



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, September 26th

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Michael Bergin requested by Larry & Pat

Sunday, September 27th

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: Buck Oubre requested by the Family *and*
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Peter Amblo requested by the Family

Monday, September 28th

**Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 AM: Marek Wojnarowski req by the Lamb Family

Tuesday, September 29th

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Carolyn Wilson on her
birthday requested by Karen Correia

Wednesday, September 30th

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Mollie Gannon req by Tom & Elaine Lamb

Thursday, October 1st

NO MASS

Friday, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Saturday, October 3rd

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Robert Dwyer requested by the Family

Sunday, October 4th

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Gerry Felski, 15th anniversary req by his
wife and children

10:30AM: Arlene Olson req by The Wendy Girls *and*
For all Parishioners

FAITH FORMATION

Life Teen meets Sunday, September 27th at 6:15PM in the Church Hall. All high school students are welcome. Come even if you haven't signed up! Bring a friend!

Edge: next class is Sunday, October 4th at 6:15PM in the Church Hall for middle schoolers. Come even if you haven't signed up.

Grades 1-5

At Home Program parent meeting: September 30th at 6:30PM in the Church

Wednesday classes begin in person on October 7th in the Faith Formation Hall

For any questions or to find out more about our programs call the office.

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.

What is Formed?

Are you looking to learn more about our Faith? Or grow in your own Faith Formation? Check out the material on "**Formed**."

Go to www.olmnh.formed.org. There is much there: videos, audios, children's material, downloadable books. You will find material entitled, "Opening the Word" which gives insight to the Sunday readings. Explore the site; you will find much material for Catholics today.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of September 26-October 2 in memory of Colleen Armstrong.

Prayer Group

Prayer Group meets in the church on Mondays from 4:00-6:00PM. We wear masks and following social distancing practices. Please join us!

A Message from Life Matters Ministry...

40 Days For Life fall 2020: peaceful vigils to pray for an end to abortion and for emotional healing. All activities are on the public sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Penacook St, Manchester. Kickoff was Wednesday, September 23 followed by daily prayer for 40 days of continuous presence in prayer

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30PM-midnight—a candlelight vigil

Sunday, November 1 at 4:00PM—closing rally

To learn more or to sign up for a specific prayer time please visit: 40daysforlife.com/Manchester.

October—Dedicated to the Rosary

Rosary for Life Prayer Intentions: Prayer is always a good way to offer spiritual support for life in all stages and in all vocations. Each day of October is dedicated to a specific intention. To participate, pick up the list of intentions found at the church entrances or visit the OLM website and PRAY the Rosary. You are welcome to pick a day, an intention, or pray a rosary each day for the month. Individuals, couples, and families are all welcome to participate!

Week 1 intentions:

Oct 1 Queen of Confessors: Uphold all who live & teach the Gospel of Life

Oct 2 Blessed Mother: Cradle the unborn & bring them into being

Oct 3 Blessed Mary: Motivate all medical professionals with respect for life

Oct 4 Our Lady of Mercy: Bring an end to cruelty to animals

Oct 5 Dearest Mother: Teach the youth of our parish enrolled in Faith Formation

Oct 6 Mother of Comfort: Dry the tears of those who mourn the loss of a loved one

Oct 7 Mother of Wisdom: Sustain those who are single in periods of loneliness

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of September 20: \$2633

Thank you for your generosity!

Many Thanks!

During our recent blood drive on September 17th, 42 units of blood was donated. Thank you to our community for this support!

120 CLUB

The Ladies Guild thanks you for your support of the 120 Club! Profits have been used to refurbish or replace items in the church and church offices. We also support Catholic Charities, the parish outreach at Christmas and Easter, our seminarians, Community Hospice House, the Food Pantry, and other charities as the need arises.

The cost to join the 120 Club is \$1.00 a week for 20 weeks for a total of \$20.00 at sign up. **The next club will begin on October 4th.** Each week, two winning numbers are drawn for a prize of \$25.00. On the twentieth week, eight numbers are drawn. The first number is the Grand Prize of \$250.00; 2nd number is \$100.00; the 3rd and 4th numbers receive \$50.00 each; and the next four numbers each win \$25.00. Winners receive their checks in the mail. ***Members of the Ladies Guild will be at the church doors on the weekend of September 26 & 27 to assist in selecting your numbers.***

Please help support this fundraiser that benefits needs of our parish and many local charities.

Thank you!

Flu Shot Clinic: October 4

There will be a flu shot clinic on October 4 between 8:00AM-noon in the Church Hall sponsored by Walgreens. Please bring your insurance card and prescription information and copays.

Sunday Mass Greeters

We are so grateful for our Greeters! They welcome us to Mass and assist us throughout our celebration. Thank you to those who have answered the call!

We are in need of additional Greeters. If you are thinking about serving the parish in this way or have any questions, please call the office.

October Baby Shower

Things are a little different for our annual event this year...

Instead of items, we are collecting gift cards from Walmart, Target, or a local grocery store. Monetary donations are also accepted (please make checks out to: Our Lady of Mercy Parish; "baby shower" in the memo line).

We support Birthright and Pennacook Pregnancy Center. They cannot accept items due to Covid-19 restrictions but are in great need of supplies.

Beginning the weekend of October 3 & 4 and throughout the month, Baby Shower donation boxes will be located at the main and side doors of the church. Supporting those who despite their own difficult circumstance have chosen to give another life a chance, is a wonderful way for our community to demonstrate how we live the Gospel of Life.

Faith Sharing...

On Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Church Hall a small group of parishioners gather to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. It is an informal group. Participants are welcome to come weekly, or occasionally, or even just once.

Come give Wednesday evenings a try!

Nana's Diaper Drive

There is a community diaper drive on September 26 from 10:00am-3:00pm at Wheeler Memorial Chapel, 590 Daniel Webster Highway. All sizes of diapers and monetary donations accepted.

ALL proceeds will benefit the Nashua Soup Kitchen and the local community. Please email questions to: thelittlebabyshandbook@gmail.com.

September Confirmations!

Many of our youth 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 celebrated! Last year's 3rd graders who have been preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist received the Sacraments on September 19th. Last year's "Edge" students were Confirmed either September 25th or September 26th. That large group was divided so that we could maintain social distancing in the church.

We ask you to please pray for our newly Confirmed!

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 new Confirmandi as a personal prayer commitment during this special time in our parish.

Pray that the Lord fills them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit; and 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. Let this be a time of public witness of our faith as a parish.

Suggested Prayer ...



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

Bless them,

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 them 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 youth in the shelter of your love as they prepare to meet you in new ways. Amen.

Information Page

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish —Please drop off at the parish office (located behind the mailbox) not the church
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Thank you!

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Bulletin for September 27

150 Copies of bulletin for September 27

Thank you!
Katie