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program which provides a fun safe place for middle school students to find community, get answers to their faith questions and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. It answers the unique needs of this age group while providing deeply impactful resources.

Lifeteen leads high schoolers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church. Its mission is to bring teens to Christ in the Eucharist and gather them to be formed in the Roman Catholic faith.

Both these programs will run throughout the summer on a casual basis. Come when you can. There will be no attendance taken and the only requirement is that you are a registered member of Our Lady of Mercy. Students in grades 6 through 8 are invited to attend the Edge Program and students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to attend Lifeteen. **Please check out our website at www.olmnh.org for a schedule of when each program meets.**

Our next session to be held is **EDGE (Gr 6, 7 & 8): May 6, 2018**
Our next session for **LIFETEEN (Gr 9 through 12): May 20, 2018**

Topic: Be Chosen
Topic: Maxed Out

Putting Faith to Work...

There are many ministries in the Church. Today we would like to focus on two liturgical ministries: "Reader" and "Minister of Holy Communion".

Reader: When we gather for liturgy, it is essential that we hear the Word of God proclaimed. It is a great honor to proclaim the words of scripture, because it is the reader's voice that becomes the voice of God in our midst.

Minister of Communion: At every Mass, Ministers of Holy Communion assist in distributing the Eucharist in a reverent and orderly manner. If you feel called to serve as a Minister of Communion and have been confirmed in the faith, you may receive preparation to fulfill the role of minister.

If the Spirit is calling you to ministry, please call the parish office and speak with Marie (424-3757) .

Catholic Charities Appeal



Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our parish. Your gift to Catholic Charities makes a difference. Through you young teens learn to be great parents, grief is relieved, the confused find their way home and the vulnerable are strengthened.

Please consider a generous response to this year's appeal. If you haven't given before, this is a great opportunity to help carry out our calling of helping those in need by supporting the work of Catholic Charities.

You will find envelopes in the pews. You may make a one time donation or a pledge. Just fill out the envelope and put it in the collection basket during the next few weeks.

May 6, 2018



We would like to welcome into our parish community: **James Alexander Bell V, Grace Elizabeth Mavris, Callen Jackson Harris and Benjamin Nicklaus Pelletier.**

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 the faith.

PARISH BREAKFAST and BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC TODAY !!

Please join us for our last breakfast before our summer break. Breakfast will be served today (May 6th) after the 8:30 and 10:30 am masses. Come down and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship. A free will offering is always greatly appreciated.

Along with the breakfast, blood pressure checks will also be taking place by our parish nurses.

LADIES GUILD MEETING

Speaker: Simcha Fisher

The OLM Ladies Guild is hosting Simcha Fisher to speak at our meeting on May 15th from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be catered, a headcount will be needed no later than May 10th. The title is "Beautiful Stranger: Making Contact with the Mother of God".

Simcha Fisher is a blogger, podcaster, writer and mother of ten. She writes for Parable Magazine, America Magazine, and the Catholic Weekly of Australia. She is the author of *The Sinner's Guide to NFP* and has contributed to several other books, including *A Pope Francis Lexicon*, which was published on February 15, 2018.

We look forward to meeting Simcha and as always all ladies of the parish are welcomed for this special presentation. Please contact Irene Jenness at 424-2362 for further information.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of May 5 through May 11 is lit **in memory of James Foley, Patricia O'Connor, Joseph Desroche, Fred Zimmerman & Chantel Zimmerman.**



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.

120 Club Winners - Congratulations

Week #13: John Murphy & Pauline St. Germain

Join us in Praying the Rosary

In addition to the myriad of feast days honoring Our Lady in her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise.

Many great popes, saints and Christian leaders along with our Blessed Mother herself have exhorted us to *pray the rosary*. It's a powerful prayer, one that can change our lives, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls. Through prayer, we make a difference.

Each day of May 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. We pray for the elderly, the lonely, the hopeless and the unborn. We also pray for families and for those who have given their life in service of God by being consecrated or ordained. Life is God's gift of love to all. Sign ups begin next weekend after all the Masses or anytime during the month of May.



Celebrate Mom...The Life Matters Committee invites all parishioners to help us in honoring all the special women in our life. They will be offering carnations (suggested donation of \$1.00) after all the Masses next weekend on Mother's Day. Flowers were donated by Alpine Environmental of Chelmsford, MA and all proceeds go the Birth-right.

St Christopher School Open House

May 20, 2018

11:30am to 1:00 pm

St. Christopher School in Nashua will be holding it's drop-in Spring Open Houses for prospective students and their families on Sunday, May 20th from 11:30 am to 1:00pm. Meet the teachers and staff, tour the school and get all your questions answered! Private tours are always available at any time when school is open. To set up a tour, contact Jackie Langenfeld at 882-7442 ex 114 or email jlangefeld@stchrisschoolnh.org.

Please Help...

We are again asking for *clean old bed sheets (any size) and small towels (the size of a hand towel) for a gentlemen who is bedridden*. If you have any of these items that are used, don't toss them out. Please drop them at the parish office anytime Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. It would be appreciated.

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