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he tells you.*

JOHN 2:5



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish January 19, 2025



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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

Call the office for preparation and scheduling.

Marriage

Contact the office to schedule marriage preparation.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA)

OCIA 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 contact 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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Council Chairs

Pastoral Council: Keith Coppinger
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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

Church Hours

The church is locked for safety during the day, but you are welcome to spend prayer time in church during office hours! 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 on 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, January 18th

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: John Niggeling requested by the family

Sunday, January 19th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Paul Brisson requested by his wife, Elaine

10:30AM: Danielle Melanson req by Joanne Bonke
For all parishioners

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, January 20th

**Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr
Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

No Mass

Tuesday, January 21st

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Darryl Barton req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Wednesday, January 22nd

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Tina Tylock req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Thursday, January 23rd

**Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**

No Mass

Friday, January 24th

**Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the
Church**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Shirley Small requested by Pat Caufield &
Pat Lyons

6:00PM: First Reconciliation Celebration

Saturday, January 25th

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Theresa Dowling requested by her daughter,
Terry Williams

Sunday, January 26th

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Michael Francis Murphy req by Pat Lyons

10:30AM: Judy Sterling req by Tom & Elaine Lamb

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
January 18th - 24th
in memory of
Donald Lyons.



First Reconciliation Celebration

Please pray for our students who are preparing to receive **First Reconciliation**. The celebration is this Friday, January 24 at 6:00pm in the church. ♥



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of Healing. God gave us this beautiful gift because He loves us. We bring our contrition to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God does the rest. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves, and knows just what we need. What a gift!

The Culture of Life

All are welcome to the 28th Annual Day of Adoration, Fasting, Benediction for The Culture of Life to be held at St. Mark's in Londonderry, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The day begins with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm on this Tuesday, January 21 and continues for 24 hours (sign up for a time slot with John Matuszewski by phone at 603-434-4098 or email at matu19@comcast.net).

The event closes at 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 22 with the Benediction.

Readings for the Week January 19, 2025

Monday Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 and Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c and Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 and Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 and Mk 3:7-12

Friday Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 and Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 and Mk 16:15-18

Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 and Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday, January 19 during the 10:30am Mass
- **Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session on Thursday, February 13 at 5:00pm, church
- **Youth Ministry:** Sunday, January 19 at 6:00pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- **First Reconciliation:** Rehearsal on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00pm (snow date January 22 at 6:00pm; Celebration on Friday, January 24 at 6:00pm (snow date January 25 at 10:00am)
- **Confirmation & First Communion:** Parent/child session on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30am, church hall

John's report follows Jesus's call of His first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and His disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus's mother, Mary. There is no parallel report in the Synoptic Gospels of this miracle at Cana.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the Baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus's divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus's impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus's first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus's Passion. When Jesus says to His mother that His hour has not yet come, He protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus's Last Supper. When introducing the story of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that His hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to Him.

In John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name but is referred to as the mother of Jesus. She is influential in Jesus's first sign. She will also be present at His Crucifixion; a witness to the final manifestation of His divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus's identity to His disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus's identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the wedding guests are aware of what happened through Jesus.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus's public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this is, is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus's miracle produces vast quantities of wine - six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's Kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

Jesus and the Wedding Feast at Cana *John 2:1-11*

This Sunday begins the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, like today, we will read from John's Gospel, which describes the beginning of Jesus's ministry and His first miracle.



Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, January 19 after the Masses, church hall

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday, January 19 during the 10:30 Mass

Youth Ministry: Sunday, January 19 at 6:00pm, hall

Office Closed: Monday, January 20 in observance of Civil Rights Day

Prayer Group with Guided Adoration: Monday, January 20 at 4:00pm, church

Pastoral Council: Monday, January 20 at 6:30pm, parish office

1st Reconciliation Rehearsal: Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00pm, church

Folk Group: Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00pm, church

Knitting Ministry Social: Wednesday, January 22 at 11:30am, parish office

Cantor Rehearsal: Wed., Jan. 22 at 6:00pm, church

Schola Rehearsal: Wed., Jan. 22 at 7:00pm, church

Foot Clinic: Thursday, Jan. 23 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, January 23 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Blood Drive: Thursday, January 23 from 12:30-5:30pm, church hall

1st Reconciliation Celebration: Friday, January 24 at 6:00pm, church; All are welcome!

Lifelong Faith Formation: Saturday, January 25 at 9:00am, parish office

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, January 26 after the Masses, church hall

Baptism Prep: Sunday, January 26 at 11:30, church

OCIA (formerly RCIA): Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am, parish office

Ministry Fair: Thank You!

Thank you to all the ministry groups who shared info and greeted parishioners at the Ministry Fair! Thank you to all the parishioners who visited the fair! And thank you to our Knights who kept us all well fed! Ministry Fair tables will be up through this weekend. If you missed the fair, head to the hall after Mass to learn about all of our many wonderful ministries.

Weather Cancellations: If Merrimack schools are canceled or delayed due to weather then daily Mass is canceled. Weekend Masses will follow the normal schedule. Use caution when deciding to travel.



January Rosary for Life Prayer Intentions

January 19 - **Holy Mary:** Heal your children imprisoned by addictions.



20 - **Dearest Mother:** Lead our Faith Formation students closer to Jesus.

21 - **Queen of Angels:** Bless and reward Fr. Paul and Deacon John.

22 - **Mother most Charitable:** Attend to the homebound in their loneliness.

23 - **Mother of Sorrow:** Assist caregivers as they comfort the sick.

24 - **Mother of Consolation:** Teach forgiveness to those burdened with anger.

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week January 6 - 12, 2025

Budget	\$10,340
Actual	\$7,775
Variance	(\$2,565)

Thank you for your generosity!

120 Club

Week 3 (January 12)

Diane Schultz

Eileen Buckley

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

"Pilgrims of hope" signifies a journey through life with a steadfast belief in a better tomorrow, even in challenges, drawing inspiration from the idea of a spiritual pilgrimage or journey to grow closer to God.



For information on the 2025 Jubilee: www.jubilaum2025.va/en.

Offertory Envelopes

2025 offertory envelopes, they may be picked up at the parish office (Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm). Thank you for your continued support!



Blood Drive: Thursday, January 23 from 12:30 to 5:30pm in the church hall. Schedule an appointment: 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter LADYOFMERCY.



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