



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.

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.

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, November 16th

Vigil: Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Donna Brown req by Claude & Sandy Mayo

Sunday, November 17th

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Teresa Fleming req by the Fleming family

10:30AM: Al Iannacone req by his family and
for all parishioners

Monday, November 18th

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and
Paul, Apostles**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Carol Poligni (60 Anniv) req by Bruce
& Janet Angus

Tuesday, November 19th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of the celebrant

Wednesday, November 20th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jean Gagne (3rd Anniv) req by her children

Thursday, November 21st

NO MASS

Friday, November 22nd

Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joyce Foulks req by her family

Saturday, November 23rd

Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30PM: Rev Arthur Obin req by Muriel & for
all parishioners

Sunday, November 10th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30AM: Mr Arthur Kitchener req by

Mrs Jacqueline Thompson

10:30AM: Donna Brown req by Tom & Elaine Lamb

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed his disciples that even death will be overcome by God. In today's Gospel, he expands that to include most of the bad things that can happen to both non-believers and disciples alike. Starting with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus mentions most of the scary things that people thought would bring the end of the world. He gives two pieces of advice. First, don't be fooled by anyone who says this is the end or who claims to be Jesus. When Jesus comes again, there will be no doubt about who it is. You won't have to learn about it on the evening news. Then, don't be terrified by natural disasters or wars. Wars, epidemics, earthquakes, and the rest happen throughout history and will happen again.

As disciples, we hope we would respond to disasters not with fear, but with love. Believers can voluntarily help those affected, comfort the survivors, or help rebuild their homes or schools. You may choose to give at a blood drive or donate to one of the charities that help disaster victims. People have welcomed strangers into their homes after a flood or hurricane has destroyed a neighborhood. There is a saying that "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus never says that his disciples would be given awards for their acts of charity. In the second half of the Gospel, he says that his disciples would be persecuted, hated, and even betrayed by their own families. Jesus has advice for that situation, too. He presents it as an opportunity to give testimony, or witness, to our faith. His advice sounds strange at first. Unlike a modern lawyer, who practices with a witness before they go into the courtroom, Jesus tells us "not to prepare your defense," but to let him give us the words. I suspect that he means not to worry about what you might say, lest you become scared speechless. If you let him, Jesus will "prepare" you with the scripture readings, your pastor's homilies, and your own prayer life. All of these can help open us to the gifts of the Spirit, who helps us proclaim our faith without fear.

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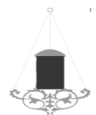
Parish Stewardship



Weekend of 11/10..... \$4940.00

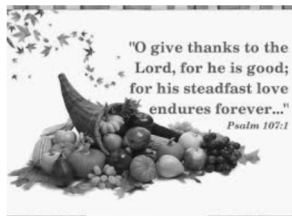
For the Archdiocese of Military... \$2388.00

SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp for November 16th through November 22nd is lit in memory of **all 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.



"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever..."
Psalms 107:1

Give Thanks to Our Lord, Jesus Christ Thanksgiving Day Mass November 28, 2019 @ 9:00 am

Thanksgiving is embedded in our national identity as Americans what the day celebrates makes it a natural occasion for us to gather to celebrate Eucharist, as we acknowledge God as the source of every grace and blessing.

You are invited to bring the bread and wine that you will be serving at Thanksgiving dinner for a blessing at the end of Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please bring your items in a basket and place them on the altar prior to the beginning of Mass. These items will be blessed at the end of Mass and you may pick them up on our way out.

We hope you make every effort to begin Thanksgiving Day by joining us at the 9:00 am Mass.



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY (Greeters & Ushers)

There will be a meeting for ALL greeters and ushers on Saturday, November 23rd at 11:00 am in the Church.

The ministry of greeting or ushering is a vital part of any church ministry. Hospitality Ministers represent the church in a very visible way, and help set the tone in preparation for the Mass. If you are not already a member of this ministry and would like more information or to join the ministry, please come to the meeting or call the parish office and speak with Marie (424-3757).

Commissioning of Ministers November 23rd and 24th

At all the weekend Masses on November 23rd and 24th there will be a commissioning of all of our liturgical ministers. This includes altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ministers of hospitality, and music ministers.

This is an important event because at Baptism we take up the life of Jesus, and by taking on these ministries we live out the life of Jesus in the world today.

TOOTHBRUSH COLLECTION

Evelyn Hagan and her medical team from St Rosa of Lima Parish in Littleton will again be going to support the people of San Francisco de la Plaza Olancho Honduras. She has asked if we could help her team again.



If you would like to help benefit Project Eden/Adelante (started by Fr. Dan St Laurent), please place a **NEW UNUSED MANUAL TOOTHBRUSH** in the red bin located at the main entrance of the church. The collection bin will be at the main entrance of the church beginning this weekend until January 5th. Thank you.

ANOTHER GREAT MEATBALL SUB WEEKEND... THIS WEEKEND



Don't feel like cooking this weekend...we've got you covered. Come downstairs after all Masses this weekend and pick up your meatball subs for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Maybe all three!!

Deacon John will once again be offering his famous meatball subs for the low cost of only \$5.00 each. Proceeds of all sub sales go towards our Youth Ministry Program. Hope to see you then.



Knights of Columbus Council 6725 would like to thank everyone in the parish for your support of our 20th annual Craft Fair. We thank everyone who came to the fair to support

all our vendors and our Ladies Guild's auction as well as the people that worked at the event to make it successful.

The proceeds of the Craft Fair go directly to support charities. We could not achieve success without the help of so many generous people in our faith community!

Interfaith Women of NH is inviting all women to "Holiday Joy: Voices of Young Women", to be held at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Manchester on December 9th. Presenters: Anna Hutchison from the Mormon Faith –*Her celebration and love of Christmas*; Avia Angron from the Jewish faith–*Her celebration and love of Purim in Israel*; Hasna Kara from the Islamic faith– *Her celebration and love of Ramadan* and Mackenzie Murphy from our own parish–*Her celebration and love of Easter*.

Check in is at 6:15pm and the program begins at 6:45pm. RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 233-7760. Visit online at interfaithwomennh.org.

LADIES GUILD MEETING

The Ladies Guild will be having their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, **November 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm** in the Church Hall.

All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you are new to the parish or want to learn more about our ministry, please join us or contact Pat Miller at 440-3370.

Wednesday Program

On Wednesday, November 20 at 7 PM in the Parish Center, those people who gather on Wednesdays will gather to explore the kingship of Christ. Today the kingship of Christ is recognized by all His Church.

We offer Him our loyalty and obedience through the witness of our lives. We witness through lives of service and forgiveness, with trust and confidence in the love, power, and faithfulness of God. It is as simple and as difficult as that.

WOMEN AT THE WELL

A new study and faith sharing group for women has begun here at Our Lady of Mercy. This is 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 second meeting will take place on Saturday, November 23rd 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.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 25, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

St. James Church, Merrimack NH



We invite you to embrace the true intent of Thanksgiving by joining us in solidarity with people of faith.

Members of various faith communities will join together at St. James.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the amazing support and generosity of neighbor to neighbor in our community and recognizing in the midst of all the ups and downs of life, we have many blessings to share.

BLOOD DRIVE



A Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights will be held here on **Thursday, November 21st from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm** in the Church Hall.

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. Appointments are encouraged but walk ins are always welcome.

120 CLUB WINNERS

Week #15: Felicia Whitney & Liane Peppin

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