



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



Take
up
your
cross

MASS INTENTIONS

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

**THERE ARE NO DAILY MASSES BEING
CELEBRATED THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY, September 22nd

Vigil: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Yvonne Bouchard req by her family

SUNDAY, September 23rd

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: For deceased priests of our parish

10:30AM: Josephine Correia req by Clay & Kathy Rush

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.

MEATBALL SUBS ARE HERE AGAIN!!!



On the weekend of **September 29/30th**, Deacon John will be once again selling his **WORLD FAMOUS SUBS** after all the masses. Subs are \$5.00 each and proceeds will be used for our Youth Ministry Program.

Come downstairs to the church hall and pick up your subs. Take a break from cooking and help out a great cause at the same time.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of September 9, 2018: \$5212.00

THANK YOU!

Faith or Works?

Sometimes we think the argument of faith vs. works started with the Reformation. But the second reading shows that it was already being debated in New Testament times. The simplified version of the debate has the Reformers saying that faith alone is all we need to be saved, while the Catholic side says we have to do good to be saved. Actually, they are both right.

The idea of works being necessary for salvation probably goes back to the Old Covenant emphasis on the law and the commandments. The Jews believed that keeping the law showed their holiness. They avoided anything or anyone that was unclean. They believed that their religious practices set them apart from the pagans around them.

Then Jesus came to show that only God is Holy. Our holiness comes from loving God and loving others. Because Jesus is the Son of God, he is the best way to know God. So believing in Jesus is not just believing that he exists, (like those who believe in Santa Claus or UFO's.) It means we believe in Love, the love Jesus showed by his life and death. We believe in a Person who loves us and showed us that God is not our boss or judge; he is our Father. He gives us life and protects us; he supports us and also lets us learn from our mistakes. Then he forgives us, showing that he loves us even when we turn away from him.

So if we truly believe in Jesus we believe in what he said and did. We follow his commandment of love, not because we want to avoid evil, but because we love him so much we want to be just like him. We help others, not to make us look good, but to show them how good God is. So you cannot truly believe in Jesus without wanting to help others to know and love him too. Jesus' way of saying that in today's gospel was to take up our cross and follow him. That is truly a work of faith.

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Priest Retirement Collection

Next weekend the Diocese will take up its annual collection for the Retired Priests. The Diocese currently has 37 retired priests, many of whom continue to serve us by assisting in parishes and institutions as their age and health allow.

The fund helps to support and assist the priests after their active ministry has ended. Please prayerfully consider being as generous as you can. Your donations along with those throughout New Hampshire help to maintain the dignity of our older priests in their retirement and to honor their lives of service.



Children's Liturgy of the Word Each Week At the 10:30 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 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.

Ladies Guild

Meeting and Installation of Officers

The Ladies Guild will hold its installation of officers in the Parish Meeting Room (office building) at 12:00 noon on September 18th. This will be followed by lunch and a meeting.

All ladies of the parish are invited. If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please join us. We will need a headcount for breakfast, so please contact Irene Jenness at 424-2362 by September 16th.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 23 from 2 to 3 pm

Ste. Marie Church—Montminy Hall (Lower Level)

Be inspired by renowned pro-life speaker Darlene Pawlik, who will share her harrowing journey as a victim of human trafficking and her transformation by the grace of God. All are welcome.

Parent Information Meeting

EDGE CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPT 16, 2018

Lifeteen Classes Began on September 9th

If your son or daughter is in grades 6 through 8 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 16th for parents of students in the Edge Program (Grades 6 through 8). 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. Our next High School Class (Lifeteen) will take place on September 23rd. You may go on our website at www.olmnh.org or call the office at 424-3757.

Sanctuary Lamp



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.

Twenty Fourth 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.



On October 13, 1917 God worked a spectacular miracle in Fatima, Portugal to prove that Our Blessed Lady was appearing to three little children with an important message.

On Saturday, September 22nd, the World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army is bringing to our parish the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the USA. This image was blessed by Pope Paul IV in 1967. She was crowned by Cardinal O'Boyle at the National Basilica in Washington, DC in 1971.

This statue presently travels across the United States under the sponsorship of the WAF USA. It has been proven time and again to be the catalyst for renewed interest in the message of Fatima and for exposing new generations of Catholics who are unaware of the important message of conversion and peace brought by Our Lady to the three shepherd children in 1917 at Fatima, Portugal.

CUB SCOUT PACK 424 For Boys and Girls

Please join us at our annual Recruitment Night this Thursday, September 20 at 6:00pm at James Mastricola Upper Elementary School. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our scouts and leaders and see what our program is all about. If you have any questions about the Cub Scout program or would like more information, please contact Assistant Cub Master Brian Gagnon at 603-533-0584 or bgagnon1123@gmail.com. You can also visit our website at <https://merrimack424.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!

Prayer Vigil ***For Healing and Reparation***

Monday, September 24, 2018
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Invites you to pray in reparation for the evils being brought to light in the Church. We will be praying for healing victims, an end to evil influences, just punishment and restrictions upon perpetrators, fidelity and courage for our clergy, and healing for the Church.

4 to 6pm—Spoken prayers led by Prayer Leader

6 to 8 pm—Silent prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist.

Stop by for as long as you would like!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN...

Lifeteen (Gr 9-12): Began on September 9th

Edge (Gr 6-8): Will begin this Sunday, September 16th

Wednesday Program: (Gr 1-5): October 3rd

Reconciliation Program: Parent Mtg—Sept 25 @ 7:00pm

Please go online to our website at www.olmnh.org for more information or call the parish office at 424-4477, or 424-3757.

120 Club Winners--Congratulations

Week #6: Lanie Blazonis & Rosalie Neveu

Information Page

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