



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

Pray Always
Always Pray



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 19th

Vigil: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Dorothy Lavallee req by her family

Sunday, October 20th

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Clayton & Helen Rush req by their children

10:30AM: Judy McKenzie req by her daughter
Debra Stellato

Monday, October 21st

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Robert Dwyer req by his family

Tuesday, October 22nd

St John Paul II, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: David & Jay Petros req by
Elaine Chauvette

Wednesday, October 23rd

St John of Capistrano, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Don Lyons req by his family

Thursday, October 24th

NO MASS

Friday, October 25th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Maurice Gagne req by her children

Saturday, October 26th

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Edward & Betty Walsh req by their children

Sunday, October 27th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Deceased members of the Nicolo family req
by the Nicolo family

10:30AM: Carol Sylvia req by the Correia family and
for all parishioners

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of Oct 13th: \$5050.00

Online Giving for September: \$9669.50

Thank you!

Perseverance

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. She was lucky her adversary didn't pester the judge, too; he might have gone the other way. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers.

St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that?

"Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Not that we can prove all that we believe in a scientific way, but our faith should be realistic; after all, God made the world, so God should know how it works. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt, forgives him when he is sorry, and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people. So we can convince others of our faith by showing them examples of love, forgiveness, and encouragement.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. That may be what he was thinking when he says that proclaiming the word can sometimes be inconvenient. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority.

Paul lastly mentions teaching. He probably was referring to teaching the Hebrew scriptures and how they were fulfilled in Christ. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home. What the children see (or don't see) at home has a much greater effect than a few hours a week in a classroom.

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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

This is the last weekend we are collecting gifts for the Baby Shower. Items needed are...

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!

FOOT CARE CLINIC

On October 24th from 8:30am to 1:00 pm, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a foot care clinic operated by the well qualified nurses of Home Health and Hospice Care.

The cost is \$32.00 and is payable by cash or check at the time of the appointment. For more information or to schedule your appointment, please call Home Health & Hospice Care at 689-2931.

For a full schedule of foot care clinics visit our website at www.hhhc.org.

120 CLUB WINNERS

Week #11: Nelson Disco & Jeannette Bergeron

All Saints Day/All Souls Day

All Saints Day—November 1, 2019.

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 Friday, 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 invited to bring photos (framed or unframed) of a loved one who has died. Beginning the weekend of October 26th and 27th a table will be set up in the back of the church for you to leave your photos. Make sure to put your name and phone number on the back of the picture. They will remain there until the end of the month.

November 2nd is All Souls Day— the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. **We will celebrate this feast on Monday, November 4th with a Mass at 7:00 pm in the Church.**



The names of all those parishioners whose funerals were celebrated here at Our Lady of Mercy during the past 12 month will be read and a candle will be lit in their memory. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and remember these and all our beloved dead.

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.

Human Trafficking Information Night October 23rd—6:30 to 8:30 pm Church Hall

Learn what's happening in New Hampshire.

Panel of speakers

Mike Posanka: Resident Agent in Charge
Homeland Security

Donna Plourde: Director of Real Life Giving and
Receiving

Jasmine Grace: Survivor, Author, Speaker and
Founder of Bags of Hope Ministry

Bethany Cottrell: Founder and Director of
Brigid's House of Hope

Becky Ayling: Director of NH Human Trafficking
Collaborative Task Force, NH Waypoint

At all entrances of the church you will find the "Bags of Hope" with items listed on the back to fill them and you may drop them off in the boxes located at the doors to the church or bring them with you on October 23rd. To register go to our website www.olmnh.org.

Funerals

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of ***Bernard Maloney, Jeannie Larson & Donna Brown.***

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the families of Bernard, Jeannie & Donna. May the God of compassion be with you during this time of sorrow and may He welcome Bernard, Jeannie & Donna into his eternal kingdom of peace.

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.

OCTOBER—DEDICATED TO THE ROSARY

It's Not too Late to Sign Up



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!

Information Page

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