



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

8:30AM: SATURDAY, October 13th

Vigil: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Those who died in Indonesia Tsunami

SUNDAY, October 14th

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: For all deceased parishioners

10:30AM: Jean Lantiegne Stow req by
Marc & Louise L'Heroux

Monday, October 15th

St. Theresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Phil Bergeron req by Tom & Elaine Lamb

Tuesday, October 16th

St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jean-Marc Bechard req by the Bechard family

Wednesday, October 17th

NO MASS

Thursday, October 18th

NO MASS

Friday, October 19th Sts John de Brébeuf & Isaac

Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all parishioners

SATURDAY, October 20th

Vigil: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Dorothy Lavalley req by her family & for all
parishioners

SUNDAY, October 21st

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Mrs Ethel Heath & Bertha Morse req by their
niece Jacqueline Thompson

10:30AM: Betty Lorraine Ferrari req by the Fish family

The Punch Line

The first reading is supposed to remind us of Solomon, who, when God promised to give him whatever he asked, chose wisdom over wealth or power. Now our modern view of wisdom is usually pictured as the knowledge and experience of an older person. In the scriptures it is God's Wisdom that is desired. More than just the wise sayings of a Benjamin Franklin or Yoda, scriptural wisdom means doing God's will in all things. As Jesus tried to tell the man in the gospel, knowing and doing God's will is more precious than wealth, or even family!

So if wisdom is that good, why do so few seek it? Most of us have no problem doing God's will, as long as it is the same as ours. Or we do God's will if it is painless and convenient. I once donated money to a charity by sending a text message. I don't know if I would have done it if I had to write a check and mail it. Sometimes we are like that man in the gospel, desiring wisdom but not willing to pay for it.

Maybe our problem is that we don't trust God enough. The first reading, after praising wisdom more than health, wealth, and beauty, ends with a promise of "countless riches" while Jesus promises that the one who gives up everything will receive "a hundred times more." Because the rich man left in sorrow, he missed the punch line.

I can think of two ways to interpret that promise. One is that the more we give up for love of the Lord, the more we get back. When someone gives up selfishness and begins to love, he then becomes capable of receiving love. Which leads to the second meaning of the promise: When we let God change us by giving up our worldly attachments, we find that we are happier because we experience God's love for us more deeply. So Wisdom is the way to happiness: We outgrow our desire for things that make us feel good and appreciate the joy of accepting God's love and sharing it with others.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP



Weekend of October 7th: \$4513.00

Fuel Collection: \$2600.00

Thank You!

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.

CONGRATULATION TO Deacon John & Jackson Cote !!!

Deacon John is being awarded the *Companions on the Journey Award*, a National Catholic Federation of Youth Ministry Diocesan Award. The Companions on the Journey Award is the highest adult recognition sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. It is given annually to Catholic adults who have been active members in parish, school, and/or diocesan activities for youth for at least FIVE years. The criteria for this award are: Excellence in youth ministry, commitment to young people, outstanding leadership at the local and/or diocesan level, commitment to on-going education and formation and longevity in ministry.

Jackson Cote is being awarded the *St. Timothy Award*, a National Catholic Federation of Youth Ministry Award. The St. Timothy Award is given to high school seniors who exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayerfulness, good works and Christian leadership. They must exemplify the threefold purpose of the award - good moral values, Christian service and Catholic leadership - to a degree to be worthy of Diocesan recognition. They should have been involved in parish, diocesan, school and community youth programs or services during the high school years.

All are invited to attend the celebration for both Deacon John and Jackson at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 pm.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week October 13th through October 19th is lit **in memory of Denis Roy and Edward Roy.**



Please call the parish office if you would like the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one.

If you have begun to desire to be baptized and become a member of the Catholic Church, please call Marie Dancy at 424-3757 and get started on the road to initiation.



LIFE MATTERS BABY SHOWER

Donations of new, unwrapped items will be donated to Birthright and Pennacook Pregnancy Center. These agencies rely totally on private donations to provide services. Your gifts may be placed in the playpen at the back of the Church.



Items Needed:

IMPORTANT—both agencies are in great need of diapers of all sizes, especially sizes 0 through 5 and Pull Ups

Other Items Needed:

Baby wipes, sleepers, baby blankets, Crib sheets, onesies, clothing up to 3T, infant socks, bibs, Enfamil, baby washcloths, bottles, sippy cups and sleep sacks.



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!!



If you are a practicing Catholic who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation and would like to receive this sacrament, please call Marie Dancy (424-3757) and get started on the road to Confirmation.

OCTOBER - DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

Prayer is always a good way to offer spiritual support for life in all stages and in all vocations. Each day in October has been dedicated to a specific intention. To participate, sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary. The calendar can be found in the main entrance of the Church. Each day may be chosen by more than one person.



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

K of C 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 Masticola 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.

We welcome donations of baked goods such as sweet breads, pies, muffins, cookies, and whoopee pies. Please bring them directly to the craft fair on Friday evening or early on Saturday and we will sell them as part of the fundraiser.

All Eucharistic Minister, Lectors and Greeters and all Interested Parishioners

No matter where grace finds you today—holiness is within reach!

Pope Francis wants to speak to your heart, wherever you're at. In this new apostolic exhortation from Pope Francis, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, the pope looks at the call to holiness in today's world.



All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Greeters are invited to explore how Pope Francis is guiding the Catholic Church's call to holiness in the modern world and how we can be a part of it!

This is offered in the church on Tuesday, Oct 16, 6:30-8; repeated on Sat, Oct 20 9:30-11.

Special Collection Victims of Hurricane Florence



The USCCB is asking all bishops throughout the country to consider taking up a special collection in response to the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Florence. In anticipation of more calamities awaiting us this year, this collection will also be used to provide relief from possible future disasters.

To this end, Bishop Libasci is inviting all parishes in the diocese to voluntarily take up a special relief collection. Our parish will be taking up the collection on the weekend of **October 27th and 28th.**

PARISH BREAKFAST , BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A parish breakfast and blood pressure clinic will take place on Sunday, October 14th after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses.

FLU SHOT CLINIC - THIS WEEKEND

A Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Walgreen's Pharmacy is being held here at the parish on Sunday October 14th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. It is for those 7 years of age and up. Please bring your medical insurance card and pharmacy benefits card with you. For those without insurance, the cost is \$40.99 payable by cash or check at the time of service. Please join us for another great breakfast served by our Knights of Columbus, get your flu shot and have our parish nurses check your blood pressure, all in one easy stop.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27, 2018 6:00 to 8:00 pm

KIDS: Come in costumes to enjoy games, music, crafts and a story read by Fr. Paul

Adults: Decorate the trunk of your car and hand out treats (60 children)

Cars should be decorated between 5:45 and 6:15 pm while children are in the Church Hall.

Children will go out to the parking lot at 6:15 pm for Trunk or Treat. From 7 to 8 pm children will go back downstairs to the Church Hall for games and fun.

Profession of Faith into Catholicism

If you were baptized in another faith but would like to become part of the Catholic faith community, please call Marie Dancy at 424-3757 and get started on the road to making a profession of faith into Catholicism.



Ladies Guild Meeting

The Ladies Guild at Our Lady of Mercy will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 16th, at 1:00 pm in the Church hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please join us, or call our president, Irene Jenness at 424-2362.

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