

HISTORIC
WATER WELL
TEL AVIV

Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in them
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

MARCH 15
2020

THIRDSunday
OF LENT

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*Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Merrimack, NH*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14th
Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

4:30PM: Brother Paul Demers (1st Anniv)
req by Phil & Jane Dwyer and family

Sunday, March 15th
Third Sunday of Lent

8:30AM: Frank DiChiara req by the Bergin family
10:30AM: Edgar Begin req by Fan Pichette and for all parishioners

Monday, March 16th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer
8:30AM: Marty Kelley req by the Bergin family

Tuesday, March 17th
St Patrick, Bishop

8:10AM: Morning Prayer
8:30AM: Nicole Ayotte req by her family

Wednesday, March 18th

St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:10AM: Morning Prayer
8:30AM: Donna Brown req by the Hospitality Ministry

Thursday, March 19th

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:10 PM: Evening Prayer
6:30 PM: Joseph Buteau req by his parents Joseph & Betty Buteau

Friday, March 20th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer
8:30AM: Holly Simpson req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Saturday, March 21st
Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Lent

4:30PM: Antonia & Alfred Bernier req by their family

Sunday, March 22nd
Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30AM: Raffaele Vivolo req by his family
10:30AM: Brian Carter req by his parents & family and for all parishioners

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—4:30 PM
Sunday — 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri — 8:30 AM
Holy Days—8:30 AM with an anticipated vigil—7:00 PM

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Reconciliation

Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3:00 pm, Thursdays a 5:30 pm (during Lent only) or by appointment .

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your needs at 424-3757.

Wednesday People

Wednesday People: In next Sunday's readings we hear Jesus say, "I am speaking with you now." And so we must delve into that, What is Jesus saying to us right now. How do we respond to Jesus? We respond with our lives. Let's discuss. Wednesday at the Parish Center 7 PM.

Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of March 14 through March 20th is lit in memory of Edgar Begin.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one, please contact the parish office at 424-3757.

120 CLUB WINNERS

Week #6: Mary Coelho and Helen Vacca

Parish Stewardship

Week of March 8th: \$6061.00



Lent - A Journey in Mercy *Third Sunday of Lent*



Monday, March 16th: Prayer Group 4:00—5:30 pm in Church;
“Immerse Yourself in the Merciful Heart of Jesus” — Adoration, Prayer, and song

Tuesday, March 17th : 9:15 AM in Church Hall—Church History Talk

Wednesday, March 18th: 9:15 AM in Church Hall— “A Lent to Remember” An Encounter
with Mercy video and discussion

7:00 PM— Wednesday People in Parish Center: Scripture study of the weekly readings

Thursday, March 19th: Confessions at 5:30 pm; Evening Prayer at 6:10 pm; Mass at 6:30 pm
7:15 pm Church History talk in Church Hall

Friday, March 20th: 6: 30 PM —Stations of the Cross: followed by
soup and fellowship in the Church Hall

Saturday, March 21st: 9:00 am in Church Hall —Women at the Well with speaker Dr Gary Bouchard

Sunday, March 22nd: 10:30 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word in Church
2:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Parish, Nashua — Deanery Reconciliation Service

Mercy in Our Community

Did you know there are angels in the midst of our faith community? For sure there are!! We are blessed in our community to have these angels who are specially trained volunteers at St. John Neumann’s Day Away Program. This program provides a safe, loving and stimulating setting for those who have early stages of Alzheimer’s and dementia. Loved ones and their caregivers are also guided and helped by a registered nurse, Kathy Hopkins RN, M.Ed.

Other angels help organize and volunteer for the Hot Dog Days Fundraiser that helps to support those with Alzheimer’s and Dementia.

There are angels in our faith community who are part of our Comfort Ministry which provides meals for family and friends after a funeral. They help support grieving families in their time of sorrow.

More angels are those in our Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are lovingly made in prayer and given to family members and friends of the deceased.

How about Catholic Teen Angels who fast 40 hours for social action. They collect food donations and learn about poverty and hunger in the world. In collaboration with St John Neumann Food Pantry, many angel parishioners here at our parish donated food and staples the past few weekends to this cause.

Lastly, however not least, we have the Angels of Prayer. Our Prayer Group, Prayer Line and Rosary Cenacle pray for many in our communities.

Yes, Our Lady of Mercy, Queen of Angels intercedes on our behalf. These are just a few of the ways in which our ministries and parishioners show Mercy in the Community. I’m sure you can think of many other ways!!

UPDATE AND THANK YOU

Thank you to Our Lady of Mercy Parish for supporting our work in Honduras once again. Between our two parishes (OLM and St Rosa of Lima in Littleton) we collected 2214 donated toothbrushes!!! What a great effort and a worthwhile intervention! These were distributed to poor families who came to our clinics. Our team of 12, working in collaboration with our Honduran colleagues and friends, set up clinics in 5 small villages. We treated 870 people. We provided health education on a variety of topics, including dental care, hydration, diet, handwashing, smoking, zika infection prevention, water purification and more. We also screened for malnutrition using mid upper arm circumferences and counseled about feeding babies and children under 5, especially if they were small. It was a very productive trip!
Evelyn Hagen

HOME HEALTH FOOT CLINIC

March 26, 2020

On March 26th from 8:30am to 1:00 pm, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Foot Care Clinic operated 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 the appointment.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please call Home Health & Hospice Care at 689-2931.

20 Poems to Pray

Saturday, March 21st—Church Hall

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Women at the Well cordially invites you as we welcome Dr. Gary Bouchard, English Professor and head of the Grappone Institute for Humanities at St Anselm College in Manchester to Our Lady of Mercy.

Dr. Bouchard will be discussing his latest book, **20 Poems to Pray**, in which he has collected 20 of his popular columns on poetry and prayer from our Diocesan magazine Parable.

A questions and answer session, book signing and refreshments will follow the discussion. Copies of Dr. Bouchards' book will be available for purchase.

LADIES GUILD MEETING

The Ladies Guild will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you have any questions about our ministry, please join us or call Pat Miller at 603-440-3370.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 6th:

8:15a.m.: Morning Prayer
8:30a.m.: Mass
11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.: Confessions
5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.: Confessions

Tuesday, April 7th:

8:15a.m.: Morning Prayer
8:30a.m.: Mass

Wednesday, April 8th:

8:15a.m.: Morning Prayer
8:30a.m.: Mass
7:00p.m.: Tenebrae Service



Thursday, April 9th:

8:30a.m.: Morning Prayer
7:00p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper with traditional washing of the feet and Eucharistic Procession and Adoration

Friday, April 10th:

8:30a.m.: Morning Prayer
3:00p.m.: Stations of the Cross
7:00p.m.: Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 11th:

8:30a.m.: Morning Prayer
7:00p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 12th:

8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m. Masses
(upstairs and downstairs for both Masses if needed)

Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Peter Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years, to attend the Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. **To register, please contact your parish office by March 20th.**



Faith Formation Summer Program Grades 1 through 3 Marked Your Calendars!

Our Faith Formation Summer Program for 2020 will take place the weeks of July 20th and July 27th for students in grades 1 through 3. Classes will meet in the Faith Formation Hall (downstairs in the office building) from 9:30 am to 11:45 a.m. More information will follow at a later date.

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