

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

*The Lamb who is in  
the center of the throne  
will shepherd them and  
lead them to springs  
of life-giving water.*

*Revelation 7:17*



**May 12, 2019**

***Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
Merrimack, NH  
424-3757***

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## ***MASS INTENTIONS***

**Saturday, May 11th**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**4:30PM:** Teresa Fleming req by the Fleming family

**SUNDAY, May 12th**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30AM:** Helen Rush & Lucille Delude req by their children

**10:30AM:** Frederick Savard req by his daughter, Barbara

**Monday, May 13th**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Charles Jones req by Vinnie & Nancy Gartland

**Tuesday, May 14th**

**St Matthias, Apostle**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Fernando Pena req by Clay Rush

**Wednesday, May 15th**

**St Isidore**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Paul Guay love Mom, Dad & Family

**Thursday, May 16th**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, May 17th**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For deceased Parishioners

**Saturday, May 18th**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**4:30PM:** Anne Herb & Don Mader req by Linda & Howard

**Sunday, May 19th**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30AM:** Daniel Vachon (12th Anniv) req by his family

**10:30AM:** Rose Paraczky req by her daughter

## **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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## ***Prayer for Mothers***

All loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children by war, poverty or conflict. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

## ***120 CLUB WINNERS***

Week #14: Muriel Gelinas & Sandra Mayo

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**





\*\*\* HAPPY \*\*\*  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR  
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### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Our nation pauses each year to remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their life in service of our nation. Memorial Day is commemorated to honor those who served in the military and to remember those who died while serving.

**Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am on May 27th at Last Rest Cemetery, weather permitting.**

Please bring your own folding chairs, insect repellent and sun screen. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated in the Church. The Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee and donuts in the church hall following Mass.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to all the newly confirmed who also received their First Eucharist in April. The ceremony was indeed a special and spiritual experience. We wish you the best as you continue to grow in your faith and we welcome you joyfully to the table of the Lord. We pray that you will continue to share Christ's love with others.



We extend a sincere thank you to our catechists and parents for their hard work, dedication, patience and commitment to the program. We all enjoyed being part of your child's growth in their faith.

The parish community will continue to keep you in our prayers as you continue on in your faith journey.

### Faith Formation Registrations for 2019-2020

We are now accepting registrations for our summer and fall Faith Formation Programs. You may go to our website at [www.olmnh.org](http://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 call the parish office to register your child (ren). Payments may be made online or mailed to the office. As always partial payments are accepted or if there is a financial need, please call the parish office at 424-3757.

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

**Our Summer Program runs from July 15th through July 26th—Monday through Friday (Grades 1-5) from 9:30 to 11:45 am.**

We are in need of teacher aides for our summer program. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the parish office at 424-3757 and speak with Kathy.

### A Lot of Nerve

Last week we saw how the disciples rejoiced to suffer for their faith. This week we see them turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they still are filled with joy (Acts 13:50-52). Rejected by their own people, they are happy that the pagans not only listen to them, but also spread the word of the Lord. What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus.

I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them.

That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. That took the pressure off of them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching, wondering if they looked holy enough to impress people, or afraid that someone might make fun of them (or do a background check: "Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them."). None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them, as our second reading says, "to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:17). They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28).

Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as an opportunity to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down, or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? When people reject us, do we give up, or do we trust God to help them? Are we ashamed of our past sins, or grateful for God's forgiveness?

Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news.

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**Continuing Faith Formation** - On alternate Wednesday evenings we will explore topics of the faith. **We will begin on Wednesday, May 15 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.** What do we mean when we say that the Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic? How did Jesus provide a basic structure for the Church? If these questions interest you, or if you have questions about the mission of the Catholic Church, join this week's discussion.



## *Baptisms*

*We would like to welcome into our parish community:*

***Benjamin Leo Zupkosky.***

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

### **FOOT CARE CLINIC**

**On Thursday, May 23rd** from 8:30 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.

### **LADIES GUILD MEETING**

The Ladies Guild will be hosting our **May 21st meeting in the church hall at 12:00 pm with a catered lunch and meeting to follow.** This will be our last meeting before the summer.

**Please RSVP to Irene Jenness at 424-2362 by May 18th if you wish to attend.** All ladies of the parish are welcome.

## *Praying the Rosary*

Praying the rosary is a wonderful way to offer spiritual support for life at all stages and in all vocations. Through prayer we make a difference.

During the Month of May there will be a calendar in the main entrance of the church. Each day of May has been dedicated to a specific intention. Pray for the elderly, the unborn, the lonely or hopeless, for families and for those who give their life in service to God.

To participate, simply sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary. Each day may be chosen by more than one person.

The calendar will remain up for the month and you may sign up at any time.

Life is God's gift of love to all!

## WELCOME

The Faith Community of Our Lady of Mercy would like to welcome Kathleen Hilliard and Ronald Ketchie who prepared for and entered into full Communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

Please pray for and welcome these individuals! If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program, please contact the Parish Office at 424-3757 and speak with Marie.

### Parish Breakfast & Blood Pressure Clinic

**On Sunday, May 19th after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses**, a delicious breakfast will be served in the Church Hall by the Knights of Columbus.



Our parish nurses will also be available for Blood Pressure Checks during the breakfast. Hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity.

### Parish Project and Building Committee

The parish facilities are in need of some upgrades and repairs. The parish is setting up a Project and Building Committee to help prioritize and accomplish these projects. We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to serve on this committee and who are experienced in any of the special trades but especially in HVAC and Thermal Insulator or Ventilation.

If you are interested in helping out, please call Sharon at the parish office at 424-3757.

### Catholic Charities Appeal

Because of you, Catholic Charities is there, answering the increasing cries for assistance. Adults who want to make changes in their lives but don't know where to start; seniors who are lonely and isolated, seeking to maintain their independence and dignity; those living with depression, anxiety, or addiction, searching for a way to break free and heal through counseling. Your gift is the outstretched hand that brings them hope. Please take a moment and give to Catholic Charities today.

Our parish goal is \$65,000.00

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of May 5th: \$4433.00

Online Donations for April \$9436.50

**Thank you!**

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**Kathy**