

Easter Sunday

*This is the day
the Lord has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad.*

Psalm 118:24



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April 21, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 20th
Easter Vigil**

8:30AM: Morning Prayer

7:30PM: For members of our parish who will become fully initiated at this Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 21st
Easter Sunday**

8:30AM: Dan & Agnes McIsaac req by a friend

10:30AM: Rita Roy req by Paul Estey

Monday, April 22nd

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 23rd

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Russell Scheider req by Kareen Dunn

Wednesday, 24th

NO MASS

Thursday, April 25th

NO MASS

Friday, April 26th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For deceased priests of our Diocese

**Saturday, April 27th
VIGIL: Divine Mercy Sunday**

4:30PM: Loretta Smiddy req by her family

**SUNDAY, April 28th
Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:30AM: For all parishioners

10:30AM: Al Iannacone req by his family

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 20th through April 26th will be lit in memory of **deceased parishioners**.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume next Sunday, April 28th at the 10:30 Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday—4:30 pm

Sunday—8:30 am and 10:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Friday—8:30 am

Holy Days—8:30 am and an anticipated Vigil @ 7:00 pm

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A gift for the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

Check it out! There is no charge!

Go to **OLMNH.formed.org** and log in: choose your password. Once you are on the formed site, at the top of the page click on "On Demand."

There you will find:

movies, video programs, audio and ebooks among many other things that are offered free of charge for both adults and children.

Try any of these! You will find something of worth!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for April 7th: \$4979.00

Lenten Collection: \$2140.00

Thank You!



HAPPY EASTER

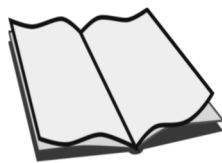


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Fr. Paul, Deacon John and the staff here at Our Lady of Mercy would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Easter. May Christ be with you and your families throughout this season of Hope. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith—the event that offers all of us the vision of New Life. This is a day of joy, a day to celebrate. Christ is alive!! Christ is risen!! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BOOK OF INTENTIONS

This is a book located in the main entrance of the church on the week-ends where all parishioners may add their prayer intentions. The book is carried up to the altar along with the gifts of bread and wine during each weekend liturgy so your prayers will be presented during the Mass. Fr. Paul, along with all parishioners, will pray for the intentions in the book at each Mass.



Please add any intentions (large or small) that you would like us to pray for.

Faith Formation Registrations for 2019-2020

Faith Formation registrations for our Summer Programs and the upcoming school year will be available **beginning May 6th**. You may go to our website at www.olmnh.org and either register online or print off a registration, fill it out and return it to the parish office. You may also make your payment online or mail that to the office also. As always partial payments are accepted.

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering into 1st grade in the fall, please call the parish office at 424-3757 or go to our website for information on our programs.

Our Summer Program runs from July 15th through July 26th—Monday through Friday.

Childish or Child Like

The Gospel for Easter this year reminds me of little children. Mary of Magdala runs from the tomb when she sees it has been opened. Then Peter and the other disciple race each other to the tomb. The other one wins the race but Peter goes in first (John 20:1-5). Besides running like excited kids, there is another way they are like children.

Remember the Gospel about St. Thomas, who would not believe Jesus' resurrection until he could see him? Compare that to the disciple in today's reading, who "saw [the empty tomb] and believed" (John 20:9). That is the kind of faith we find in a little child.

Children will believe in things they cannot see, especially if there is a good reason. We "bribe" them into believing in Santa Claus or the tooth fairy by giving them Christmas presents or money under the pillow. If we teach them that God made them and loves them, if we love them ourselves and teach them to love others, they will have good reasons to believe in a real and loving God. As they get older, we can teach them how to pray, save money for the poor, visit the sick, or volunteer to help the homeless. Jesus didn't say that only children could enter the Kingdom. He said we must become like children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3). Becoming like children does not mean being selfish or stubborn, throwing tantrums when we don't get our way. Those are childish behaviors that we put aside. Instead, we can keep a child-like faith and trust in God. Teaching them about God is a great way to help our own faith to grow. By giving them real examples of God's love for them, they will continue to believe long after they have given up the fairy tales of childhood.

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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Carol Sylvia and Mary Flynn.**



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

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "safe environment" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to **all** NH Catholic adults and is available online at <https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>

The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety and share this information with others.

FOOT CLINIC

On Thursday, April 25th from 9:00 to 1:00 pm, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Foot Care Clinic sponsored by the nurses of Home, Health and Hospice Care. **The cost is \$32.00** and is payable by cash or check at the time of your appointment.

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call Home, Health and Hospice at 689-2931.

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

May 4, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:15 am
Church Hall

The Men of St. Joseph invites all Catholic men to become members and we desire that all men enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and live a life filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.



MEATBALL SUBS

Weekend of April 27th and 28th

We have a number of students and chaperones that will be attending Stuebenville East and also Catholic Heart Workcamp. There is a significant cost for each one of these events and the parish and youth are trying to raise money to help defray the cost.

Deacon John will again be having a Meatball Sub Fundraiser with all the proceeds going towards helping these students pay for the programs. Please show your support for our youth and come to the church hall after Masses on the weekend of **April 27th and 28th to purchase your delicious Meatball Subs.**

Have you heard quite a bit about the Catholic Faith? Not really sure what Catholics believe, but are interested in learning more about it and possibly becoming a Catholic yourself?

OR

Maybe you know a faithful Catholic and realize that there is something special about that person and you would like that something "special" in your life.

Our Lady of Mercy has sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our Church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities for you and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions about life, the Catholic faith and Catholic Church.

For more information, please contact Marie Dancy at 424-3757.

Support for Separated & Divorced

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups.

Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

120 CLUB WINNERS

Week #11: Ryan Murphy & Doris Lacasse

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