

and that repentance, for
the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached

in his name

to all the nations

LUKE 24:47



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish April 14, 2024



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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. 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 prayer time in church 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, April 13th

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

Forty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4:30PM: Alban & Eda Trudel, 40th & 10th anniversaries, requested by the Trudel & Patnaude family

Sunday, April 14th

Third Sunday of Easter

Forty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM: Larry Carpenter req by Roy & Trish Swonger

10:30AM: David Woo requested by the Neary family
For all parishioners

Monday, April 15th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Grace Villiard req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Tuesday, April 16th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Ann & Ken Beaupre

Wednesday, April 17th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: John Vey requested by Kathy & Clay Rush

Thursday, April 18th

No Mass

Friday, April 19th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Frank & Dureen Caron

Saturday, April 20th

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Forty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

4:30PM: Carmelle Murch requested by her husband
For all parishioners

Sunday, April 21st

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Forty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM: Paul Durkin req by the Durkin & Nagy family

10:30AM: Raymond Joseph Houley requested by the
Hauver family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
from April 13th to 19th
in memory of
Ken & Ann Beaupre.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Larry Upson, March 27

John Upton, April 2

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed,*

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer for the

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Lord God and Father, we are your people, united in our love for you and for one another. We thank you for the many gifts you have given to us and we welcome your presence in our lives at all times. We ask that you continue to draw us closer to you and to strengthen our resolve to assist those among us who are most in need.

Our diocese is many parts, and one body of Christ. Through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith, allow us to come together to share our time, talent and treasure with those who need our assistance.

Let us grasp more fully that the help we extend to others is the most powerful expression of our gratitude to you, as well as a genuine testimony to our faith.

Through your son Jesus Christ, make our prayer to you one that brings hope and charity to the future of our faith in New Hampshire. Amen!

Readings for the Week: April 14, 2024

Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 and Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab and Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a and Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 and Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, and 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 and Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 Jn 3:1-2 and Jn 10:11-18



FAITH FORMATION

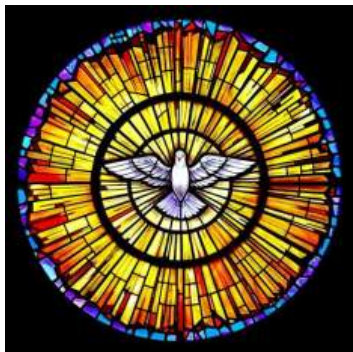
Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session Wednesday, April 17 at 4:30 OR 5:45, church
- Youth Ministry:** Sunday, May 5 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- Confirmation & First Communion:** rehearsal on Monday, May 13 at 6:00pm, church; the Sacramental Celebration is Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00pm

Confirmation & First Communion Date is Set!

Our Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated by Bishop Christian on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00pm. All are welcome!

Our candidates and First Communicants have been preparing and are ready and excited for this special day. Please keep them in your prayers!



O God, we come to YOU asking YOU to bless those in our community who are candidates for Confirmation as well as those preparing for First Communion. Bless them, and all those in parishes everywhere seeking YOUR grace.

O God, we ask YOU to 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 are willing to support them in their journey of faith. We place them in the shelter of YOUR love as they prepare to meet YOU in new ways. Amen!

Jesus Shares a Meal with the Disciples

Luke 24:35-48

Throughout the Easter season, the Gospels report on Jesus's appearances to His disciples following His Resurrection. Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after Jesus's appearance to His disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Consistently Jesus greets His disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is most appropriate. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they love, and now fear for their own lives. They need peace more than anything. Jesus often connects peace with another gift: forgiveness. In today's Gospel this connection is made in the final verses.

Even hearing Jesus's greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain what to make of the figure before them and understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Jesus is certainly not a ghost and invites them to experience His resurrected body with their senses: to look and to touch. He is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget His suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of His identity and of His resurrected body, Jesus eats with His disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with His disciples after His Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals and most importantly, He recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals Jesus shared after His Resurrection unveil the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with His disciples, Jesus uncovers for them the significance of what was written about Him in the Scriptures. Today our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist. As Jesus commissioned His disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist

commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus's forgiveness of our sins.



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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

K of C Breakfast: Sunday, April 14 after the Masses, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Prayer Group with Guided Adoration: Monday, April 15 from 4:00-5:30pm, church

Grades 1-5 Parent/Child Session: Wednesday, April 17 at 4:30pm OR 5:45pm, church

Wednesday People: Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30pm, downstairs in the parish office

Foot Clinic: Thursday, April 18 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, April 18 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, April 21 after the Masses, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Baptism prep: Sunday, April 21 at 11:30am, church

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website at www.catholicnh.org/safety.

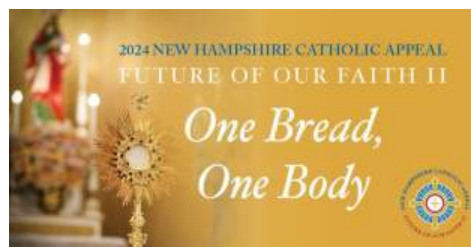
The Diocese of Manchester requires all who work and volunteer with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "safe environment" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered to all NH Catholic adults and is available online at www.manchester.cmgconnect.org and free of charge. For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety.

All students in NH parishes and Catholic schools are taught personal safety lessons each year. The lessons help them to identify trusted adults, respect themselves and others, stay safe online, and more. These lessons are offered through the *Circles of Care* and *Netsmartz* programs. To learn more about the personal safety lessons for children, visit www.catholicnh.org/circles.

Healing Mass

All are invited to a healing Mass to pray for those affected by abuse in the Church and in our world. Mass will be at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00pm.

NH Catholic Appeal



Next week begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, One Bread, One Body (NHCA). This is an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in NH and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year our parish along with the other 87 parishes in the diocese raised more than \$3.8 million. Thank you to all who donated!

The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends. The NHCA supports care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through *Parable* magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH, and more. Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials in the mail. Please keep the Church in NH in your prayers, that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, visit www.catholicnh.org/nhca.

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Collections March 25 - 31, 2024

Budget:	\$9,321
Actual:	\$15,888
Variance:	(\$6,657)

Weekly collections April 1 - 7, 2024

Budget:	\$9,321
Actual:	\$11,289
Variance:	(\$2,058)

Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations Fr. Paul!

Congratulations to Father Paul for being nominated by OLM parishioners, Mackenzie Murphy and Kathy Hilliard for the Merrimack Rotary's "Excellence in the Workplace" award! Father Paul will receive recognition for "Excellence in the Workplace" on April 25 at the Biergarten at Anheuser Busch in Merrimack.



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