

*Whoever eats my
flesh and drinks my
blood remains in me
and I in him.*

JOHN 6:56



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish August 18, 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, August 17th

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Carmelle Murch req by her loving husband

Sunday, August 18th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Bob Gilbert req by Clay & Kathy Rush

10:30AM: Raymond Dow req by his wife and family

Monday, August 19th
Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joan Holbert

Tuesday, August 20th
Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Martha Wagner req by her son, Andrew

Wednesday, August 21st
Saint Pius X, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jean Cioffi Lantiegne requested by Barbara Lantiegne

Thursday, August 22nd
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass

Friday, August 23rd
Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jeannette LaPrad

Saturday, August 24th
Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30PM: Bob Gilbert req by Claude & Sandy Mayo
For all parishioners

Sunday, August 25th
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM: Brenda Ferdinand requested by a friend
10:30AM: Patricia Purcell

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
from August 17th to 23rd
in memory of
Elizabeth Elwarner.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Jeannette LaPrad, August 12

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

*May her soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The Queenship of Mary: August 22

In 1954 the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary was instituted by Pope Pius XII. According to Catholic tradition, as Christ is king of the world and saves all



from sin, Mary is queen over the earth in her role in divine redemption, serving as mother to the Savior.

Just as Christ our king came as a humble servant, Mary willingly offered herself as a servant to God, obedient to His will.

-Mosaic from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Readings for the Week August 18, 2024

Monday Ez 24:15-23 De 32:18-19, 20, 21 and Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Ez 28:1-10 De 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB and Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 and Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 and Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 and Jn 1:45-51

Sunday Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 and Jn 6:60-69



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Registration is Open!

•**Grades 1 - 12 Registration for 2024-25: Register at www.olmnh.org or call or visit the office to register in person.** Even if students were not enrolled last year they are welcome to participate. All students in grades 1-12 invited! Scholarships available if needed.

Faith Formation programs help children and youth learn about our Catholic Faith and support them to live the Faith with their families. Research shows that parents are the first and best teachers of their children. Parents set family priorities and powerful examples for their children. That is also true with Faith Formation! Parents engaged with the Faith help to form children who grow in faith and remain engaged in their faith.

OLM goal: to plant seeds in the hearts of our children that develop into a lifelong relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son through the Holy Spirit.

OLM Grades 1-5 program:

Grades 1-5 Faith Formation blends lessons at home with a once a month parent/child session at church (this year on Thursdays). Those sessions are separate from the home lessons and have teaching for parents and children along with fellowship and fun. All parent/child sessions will take place once a month (October through May) from 5:00-6:15pm. This year sessions include the opportunity for children to have some lessons, crafts, and games in the church hall.

Children receive a grade level book at the first parent/child session. Those books will be completed at home under the guidance of parents, grandparents, neighbor groups, etc. It is our hope to engage families in learning about and living out the Faith.

OLM Youth Group program:

Our Youth Group typically meets twice a month and consists of a topic presented by the Core Team then followed by discussions and fellowship. Additional fun and service nights will be scheduled. Attendees are always welcome to bring friends.

Faith Formation Youth Group participants are in grades 6-12. Groups are divided into middle school and high school breakout sessions. Sessions take place in the church hall on designated Sundays from 6:00-7:30pm.

The website or the office has more dates and info!

Jesus is the Way to Eternal Life

John 6:51-58

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today elaborates on the teaching that Jesus began in our Gospel last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that He had come from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus's teaching that He is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated today: Jesus Himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus's flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.



Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus, is the teaching that the bread Jesus will give is His own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over His words, Jesus teaches with that salvation comes to those who eat His Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question about how salvation will come; perhaps because this reality can only be understood after His death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that He will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus's words are jarring and difficult. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what He said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This mystery is the heart of our Eucharistic Theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus's Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus Himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

-edited from Loyolapress.com

Foot Clinic: Thursday, August 22 from 9:00am to noon, church hall; please call 603-689-2899 for an appointment.

Parish Picnic: Save the Date!

PARISH PICNIC!

Mark your calendar for the Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 22** from noon to 3:00pm. This year the picnic will be held on the church grounds. We will have the customary hamburgers and hotdogs plus a variety of other dishes. Some fun activities and music are also planned. Sign up sheets will be made available in early September. Hope to see you there!

120 Club

Week 14

Dave Brown
Louise Silvia

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

St. Gianna's Place Posting

Is God calling you to work for Him? St. Gianna's Place seeks a mature, caring individual to work directly with our residents.

Responsibilities include supporting residents on a daily basis with their immediate needs and long-term goals. Previous experience working with families and knowledge of early childhood care are a plus. If interested please contact Donna Meade at DMeade@StGiannasplace.org.



Men of St. Joseph: An Invitation

Men of St. Joseph is a group of men who support each other in faith sharing, friendship, and fun. Meetings are typically one Saturday at 7:00am a month (not summer). Their patron, St. Joseph, is their model and guide. If you are a man interested in growing in faith contact Deacon John or call the office to find out more about Men of St. Joseph!

The first meeting of the new program year is Saturday, September 14 at 7:00am in the church hall.

Faith Formation Opportunity

Our children need positive role models in living out our Catholic Faith! Adults and teens are invited to pray about being called to help with our grades 1-5 Faith Formation. The commitment is minimal for this opportunity to put your faith into action!

Help is needed to monitor games and simple crafts as well as to read to children in the church hall during monthly Faith Formation family sessions. Sessions take place one Thursday each month from October through May at 5:00-6:15pm.

Sessions will begin with families together in the church. Children will then spend 30-40 minutes in the church hall for age appropriate, structured time. Plans and any supplies needed will be provided. During that time, parents will remain in the church for some adult Faith Formation. Please contact Katie in the office if you have any questions or would like to participate.



Thank you for considering this important faith sharing opportunity with our children!

Pro Life Rally

The 3rd annual Pro-Life Rally will be held Saturday August 31 from 9:00am to noon at St. Thomas Aquinas church on Crystal Avenue in Derry. There will be a Living Rosary from 11:00 to 12:00. This is sponsored by the Derry Knights of Columbus.

All are welcome!

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections July 29 - August 11, 2024

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