



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 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

Monday, September 24th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Joseph Kalcic req by
Tom & Adriane Warguska

Tuesday, September 25th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Kathleen Warguska req by Tom &
Adriane Warguska

Wednesday, September 26th
St Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 27th

NO MASS

Friday, September 28th
**St Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz &
Companions, Martyrs**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: In thanksgiving for the Holy Angels

SATURDAY, September 29th
Vigil: Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Joseph Stephanek req by his family

SUNDAY, September 30th
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: For all parishioners

10:30AM: Angelina Paison req by Rachel Watkins

What Makes You Happy?

St. James message of peace is as true now as it was two thousand years ago. Where else do wars and terrorism come from, than people holding on to wealth, power, or hatred? But the message James shares, and that of Jesus in the gospel, is a simple call to be different. Neither of them condemns anyone. They call us to look at what we really want and what truly brings happiness. Jesus' disciples argued about who was greatest. Instead of slapping them down for their selfish pride, he looks at what they could be and calls them to a different attitude. To be truly happy, they must let go of pride and arrogance; they must learn that serving others is the only way to experience love and joy.

We are no different today. We have to learn that having the latest gadget, the most expensive cell-phone, or the latest-model car are at best temporary delights. And that being admired by acquaintances is never as lasting as loving someone for themselves. Jesus offers even more: the joy of being loved by God and helping others to know Him. Think about Jesus' words to the disciples: He is the Son of God, yet he wants to lead us not just to himself, but to the Father.

Can we learn to be more excited about what God has done for us than what we did to improve our home? Can we share our faith in God's mercy instead of bragging about our golf or bowling scores? Are we more interested in impressing members of the opposite sex, or treating all people with respect?

St. James ends our second reading with a challenging statement: He says we ask but don't receive because we ask wrongly. How often do we desire things that won't really make us happy? Do we pray for things we don't really need? Would we ask God to punish those who hurt us, or to help us forgive them? Let us ask God to show us his love and to help those around us to experience it too.

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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 September 16th: \$4218.00
Capital Improvements: \$2337.00

Thank You!

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!

MEATBALL SUBS ARE HERE AGAIN!!!



On the weekend of September 29/30th, Deacon John will once again be 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.

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 downstairs in our church hall. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us!!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Carolyn Disco**.

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

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week September 22nd through September 28th is lit **in memory Laura Gould**.



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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PROJECT EDEN



Project Eden, Inc. is a small non-profit 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 this project or consider en-

riching 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.**

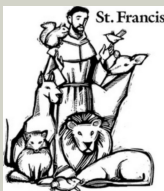


*We would like to welcome into our parish community: **Alysia Mae Cote.***

BAPTISM *May Alysia bring her family joy and happiness in the years ahead. Be assured of our support and prayers as you exercise the responsibility of training your children in the practice of faith.*

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4th. St Francis is known as the patron saint of animals and it is customary to hold ceremonies honoring animals around his feast day.



Our Lady of Mercy along with the Interfaith Community of Merrimack will be hosting the Blessing of Animals on Saturday, September 29th at 10:00 am in Watson Park (on Route 3 across from the Fire Department).

This is our chance to thank God for the animals in our lives, for their companionship, service and the joy they bring us. All are invited to gather and bring their pets on leashes or in carriers. Ribbons will also be available to decorate a memorial tree in remembrance of pets that have passed away. You are welcome to make a donation to the Animal Rescue League of NH.

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.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAFT FAIR

The 19th annual Knights of Columbus Fall Craft Fair will be held on Friday, November 2 from 5pm to 8 pm and Saturday, November 3 from 9am to 3pm in the Mastricola Upper Elementary School at 26 Baboosic Lake Rd. There will be approximately 45 crafters offering a wide variety of handmade crafts. The event will also include a Chinese auction, bake table and a kitchen serving home-made meals and snacks.

Please join us for some fun and to support the charitable efforts of Our Lady of Mercy's Knights of Columbus.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & MEETINGS

Oct 2nd — **Parent Meeting** (parents of all student attending Fall programs) at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Oct 3rd — **Wednesday Program Classes begin** (Gr 1-5)

Sept 25 — **Reconciliation Program Parent Mtg** 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 #7: Michael Mullan & Ann Cunningham

Information Page

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