



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: 262-1484
Website: www.olmnh.org - see website for possible Mass schedule changes

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22nd

Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Kathryn Loretta Fleming requested by Ray
& Kathy Turk

Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: John Chiasson, sr & John Chiasson, jr
requested by Kim

10:30AM: Jean Cioffi Lantiegne req by her Family
and For all parishioners

Monday, August 24th
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joan Taga requested by David Parent, jr

Tuesday, August 25th
Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joan Taga req by Richard & Fay Savastano

Wednesday, August 26th
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of James Warguska *and*
For Kathleen Warguska requested anonymously

Thursday, August 27th
NO MASS

Friday, August 28th
Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30AM: For a private intention and all those in need
of prayers, requested anonymously

Saturday, August 29th
Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30PM: Donald Brown requested by Karen Collins

Sunday, August 30th
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM: Arlene Olson req by Claude & Sandy Mayo
10:30AM: For all parishioners

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Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Donald Brown requested by Karen Collins

Sunday, August 30th
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Arlene Olson req by Claude & Sandy Mayo

10:30AM: For all parishioners

Monday, August 31st

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Andrew & Kathleen Warguska requested
by Thomas Warguska

Tuesday, September 1st

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Helen Maioriello requested by Pat Lyons &
Family

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: In thanksgiving for Muriel Gelinas on her
birthday, requested by Friends of OLM

Thursday, September 3rd

NO MASS

Friday, September 4th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Deceased friends & family of Stephen &
Debra Staffieri requested by the Family

Saturday, September 5th
Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Dennis Glow requested by Jane & Crystal

Sunday, September 6th
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Gerard Theriault req by Karen Collins

10:30AM: Eloi Lantiegne requested by his wife Barbara
and For all parishioners

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



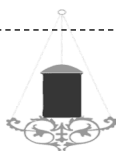
Faith Formation registrations for grades 1 through high school for the school year 2020-2021 are now available online at our website www.olmnh.org. You may either download a registration form and mail it to the office or register online. Program information may also be found on the website or you may call the office at 424-3757 and speak with either Michael Coughlin or Katie Corsetti. Please register as soon as possible so we will have an accurate count to order books and supplies for each of our programs.

When to call for a Catholic priest:

Priests and parishes want to respond as soon as possible to the spiritual needs of those in crisis or declining health. Please don't wait for an emergency or near death before calling for a priest. For an emergency requiring reception of the Sacraments of Healing and Forgiveness (Confession, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum) please contact the individual's own parish or the family's parish.

Clothing Shed

The clothing shed in the parking lot has been closed temporarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Warehouses are full and distribution methods are limited. The operator of the shed plans to re-open as soon as possible but no date is projected at this time. We will keep you posted.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of August 22 - August 28 in memory of Donald E. St. Germain.

Update for the Distribution of Holy Communion

For those who are not yet ready to return to public Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come to the church on **Sundays between 9:30m-10:00am** when Fr. Paul will be available for the distribution of Holy Communion.

Pray for Life and Hope

Interested individuals and families are invited to join a group of OLM parishioners who pray for the protection of life and for the hope of those facing unexpected pregnancies.

The group gathers outside of Planned Parenthood in Manchester (24 Pennacook Street) on Wednesday mornings at 11:30am to offer a quiet witness of prayer, love, and support for the unborn, their parents and families, and for each of us that we might recognize the great gift of life, cherish it, and protect it from every threat. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to get involved in this powerful and important ministry.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of August 9: \$3643
Feast of the Assumption, August 15: \$894
Weekend of August 16: \$6282
Second collection: NH Mission: \$848

Hot DogZ for ALZ

On behalf of the 40+ volunteers comprising the NH Hot DogZ team, we would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank you” to everyone who came on August 6th to attend our 5th annual Alzheimer’s fundraiser.

This year we beat our previous record and sold 1,500 dogZ! THANK YOU!!

Because of everyone’s generosity, thus far we have raised \$5850 for the MA/NH Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. Donations are still being collected through August 31, 2020. Checks payable to Alzheimer’s Association may be mailed to Bob Bergin at 1 Holly Lane, Merrimack, NH 03054.

Thank you!
NH Hot DogZ Team

Life Matters Ministry

As Catholics our baptismal commitment to bear public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in political life, keeping in mind the common good.

Elections will be upon us soon.

For information and guidance in these confusing and divisive times visit these websites:
www.catholicnh.org/vote and
www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

The next Life Matters Ministry meeting will be Sunday, August 30th at 9:30am (between the Masses) downstairs in the Church Hall. We will be following the latest protocol as required—wearing masks and social distancing.

Please join us!

COVID-19 testing

Beginning August 17th community members can visit Milford Medical Center at 442 Nashua Street in Milford to be tested for COVID-19 daily between 11:00am and 6:30pm. To schedule an appointment to be tested, please call 603-884-4454 Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 5:30pm.

Confirmation is scheduled for September

Many of our youth who were scheduled to receive Confirmation last April when our world was put on hold due to the pandemic. We are happy to announce that those Confirmations have been rescheduled! Last year's 3rd graders who have been preparing for Confirmation will be Confirmed on September 19th at 10:00am. Last year's "Edge" students will be Confirmed either September 25th at 7:00pm or September 26th at 10:00am. That large group has been divided so that we can maintain social distancing in the church.

We ask you to please pray for our candidates!

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not just a personal event in the life of the candidate, but rather a communal event that affects the entire community of faith. As members of this community, we ask that you pray for our candidates as a personal prayer commitment during this special time as their Confirmation draws near.

Pray not only that the Lord will fill them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit; but also that they will be open to receive that which the Lord will give.

We suggest that you and your family place this prayer in a prominent place in your home to remind you of the commitment to pray for our candidates. Let this be a time of public witness of our faith as a parish.

Suggested Prayer for Candidates...



O God, we come to you asking you to bless those in our community who are candidates for Confirmation.

Bless these candidates,
and all those in parishes everywhere
seeking this special time of grace.

O God, we ask you to help them that they may find
what they seek.

Instill in these candidates patience and perseverance
in their journey of faith.

Enlighten their minds and open their hearts to you.

Keep those who come to you, O Lord,
in your loving care.

Watch over them as they draw closer to you.

Surround them with people who care and are willing
to support them in their journey of faith.

We place these candidates in the shelter of your love
as they prepare to meet you in new ways. Amen.

Information Page

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Bulletin for August 23 & 30

150 Copies of bulletin for August 23

Thank you!
Katie

For the remainder of the summer, we will publish a bulletin every other week.

Schedule:

July 7th for July 11th & 18th

July 21st for July 25th & Aug 2nd

August 4 for August 9 & August 16

August 18 for August 23rd & August 30th

Back to weekly bulletins the weekend of September 5/6th