



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

16 Baboosic Lake Road Merrimack, NH 03054

**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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Reconciliation

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

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your
needs.

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

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 Religious Education Office: 424-4477

Website: www.olmnh.org



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 8th

Vigil: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: For all parishioners & Alvin Popovsky
req by the family

SUNDAY, September 9th

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Skip Watkins req by his Loving family &
friends

10:30AM: Eloi Lantiegne req by his wife Barbara

MONDAY, September 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For deceased parishioners

TUESDAY, September 11th

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Lionel Moussette req by Don & Alyce Bolduc

THURSDAY, September 13th

NO MASS

FRIDAY, September 14th

NO MASS

SATURDAY, September 15th

Vigil: Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Anna Marie Santella req by Pat Osterlund

SUNDAY, September 16th

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Randal White req by the Guichard family
and for all parishioners

10:30AM: Grace Savard req by the Lantiegne family

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.

Keep in your prayers the men and women who serve our country in the military. May God watch over them as they protect our freedoms.

Royal Treatment

St. James is exaggerating a little when he describes how people might greet visitors or new members in the church. Hopefully, no one was that obvious at treating wealthy members better than poor ones. Sadly, prejudice is a sin that is just as prevalent today as it was 2000 years ago. Today we have laws for business and government to prevent prejudice. But the subtler forms of judging people by their race, clothing, speech, religion, etc. sometimes hide behind patriotism, faith, or the desire to protect our families. So how can we stop it?

One reason for prejudice is ignorance. Some people will believe anything they hear or read, especially if they see it on the internet. When you get an e-mail that says "true Americans" are white, English-speaking Christians, there is probably some prejudice behind it. The only way to fight ignorance is with the truth. Jesus himself said the truth will set you free. (Jn 8:32) He ignored the laws/traditions that said you cannot associate with unclean people, Gentiles, or sinners. He told us that God loves all people, even sinners, so what right do we have to judge someone just because they are different?

A second reason for prejudice is fear. We are told that certain neighborhoods are dangerous. Or an older adult sees three teenage boys walking down the street and because of her fear, she thinks they could be gang members. Sometimes fear stops us from helping the needy. But remember how many times Jesus tells us in the gospels, "Do not be afraid."

If we can learn to see Christ in all peoples, regardless of their race or lifestyle, we are beginning to leave prejudice behind. If we teach our children to respect the poor, the disabled, the homeless, we can help them to understand what James meant about God choosing the "poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom." (Jas 2:5)

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of August 26, 2018: \$5593.00

Weekend of September 2, 2018: \$5352.00

Catholic University: \$1235.00

THANK YOU!



Children's Liturgy of the Word Begins THIS SUNDAY September 9th At the 10:30 Mass

September 9th is our first Children's Liturgy of the Word. It will take place at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We welcome all children who would like to join us to hear a child's version of the gospel. Our goal is to provide a relatable experience for children to understand the Word of God. Children and catechists will be meeting in a separate prayer space.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us!!



OFFICE HOURS

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

Parish Offices Hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.



PROJECT EDEN

Project Eden, Inc. is a small non-project organization that was started in 2002 to address the need for education and better nutrition in the rural Honduran population. If

you would like to learn more about enriching your lives by living and working among loving and humble men and women of Honduras for ten days, come listen to a presentation by Mario Ramos, director of Project Eden and Adelante at **Our Lady of Mercy Church on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm.** Light refreshments will be available.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week September 8th through September 14th is lit **in memory of Alvin Popovsky.**

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.



Parent Information Meeting for Edge (Gr 6, 7 & 8) & Lifeteen (Gr 9-12) LIFETEEN CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPT 9, 2018 EDGE CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPT 16, 2018

If your son or daughter is in grades 6 through 12 and planning to attend Faith Formation classes beginning in September, you are invited to our parent information meeting night!

The Lifeteen and Edge Programs are a wonderful way for your kids to learn the faith and encounter Christ in a dynamic way!

Come to our meeting and find out more about how a typical night runs and what it consists of. Come with any questions or concerns you may have as well! Our Youth Ministry Team will be happy to meet you and talk to you.

We hope to see you on **September 9th for Lifeteen parents and September 16th for parents of students in the Edge Program.** Both meeting will begin at 6:15 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

If you have not yet registered your middle school or high school student for faith formation please do so as soon as possible. You may go on our website at www.olmnh.org or call the office at 424-3757.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

BLESSING OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Bishop Peter Libasci invites all couples celebrating an **anniversary of 5, 25 or 50 years** to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. Couples are encouraged to invite select family members to share in the joyous occasion. The celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 21st at 2:00 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.**

To register, please contact the parish office by September 18th. The office will submit all necessary information to the diocese and you will receive an invitation to this special celebration.

Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries will be asked to register for the Spring celebration in 2019.

38th Annual Scout Retreat

All Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in grades 6 through 12 and adult leaders are invited to the 38th Annual Scout Retreat on Friday, September 14 through September 16th at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. Cost is \$10.00 per scout and \$7.00 per adult.

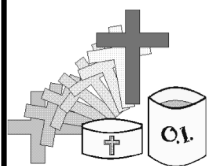
The retreat is active, involving the scouts in fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities. To see past retreats: www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat. The retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee.

CUB SCOUT PACK 424 For Boys and Girls

Are you looking for a new and exciting activity this coming school year? Do you like being outdoors, community service and learning new skills all while making new friends? If you answered yes to these questions, then the scouting program is for you!

Our Lady of Mercy's Pack 424 is looking for new scouts to join the program. If you are a boy or girl in Kindergarten through Grade 4 you are eligible to join.

We have wonderful activities throughout the year such as camping, Pinewood Derby, sports, hiking, Summer camp and much more. For more information, please contact Assistant Cub Master Brian Gagnon at 603-533-0584 or bgagnon1123@gmail.com. You may also visit our website at <https://merrimack44.mypack.us/>.



Sacrament of Anointing

Anointing of the Sick
September 23, 2018
2:00 PM

On Sunday afternoon, September 23rd at 2:00 pm we will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and you are all invited to attend. Who should be anointed...

- Any person of any age who is suffering from physical, mental or emotional illness may be anointed.
- Any person dealing with fears, isolation and physical limitations of older age may come for the healing and comforting touch of Christ in this sacrament.
- Any person who is scheduled to undergo surgery in the near future.
- All healthy Catholics who want to thank God for the gift of their good health and want to pray for those who are celebrating this sacrament.

A light reception will follow!



The National Pilgrim Virgin
of the U.S.A.

Will be visiting Our Lady of Mercy Parish on **Saturday, September 22nd** from 9:00am to 5:30 pm. **Save the Date!!!**

Catechetical Sunday
September 16, 2018

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. At the 10:30 Mass we will recognize and bless our catechists, parents and students in this year's Faith Formation classes.

120 Club Winners--Congratulations

Week #4: Thomas Barowski & Joanne Johnson

Week #5: Liane Peppin & Rachel Watkins

Information Page

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