



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8th
Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: Teresa Fleming requested by the family
For all parishioners

Sunday, May 9th
Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: Donna Brown

10:30AM: Ann Beaupre requested by her family

Monday, May 10th
Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Cathleen Small requested by Shirley Small

Tuesday, May 11th
Easter Weekday

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Fr. Dan St. Laurent, 50 years ordained

Wednesday, May 12th
Anticipated Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

7:00PM: Leo & Yvette Bouchard requested by Fr. Paul

Thursday, May 13th
The Ascension of the Lord

8:30AM: Theresa Benoit Roy requested by her family

Friday, May 14th
Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30PM: Rocco Gerace req by the Gehling family

Saturday, May 15th
Vigil: Seventh Sunday Easter

4:30PM: Jackie Boucher req by Claude & Sandy Mayo

Sunday, May 16th
Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: For all parishioners
Daniel Vachon (14th anniversary) requested
by his family

10:30AM: Peter Caprioglio requested by James &
Marlene Hale

Reconciliation Service **Sunday, May 16 2PM at OLM**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish will celebrate a communal Reconciliation Service on Sunday, May 16 at 2PM in the parish church. This service includes a Liturgy of the Word followed by the opportunity for individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At least three priests will be present to hear confessions.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special opportunity to experience God's love, mercy, and forgiveness in a profound way. Just like we go to the doctor when we are sick but also regularly to make sure we stay as healthy as possible, the Church invites us to both receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we are aware of committing serious sin in our lives but also as a regular "spiritual check up" to reflect on our lives and how we are responding to God's love each day.

The Sunday after the Reconciliation Service, May 23, is Pentecost when the Church celebrates receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Please consider preparing for Pentecost** by taking advantage of this opportunity at the Reconciliation Service on May 16, especially if it has been a while since you have received the grace of this sacrament -- God might just have something amazing in store for you!

Food Drive

OLM will host a special food drive in support of the St. John Neumann FAST for Social Action in its efforts to collect items for the SJN Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies (general cleaners, dish soap, laundry detergent, and dishwasher soap) to OLM on the weekends of **May 1 & 2 and May 8 & 9** and we will get them delivered to the Food Pantry, which serves the local community.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
May 8th - 14th in memory of
Theresa Benoit Roy.

FAITH FORMATION

Life Teen: The next and final meeting for this school year will be May 16 at 6:15PM in the Church Hall. This is a joint session with Edge.

Edge: The next and final meeting for this school year will be May 16 at 6:15PM in the Church Hall. This is a joint session with Life Teen.

Grades 1-5 At Home: Completed books **are due May 1**. Please drop them at the office or in the collection bin in the main entrance of the church.

Families: stay tuned for registration information coming out in May for the upcoming program year.

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed & Recent First Communicants!

May the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthen you, making you a witness of Christ's love. May you always live your faith with joy! God bless our newly Confirmed and First Communicants who received the Sacraments on Saturday, May 8!

Work Camp: Coming This Summer to a Project Near You!

Work Camp is ramping up for a productive week this summer: August 1-6! We need youth workers, adult volunteers, and PROJECTS.

Youth: put your **faith into action** by serving our local community! Show the love of Christ in a tangible way such as painting, building, and providing valuable home maintenance for the residents that they cannot do themselves. Serve and **deepen your faith** by tying in the day's service with a meaningful time of worship.

INFO SESSION: Sunday, May 16 at 5:30PM in the church hall before the Edge/Life Teen meeting. Please join us to learn more!

Volunteers: help guide our youth in their service

Projects: Do you need help with a project done around your house? This is a free service. Please contact the office.

See the bulletin insert for more info.

The Ascension of the Lord: Thursday, May 13

Celebrating the Ascension

Easter ranks as the highest feast of the Church. There are four solemnities that rank right behind Easter: Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost.

At first glance, the Ascension may seem somewhat sad: Christ in His human body leaving the world for the last time. In fact, this is a joyful feast because it is the fulfillment of Christ's mission for our salvation. The Ascension is the final leg of the Paschal Mystery: Jesus's Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into heaven. It is not until Jesus ascends and returns to His Father that His act of Redemption is completed. Our place in heaven is prepared at this feast—we will now share in Christ's glory!

-from Catholicculture.org

Ascension of the Lord Mass schedule:

Anticipated Mass (Vigil): Wednesday, May 12 at 7PM
(note: no morning Mass this day)
Ascension Thursday, May 13 at 8:30AM

Church Safety

Please be aware that once Mass begins, side doors will be locked. If you are running late, please enter through the main doors in the back of the church.

The main doors will be locked 15 minutes after Mass begins. Thank you for your cooperation!

Fatima: The movie

Celebrate Mother's Day, the month of Mary and the feasts of the Ascension and Our Lady of Fatima, by experiencing the acclaimed movie **FATIMA** on the big screen exclusively at AMC Theatres, during May!

Reserve a block of seats now, or even your own theater, with special pricing through AMC. Tickets are available for the special price of \$5, or you can also reserve a whole theater for your friends or family (max 20 people) for just \$99.

See www.fatimamovie.com for more information!

Parish Stewardship

May 1 & 2: \$4925

Online giving for April \$22,093

Thank you for your generosity!

Knights Breakfast

To continue the tradition of serving breakfast, the Knights of Columbus will be holding a take-out breakfast on Sunday, **May 16** after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church Hall.

Our menu will include: eggs, home fries, sausage/bacon, pancakes, and juice. As always there is no charge although donations will be accepted.

Social distance guidelines will be followed in the serving line allowing you to enter from one door, select your food, and exit through another door. Stop by and pick up some breakfast after Mass on May 16!

Funeral Planning

At Our Lady of Mercy we are committed to providing funeral services with respect and reverence. Often those planning the service do not know the funeral wishes of the deceased. You are welcome to plan your funeral celebration readings and music. We will record them with the parish.

For readings, select one Old Testament reading and One New Testament reading. Find Old Testament selections at www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/old-testament-readings.cfm. A Popular Old Testament reading not at this site is Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11. Find New Testament readings at www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/new-testament-readings.cfm.

For music, four songs are usually chosen. A sample of selections are at drive.google.com/file/d/1aUOJ4DX6CvL0q1vs8EpEhQWYflz5P-tb/view?usp=sharing.

If you would like to establish a plan for your funeral celebration, please email Marie at MDancy@olmnh.org.

Wednesday People

Come join in an exploration of the Sunday scriptures on Wednesday evenings at 7 in the Parish Center. You can attend just once, or weekly, or occasionally. Know that you are always welcome.

Ladies Guild Meeting...

The Ladies Guild will be having their last meeting until the fall on May 18 at 12:30PM in the Church Hall. We will be having lunch before the meeting. Also, we will hold elections for the upcoming year.

All women of the parish are welcome. If you are interested and want to learn more about our ministry, please join us or call Muriel Gelinis at 424-5717.

Rosary for Life Calendar Intentions for May Life Matters Ministry

May Mary's "yes" to the Gospel of Life inspire us with courage, strength, and hope to **live** the Gospel of **life** today.

During the month of May, pray the rosary each day for intentions supporting life from conception to natural death. Though there will not be a calendar sign up, the intentions will be in the bulletin each week, on the OLM website, and at the doors.

Pray the rosary individually, as a family, or invite someone to join you—together we can make a difference for those most vulnerable!

May 9– **Queen of Martyrs**, pray for all who are ridiculed because they are handicapped.

May 10 - **Blessed Mother**, pray that mothers will follow Christ more closely in all they do.

May 11 - **Queen of Heaven**, support our seminarians who have accepted your Son's call.

May 12 - **Our Lady of Sorrows**, pray to end abortion.

May 13 - **Our Lady of Fatima**, embrace the children who are abused and neglected.

May 14 - **Loving Mother**, encourage those who are dating to be patient and chaste.

May 15 - **Queen of the Angels**, guide those who work for a culture of life to do so with love and compassion.

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 Easter, May 9th

220 Copies of bulletin for May 9, please.

Thank you!
Katie