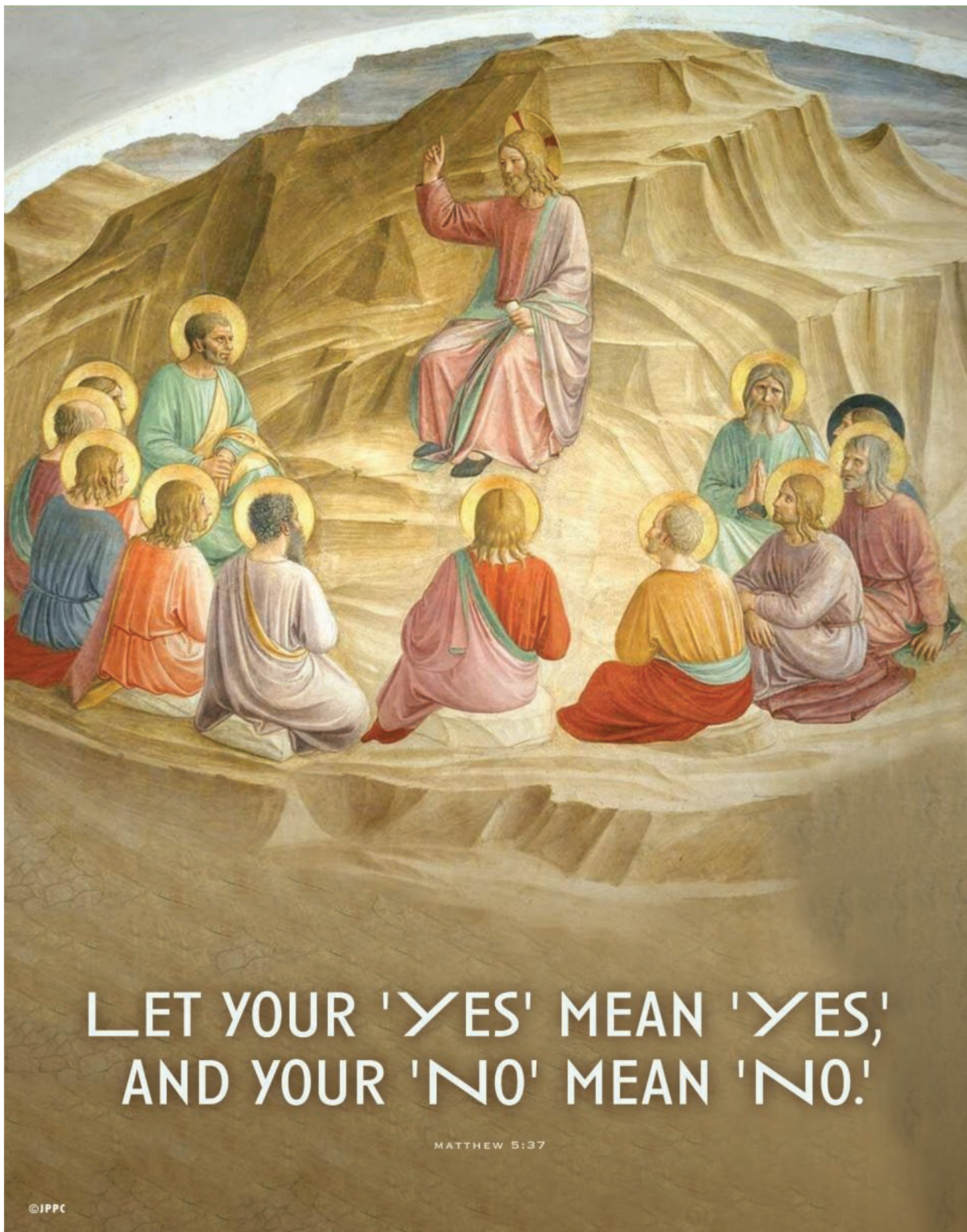




LET YOUR 'YES' MEAN 'YES,'
AND YOUR 'NO' MEAN 'NO.'

MATTHEW 5:37

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish February 12, 2023



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Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 11th
Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Timothy Dwyer requested by the family

Sunday, February 12th
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Garrett Gregoire
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Joyce & Dick Foulks req by the family

Wednesday, February 15th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Skip Watkins, 10th anniversary, requested
by Rachel & family & friends

Friday, February 17th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Frances Clevette requested by Bruce &
Janet Angus

Saturday, February 18th
Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: The deceased members of the Boucher &
Mayo families

Sunday, February 19th
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: David Hebert, 7th anniversary, requested by
the Hebert family

10:30AM: Durean & Frank Caron & Michael Perrault
requested by the family
For all parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
February 11th - 17th
in memory of
William Camirand.

Lent is Approaching



Ash Wednesday
February 22:
Mass with the
distribution of Ashes at
8:30am and 7:00pm

Thursdays throughout Lent:

Confession available at 5:30pm
Evening Prayer at 6:10pm
Mass at 6:30pm

Fridays throughout Lent:

Station of the Cross at 6:30pm

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity:

Saturday, March 4 after the 4:30pm Mass - An even-
ing reflection with Fr. Pignato

Grades 1-5 Faith Formation:

Saturday, March 18 at 3:00pm - A family reflection

Word Among Us: Pick up this daily Scripture and
reflection booklet at the church entrances

Not by Bread Alone: Pick up this daily Scripture and
reflection booklet at the church entrances

Daily email reflections: Sign up at WordOnFire.org
or DynamicCatholic.com, to name some

Formed.org: daily reflections and videos

Blessed Palms Drop-off

Baskets are available at all entrances of the church to
drop off blessed palms that
you have at your home and
would like to be burned
before Ash Wednesday.



Readings for the Week: February 12, 2023

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-
23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Mk 8:34 - 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11;
Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,
12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Life Teen:** Sunday, March 12 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- Edge:** Sunday, March 19 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- Grades 1-5 Wednesdays:** Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30pm OR 5:45pm, in the parish office building
- Grades 1-5 Family Lenten Session:** Parents and their grades 1-5 children (other siblings welcome too!) are invited to a Lenten reflection. Join us on Saturday, March 18 at 3:00pm in the church hall. The session will end in time to attend the 4:30 Mass.
- Confirmation & First Communication Prep:** Parent/child session: Saturday, March 25 at 9:30am, church hall; preparation books are due at class
- Adult Faith Formation:** Save the date! We will host a **Lenten evening** with Fr. Pignato Saturday, March 4 after the 4:30 Mass. More info to come.

40 Days For Life Spring 2023

From February 22 through April 2, you're invited to join Christians in more than 60 countries and 600 cities around the world for 40 Days for Life - seeking an end to abortion through prayer, fasting, and outreach to offer hope and options to anyone dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

More than 64,000,000 abortions have been performed in the US in the past 50 years. (THAT'S 3500 PER DAY.) Please join us as prayerful, peaceful, non-confrontational witnesses to the sanctity of all human life during the local 40-day vigil on the public sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester. We pray for ALL victims of abortion - unborn children, parents, families, abortion workers, legislators...because it affects everyone in our society.

For more information, visit our website at 40daysforlife.com/manchester. You may sign up for vigil hours by creating an account or contact OLM parishioner and Manchester Leader Norm Thibault at 603-289-0574 and he'll do the signup steps for you.

You're invited to our kickoff at 2:00pm Sunday, February 19 at Montminy Hall of Ste Marie's Parish, 378 Notre Dame Ave, Manchester.

Fulfilling the law and the prophets

Matthew 5:17-37

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom, none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. In Matthew's Gospel account, Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does He set His followers free from the Law. He requires His followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.



The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law, Matthew's community needs a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom He brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Meatball Subs: Available after all Masses the week-end of February 11 & 12

Life Matters: Sunday, Feb. 12 at 9:30am, church hall

Prayer Group: Monday, February 13 from 4:00 to 5:30pm, church

K of C Prayer Group: Monday, February 13 from 6:30-7:00pm, church; all welcome

Grades 1-5 Faith Formation classes: Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30pm OR 5:45, parish office building

Foot Clinic: Thursday, Feb 16 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, February 16 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office building

K of C Mac-n-Cheese Cookoff: Saturday, February 18 after the 4:30 Mass, church hall

K of C Breakfast: Sunday, February 19 after the Masses, church hall

Life Matters Ministry Toothbrush Drive

Thank you for your generosity! We delivered 511 adult toothbrushes 35 child toothbrushes, along with 27 tubes of toothpaste and 35 dental floss to Project Eden-Hope for Honduras leader Evelyn Hagen. Please keep Evelyn and her medical team in your prayers during their upcoming mission to Honduras on February 27-March 7.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend: January 28 & 29: \$3,904

Weekend February 4 & 5: \$3,156

Fuel: \$1,432

January Online: \$21,040

Thank you for your generosity!

You are Invited

Join us February 18 after the 4:30 Mass for a **Mac-n-Cheese Cookoff**. Chefs and tasters wanted! Rules and sign-ups for chefs are at the church entrances.



Mark your calendar for March 11 when the Knights will host a **St. Patrick's Party** following the 4:30pm Mass. There will be Irish dancers, songs, and of course food! More info to follow.

Welcome Fr. Paul Montminy!

Thank you for being with us Fr. Paul M. while our Fr. Paul is away. You are a blessing!



Volunteer Tutors Needed

Do you want to make a significant difference in another person's life? The Nashua Adult Learning Center is seeking Volunteer 1-on-1 Tutors for students in our ESL (English as a Second Language) and ABE (Adult Basic Education) programs. We match you with a student who fits your strengths, interests, and schedule. Tutoring can be done in-person or via Zoom. We provide training and materials.

Are you a patient, kind individual who can make a 9-month commitment to tutoring at least once per week? Contact MT Huard at 603-716-7017 or email mhuard@nashuaalc.org. We'd love to connect you with a student who can benefit from your gifts!



Employment Opportunities

Catholic Charities NH Healthcare is hiring. This includes Mt. Carmel, St. Teresa, and St. Joseph Residence all in Manchester; St. Ann in Dover; St. Francis in Laconia; St. Vincent de Paul in Berlin; and Warde Senior Living in Windham. Openings: Unit Aide, LNA, LPN, RN, Dietary Aide, Cook, Housekeeper, Housekeeping Supervisor, Life Enrichment Assistant.

Apply at www.cc-nh.org/us/jobs. For more information please call or email Dawn Pelletier at (603)552-7928 or email at dpelletier@nh-cc.org.

Widow/Widowers Support

We are here:

- to provide emotional, spiritual and practical support to the Men and Women who have lost a spouse or significant other.
- to directly offer education and other services to the widowed and their families during the grieving period following this catastrophic loss;
- to connect survivors to essential resources conducive to positive growth.

We meet the second Saturday of the month at St John Neumann in room #3 at 9:30am. Contact Tricia Mroz at 603-494-2517 with any questions.

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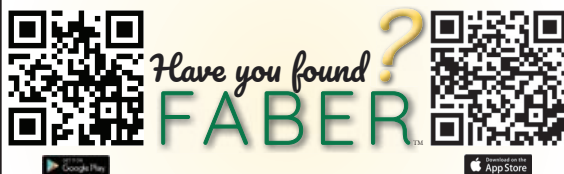
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