



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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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.

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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.

Reconciliation

Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3 PM and by appointment.

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your needs.

Parish Office/Rectory: 424-3757 Faith Formation Office: 424-4477
Website: www.olmnh.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5th

Vigil: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Robert Dwyer req by his family

Sunday, October 6th

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Deceased members of the Fournier family

10:30AM: For all parishioners

Monday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Deceased members of our parish

Tuesday, October 8th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of the celebrant

Wednesday, October 9th

St Denis, Bishop, and companions, Martyrs,

St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For deceased priests of the Diocese

Thursday, October 10th

NO MASS

Friday, October 11th

St John XXIII, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all parishioners

Saturday, October 12th

Vigil: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Jean Marc Bechard req by his family and
for all parishioners

Sunday, October 13th

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Brian Desroche (10th Anniv) req by his mom

10:30AM: Mr & Mrs Antonio Jette req by
their daughter

Taking Care of Business

When we were kids, my brothers and sisters and I thought that you were not supposed to say the blessing before meals in a restaurant. You were not supposed to flaunt your faith in public. It probably had more to do with fear of being embarrassed if non-believers saw us praying. I think of that when I hear St. Paul telling Timothy, "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). All three readings mention the difficulties that people of faith will encounter, and each reading has its own way of facing those hardships.

Jesus gives the practical advice: Look at the difficulties of being a disciple as just part of your job. No servant expects to be praised by his master for doing his job. So if the Lord says I must forgive those who hurt me, or be patient with customers, or share what I have with the poor--no problem; it's part of the job of a disciple. If someone I know is in pain, I'm there to support them. Too tired to go to church after work on a holy day? Just taking care of business.

So how do we get the strength and self-control to roll with the punches? Paul reminds us in the second reading to stir the gifts of the Spirit into flame. If you take time to pray every day, if you look for God in other people, if you see difficulties as your share of the cross--you'll find those gifts of faith, power, love, and self-control beginning to grow stronger inside.

We can trust that this is more than just wishful thinking by going to the first reading. When the prophet cries out for help with the misery and violence in the world, he hears God's promise that the vision (of hope for deliverance) will be fulfilled even if it seems to be delayed. We too hear that promise when we start to get discouraged, for God's promise "will not disappoint" (Habakkuk 2:3).

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SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of October 5th through October 11th is lit **in memory of deceased members of the Rush & Delude families.**

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.

**Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14th
in observance of Columbus Day.**

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of September 29th: \$6171.00

Thank You !!

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26, 2019
6:00 pm 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 (approximately 75 children)

*Cars may be decorated in the church parking lot between 5:45pm and 6:15 pm.
Children will gather in the church hall at 6:00 pm and head out to the parking lot at
6:15 pm. From 7:00 to 8:00 pm children will return to the church hall for games and fun.*

OCTOBER BABY SHOWER Sponsored by the Life Matters Ministry

Throughout the month of October, our parish will remember in a special way, pregnant and parenting young women in need of assistance, and who have chosen life for their baby. We will be collecting new and unwrapped baby items to benefit Pro-Life resource centers, Birthright of Manchester and Penacook Pregnancy Center of Manchester.

Your gifts may be placed in the playpen in the back of the church at Masses from October 5th through October 27th. Below is a list of needed items:

- *Diapers sizes 0 through 5, also pull ups
- *Onesies
- *Bibs
- *Bottles, sippy cups
- *Crib Sheets
- *Blankets
- *Lotions
- *Baby clothes, especially warm clothing, through size 3T

Thank you for always being so generous in your response to the needs of these women. Your kindness is always greatly appreciated.

PARISH BREAKFAST BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A parish breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and a Blood Pressure Clinic sponsored by our Parish nurses will take place on **Sunday, October 13th** after the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses.

FLU SHOT CLINIC



A Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by Walgreen's Pharmacy is being held here at the parish on **Sunday, October 13th from 9:30am to 12:30 pm**. 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 for the regular shot and \$69.99 for the high dose shot.

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.

120 CLUB WINNERS

Week #9: Liane Peppin & Frances Mitchell

WOMEN AT THE WELL

A new study and faith sharing group for women coming to Our Lady of Mercy this October open to all women in the parish. We will meet one Saturday a month at 9:00 am to explore various ways our Catholic faith can nourish us in our daily lives. **Our first meeting will take place on Saturday, October 26th at 9:00 am in the Church Hall.**



Come join us as we discover the joy of drawing the water of Eternal Life from the well of the gospel message of Christ. Each meeting will include prayer, discussion of study materials presented previously, short video presentations, faith sharing and a guest speaker on occasion.

Holy Cross Fair

The Sisters of the Holy Cross will hold their Fall Fair, which is a major fundraiser to benefit the community on: **Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Holy Cross Center, 357 Island Pond Rd, Manchester, NH.**

Penny sale, crafts, games, Sisters Lollipops, etc.

Lunch will also be served.

Free Admission—Free Parking

Spirited Theology

Our next Spirited Theology event is coming up on **October 8th**. Michael Coughlin and his mother Sharon will be presenting *Fatima: Through the Century*. Please join us for this historical overview of the apparitions (before, during and after). This event will be held at the Radisson Hotel at 11 Tara Blvd in Nashua. Look for the **Shade Bar & Grille** sign at the side entrance of the hotel. We begin at 6:00 pm for food and fellowship and you may order off the restaurant menu. The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday People

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. This refrain summarizes the messages of next week's readings. The theme is echoed in the psalm verse: *"Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; the Lord has made his salvations known!"* Praise God; give thanks; be thankful to God; you have not earned your salvation! These are the themes that will be explored on **Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center**. Know that you are welcome to join the discussion.

CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The 20th annual Knights of Columbus Fall Craft Fair will be held on Friday, November 1st from 5pm to 8pm and again on Saturday, November 2nd from 9am to 3pm in the Masticola Upper Elementary School. There will be more than 40 crafters offering a wide variety of handmade crafts. The event will also include a Chinese auction, baked 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.



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



LADIES GUILD

CHINESE AUCTION

Each year the Ladies Guild holds a Chinese Auction as part of the Knights of Columbus Craft Fair. This year we are asking parishioners to donate either a gift card from any business in town or a scratch ticket to be auctioned off at the Craft Fair. Proceeds from all the Ladies Guild fundraisers are used to purchase items needed by the parish.

You may drop off your donations at the parish office or put them in an envelope marked ladies guild and drop them in the collection basket at Mass by October 25th. Thank you for your continued support.

Ladies Guild Meeting

The next Ladies Guild Meeting will take place on *Tuesday, October 15th at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall*. All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you are new to the parish or just want to learn more about our ministry, please join us or contact Pat Miller at 440-3370.

OCTOBER—DEDICATED TO THE ROSARY



Prayer is always a good way to offer spiritual support for life in all stages and in all vocations. Each day of 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. Sign ups are ongoing during the month of October!

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