



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 Faith Formation Office: 424-4477
Website: www.olmnh.org



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 22nd

St. John Paul II, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For deceased priest of our Diocese

Tuesday, October 23rd

St John of Capistrano, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all parishioners

Wednesday, October 24th

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Donald Lyons (5 year anniv) req by his wife and family

Thursday, October 25th

NO MASS

Friday, October 26th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Edward & Betty Walsh req by their children

SATURDAY, October 27th

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Donald Rivard (1st Anniv) req by his wife

SUNDAY, October 28th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Nicole Ayotte req by her family and for all parishioners

10:30AM: Joe & Paul Creager req by their 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.

Great Service

In Mark's gospel, he has a short description of the Last Supper, without the washing of the disciples' feet found in the gospel of John. Today's passage has a similar message. While James and John seem to be close friends of Jesus, they obviously have not learned what it means to follow him. But they think this is the time to ask for their share in the glory of Jesus' Kingdom.

Jesus doesn't make any promises of worldly glory, but he does promise a share in his suffering. When he goes on to remind them of how Gentiles rule over people, they probably thought he was going to let them do the same. Imagine their surprise when he told them that the greatest of them would be the ones who served the rest.

They still did not understand that Jesus had to suffer and die to complete his life mission. They probably did not know what Jesus meant about their being baptized in death as Jesus would. But then how many people today know that leadership is a form of service? Whether you are head of a family, or of a nation, you were given that authority by God. And God expects leaders to not only direct those under them, but inspire and encourage them to do better. Parents do more than correct their children: They also guide them, love them, protect them, and sometimes even let them learn from their mistakes.

This connection of leadership and service is all inclusive. A manager is called to help his employees do their jobs better, not by badgering, but by giving the support they need. Government leaders are called to serve all constituents, not just the ones who donate to their election fund. Military leaders must support their troops with respect as well as discipline. God calls Church leaders in a special way to service of their flock: to protect the weakest members, to give an example of Jesus' love to all, and to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in both clergy and laity. Anyone who lives a life of loving service can be "greatest" in the Kingdom of God.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP



Weekend of October 14th: \$5602.00

Thank You!

120 CLUB WINNERS

Week 9: Peg Iannacone & Grace & Steven Cavallo

Week 10: Patricia Osterland & Mary Coelho

Week 11: Thomas Barowski & Geri Botsch

Congratulations!!!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Hard to believe but Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. For many in our community with stressed budgets and financial challenges, a Thanksgiving dinner just isn't possible. Your support of our annual Food Drive will help make a fulfilling holiday possible for many families this season and also continue to help throughout the year.

Our annual Thanksgiving Drive benefits Our Lady of Mercy and also St. John Neumann Food Pantry. Our ministry to the needy is combined with St. John Neumann to better assist our neighbors in need. Many families have benefited from your support of this program.

This year we again are asking that you contribute gift cards from local supermarkets (Shaws, Market Basket or Hannafords) in any denomination or if you prefer you may purchase one of the non perishable items listed below. **Gift cards should be dropped off in the basket on the altar and food items in the boxes at the doors beginning the weekend of October 27 and 28 through the weekend of November 17 and 18th.**

Non-Perishable Items Needed: Boxed stuffing mix, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit (peaches, orange segments—no grapefruit), Jelly (all kinds), canned meats such as Dinty Moore stew, spam, tuna, chicken, Progresso soups, pasta and cans or jars of sauce, boxed mixes—cakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, etc,

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 wash-cloths, bottles, sippy cups and sleep sacks.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week October 20th through October 26th is lit **in memory of Maryann Showers.**



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.



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 Ninth 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.

Men of St. Joseph



The Men of St. Joseph is an association of Christian men, united under the Catholic Church, who meet on a regular basis to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families. We know it's a struggle to balance being a father, bread winner, businessman, coach, friend, husband and spiritual leader of your family. The Men of St. Joseph understand that with each other's support and shared accountability it becomes a little easier. Most importantly, we know that if we surrender our day-to-day problems to God we will be better fathers, husbands and friends. Through Christ, we will become the best versions of ourselves.

We welcome all men to join us on this journey. Our first monthly meeting will take place on **Saturday, November 3rd from 7:00 am to 8:30 am in the Church hall.** Breakfast will be served. Please join us.

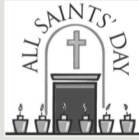
Special Collection Victims of Hurricane Florence



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.**

ALL SAINTS DAY/ALL SOULS DAY



All Saint's Day—November 1, 2018: all Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Mass times for this Holy Day are Thursday, November 1st at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. There will be no anticipated Mass on October 31st.

During the month of November we take time to remember our loved ones who have passed away. Again this year you are asked to bring photos (framed or unframed) of a loved one who has died. Beginning on the weekend of October 27th and 28th, a table will be set up in the main entrance of the church to leave your photos. The photos will remain for the month of November. Make sure to put your name and phone number on the back of the pictures.



On November 2nd we celebrate All Souls Day. At the 7:00 pm Mass we will read aloud the names of those whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish during the past 12 months and a candle will be lit for each one. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and remember these and all of our beloved dead.

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.



Information Page

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