

**GET behind
me, SATAN!
YOU ARE AN OBSTACLE TO ME.**

— MATTHEW 16:23 —



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

September 3, 2023



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16 Baboosic Lake Road
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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, September 2nd

Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Cole Bergeron req by the Guichard family
For all parishioners

5:45PM: Adoration

Sunday, September 3rd

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Tony Haley

10:30AM: Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Jette requested by
their daughter

11:45AM: Adoration

Monday, September 4th

No Mass

Tuesday, September 5th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Liz Lochman req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Wednesday, September 6th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Tom Hanlon req by Regina & Mike Bowser

Thursday, September 7th

No Mass

Friday, September 8th

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michael J. Perrault

Saturday, September 9th

Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

4:30PM: Cole Bergeron req by the Lyons family

Sunday, September 10th

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30AM: Liz Lochman req by her husband Kurt
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Richard Neary req by the Neary family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
September 2nd – 8th in memory of
Michael J. Perrault.



We Welcome our Newly Baptized!

Baptized in August:

Karsen Kennedy Harris
Ava Ann Oppenlaender



"There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

-Ephesians 4:5

*Thank you Lord for making me a living temple
of the Holy Spirit.*

*Thank you for the water of my baptism through
which You have given me new life in Christ.*

Amen!



Readings for the Week: September 3, 2023

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

•**Faith Formation Registration:** Registration remains open for the 2023-24 school year for grades 1-12!

No experience necessary! All are welcome!

•**Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session Wednesday, September 20 at 4:30 OR 5:45, church

•**Edge:** Sunday, September 17 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!

•**Life Teen:** Sunday, September 10 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!

Jesus is Calling Us Deeper



*I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread
that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*

-JOHN 6:51

What is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? In basic terms it is worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharist is displayed in a monstrance for all to see and to pray in the presence of Christ.

In an effort to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through the gift of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning this September OLM will offer Adoration after Mass on the weekend following the first Friday of each month. This begins this weekend: September 2 and 3.

The **Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour from 5:45-6:45pm after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, September 2 and also from 11:45am-12:45pm on Sunday, September 3.** You are invited to pray or to sit quietly in the Real Presence of our Lord. Stay for a few minutes. Stay for the hour or stay for some time in between. This will be a quiet time for silent, prayerful reflection. All are welcome!

Jesus Speaks of His Passion and Rebukes Peter *Matthew 16:21-27*



Today's Gospel continues from last week. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church, yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus's identity. The disciples have acknowledged Jesus as Messiah, so Jesus confides in them that He must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this and Jesus rebukes him severely. In opposing this aspect of Jesus's mission, Peter shows that he is not speaking based on revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches the disciples that the path of the discipleship of Christ is to follow in His way of the cross. Not an easy path.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure; a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned in Jesus. In this passage however, Jesus begins to teach His disciples that He would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than a political liberator. Jesus's disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus's prediction of His Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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Dates for Adoration 2023-24:

September 2 & 3
October 7 & 8
November 4 & 5

December 2 & 3
January 6 & 7
February 4 & 5

March 2 & 3
April 6 & 7

May 4 & 5
June 8 & 9

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Adoration: Saturday, September 3 from 5:45-6:45pm and Sunday, September 3 from 11:45am-12:45pm, church

Office closed: Monday, September 4 for Labor Day

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, September 7 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Men of St. Joseph: Saturday, September 9 a 7:00am, church hall

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, September 10 after the Masses sponsored by the Knights, church hall

Life Teen: Sunday, September 10 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Collections August 21 - August 27, 2023

Offertory/Miscellaneous

Budget: \$9,231

Actual: \$8,372

Variance: (\$859)

Thank you for your generosity!

2023 Annual Mission Cooperation

On the weekend of **September 16 & 17** Fr. Lawrence E. Tucker from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) will give a mission appeal at our parish. Serving in 12 countries including the United States, SOLT Missionaries bring hope and the love of Jesus and Mary to people living in impoverished conditions. They serve migrant farm workers, refugees, Native Americans, orphans, the elderly, families, and those undergoing drug rehabilitation.



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SOLT missionaries serve in parishes and schools, bringing the sacraments and teaching the Catechism in remote areas. They also care for the needs of the poor through community and family development projects such as those providing clean water, food, and medical care. Your generosity makes it possible for these missionaries to bring Christ to the poor!

Parish Picnic: Mark Your Calendar!

Don't miss the **OLM PARISH PICNIC Sunday, September 24** the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, from noon to 4:00 pm.

Location: American Legion picnic grounds
43 Baboosic Lake Road

There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, refreshments, music, and games for the children.

SIGN-UP SHEETS for those planning to attend are now available at front entrance of church

We need volunteers to prepare dishes to share, to organize games for the children, and to work the food serving line.



Please bring your own folding chairs.

For more information or to volunteer please call the office at 603-424-3757.

Presentation of Mary Fall Fun Fest

Don't miss Presentation of Mary Academy's 26th Annual Fall Fun Fest on **Saturday, September 23** from 11am to 4:00pm! All festivities and parking will be at PMA at 182 Lowell Road in Hudson.

Enjoy a large selection of inflatables, mechanical bull ride, obstacle course, petting zoo, face painting, pumpkin painting, tie-dye station, Sisters Fish Pond and so much more! Try your luck at our Super Raffle, theme basket raffles, and Yankee raffle sale. Treat yourself to some great fair food and then cool off with some ice cream or satisfy your sweet tooth with our homemade apple crisp or bake sale!

Funds raised at the event are used for student enrichment activities. For more information, please contact parentgroup@pmaschool.org or visit www.pmaschool.org. Hope to see you there!

Widows & Widowers Support

The Widow/Widowers group meets the second Saturday of the month at 9:30am at St. John Neumann in room 3, off the church hall.

For more information or questions, please contact Tricia Mroz at 603-494-2517.

Next meeting: **Saturday, September 9** at 9:30am.



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