



Our Lady of Mercy Parish February 2, 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, February 1st
Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord

4:30PM: Marie-Helene deLaire requested by the OLM
Prayer Group

Sunday, February 2nd
The Presentation of the Lord

8:30AM: Amanda Davies req by Stephen Schofield
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Gary Iannacone requested by Claude &
Sandy Mayo
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 3rd
Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Saint Ansgar, Bishop

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Richie Janerico req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Tuesday, February 4th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Ralph Stevens req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Wednesday, February 5th
Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: George Benoit req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Thursday, February 6th
Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

No Mass

Friday, February 7th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Doug Starr req by Bruce & Janet Angus
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 8th
Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM:Adoration

4:30PM: Sarah Silvia requested by Karen Correia

Sunday, February 9th
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Timothy Dwyer req by the Dwyer family

10:30AM: Jean Lantiegne req by Barbara Lantiegne
For all parishioners
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
February 1st - 7th
in memory of
Patricia McClary.



We Welcome our Newly Baptized!

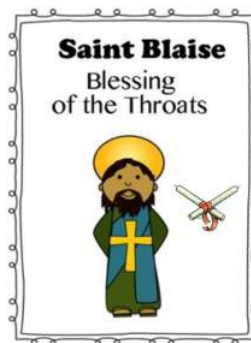
Baptized in January:

Autumn Bullock
Kenna Farnham



"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!*



**February 3: the Feast
of St. Blaise**

In the tradition of the Feast
of Saint Blaise, **the blessing
of the throats will take
place on Monday, February
3 at the 8:30am Mass.**

Readings for the Week February 2, 2025

Monday Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32
and Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a and Mk 6:1-6

Thursday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9,
10-11 and Mk 6:7-13

Friday Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc and
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
and Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 and Lk 5:1-11



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday, February 2 during the 10:30am Mass
- **Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session on Thursday, February 13 at 5:00pm, church
- **Youth Ministry:** Sunday, February 2 at 6:00pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- **Confirmation & First Communion:**
Parent/child session on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30am, church hall
Rehearsal on Thursday, June 5 at 6:00pm followed by a reception in the church hall
Celebration on Friday, June 6 at 6:00pm; all welcome!

Congratulations First Reconciliation Students!

Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time in January. May you be filled with God's grace and love, and bring that beautiful light out into the world!



Keep growing in faith. Your OLM family is praying for you!



Trinity House Invitation!

Trinity House Community is a Catholic ministry that inspires

families to grow in faith together. The heart of the Trinity House Way is that families are a communion of persons; an image of the Holy Trinity.

OLM Faith Formation is excited to announce we are beginning a Trinity House Community group of our own! It is our hope that families and parishioners will grow in faith and friendship. The parish will also provide Trinity House resources. Our goal is to help nourish faith journeys for all and to support families in living the Faith together.

You are invited to our first meeting following the 4:30 Mass (you're welcome to come to the hall starting at 5:30) next **Saturday, February 8** in the church hall for a simple meal, some fellowship, and a little faith formation. **All are welcome** including families and their children of all ages, empty nesters, singles. Bring friends!

Please RSVP by calling the office this week or emailing Katie at KCorsetti@olmnh.org to help us plan for food and set up. Thank you! Please see the bulletin insert for more info.

The Promised Messiah

Luke 2: 22 - 40

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel - fulfilled in Jesus - extends to Gentiles.



Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. They present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is consecrated as

required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about Him to all.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, February 2 after the Masses, church hall

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday, February 2 during the 10:30am Mass

Youth Ministry: Sunday, February 2 at 6:00pm, church hall; Friends welcome!

Prayer Group with Guided Adoration: Monday, February 3 at 4:00pm, church

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Folk Group: Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm, church

Cantor Rehearsal: Wed., Feb. 5 at 6:00pm, church

Schola Rehearsal: Wed., Feb. 5 at 7:00pm, church

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, February 6 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Adoration: Friday, February 7 following the 8:30am Mass and Saturday, February 8 at 3:00pm

Men of St. Joseph: Saturday, February 8 at 7:30am, church hall

Trinity House Community Fellowship: Saturday, February 8 at 5:30pm, church hall; All are welcome!

Meatball Subs: Sunday, February 9 following the Sunday Masses, church hall

Adoration: Sunday, Feb. 9 following the 10:30 Mass



We are a people of hope. In our hope, we are pilgrims on a journey to God the Father and Jesus the Son through the Holy Spirit.

Find more information at www.CatholicNH.org/NHJubilee.

120 Club

Week 5 (January 20)
Rosalie Neveu
Carol Nichols

Week 6 (January 27)
Bernita Desmond
Peter Bonaccorsi

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

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

Prayer on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

God of light, your Son shared our flesh and blood and built us into a living temple where you might dwell. Like Simeon and Anna, our eyes behold your salvation.

Guide us by the Spirit to welcome your Christ as the Gentiles' light and Israel's glory by whose sacrifice we are presented before you to be the people of your covenant.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen!

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections weeks January 13 - 26, 2025

Budget \$20,680

Actual \$18,515

Variance (\$2,165)

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Thanks From Nashua Adult Learning Center

On behalf of our students and staff, I extend heartfelt gratitude to Our Lady of Mercy for your generous donation of gift cards during this holiday season. Your kindness has brought joy and relief to many.

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Thank you again! We are deeply grateful.
Sincerely,

Gail R. Casey, COO, Nashua Adult Learning Center



Blood Drive Thank You!

The Knights and the Red Cross would like to thank all those who contributed to our recent blood drive. 30 units were donated!



Save the Date: St. Patrick's Party

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 15 following the 4:30pm Mass for our St. Patrick's Party! Enjoy Irish dancers, music, food, and good friends!



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