



*You shall not put
the Lord, your God,
to the test.*

LUKE 4:12

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish March 9, 2025



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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 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month after the 8:30am Mass;
Saturday following the first Friday at 3:00pm; Sunday
following the first Friday after the 10:30am Mass

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8th
Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

3:00PM: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30PM: Allan Burns requested by Sandy & Lainie
For all parishioners

Sunday, March 9th
First Sunday of Lent

8:30AM: Philip Russell Dwyer req by Dwyer family

10:30AM: Sarah Silvia req by Karen & Bob Correia
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, March 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Deceased members of the Tedeschi family

Tuesday, March 11th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all souls in purgatory requested by Claire
and Michael Bourgoin

Wednesday, March 12th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Norm Upson requested by Bob Bergin

Thursday, March 13th

5:30PM: Confession

6:10PM: Evening Prayer

6:30PM: Ed Shaffer

Friday, March 14th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Mary Heinle

6:30PM: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15th
Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:30PM: Sean Fagan, 1st anniversary, requested by
Claude and Sandy Mayo

Sunday, March 16th
Second Sunday of Lent

8:30AM: Gayle Bergin requested by Bob Bergin
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Frank & Dureen Caron and Michael
Perrault requested by family
Children's Liturgy of the Word

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
March 8th - 14th
in loving memory of
Theresa Berard.



Go Deeper in Prayer this Lent!
Learn how!

What: An Ordinary Contemplative: Finding Intimacy
with God Through Prayer

Who: Given by Kenn Cramer, Director of Family Life
for the Diocese of Manchester

All welcome!

When: Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm

Where: OLM Church

**Ordinary moments can become
profound spiritual experiences when approached
with a contemplative mindset.**

Main Concepts:

- ♥ Understanding God's presence
- ♥ Encouraging contemplation
- ♥ Reigniting a sense of wonder
- ♥ Defining contemplative prayer
- ♥ Receiving the gift of contemplative prayer
- ♥ Participating in the sacraments



Readings for the Week March 9, 2025

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 and
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 and
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 and
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cd-e-3, 7c-8 and Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 and
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 and
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.
Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 and Lk 9:28b-36



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday, March 16 during the 10:30am Mass
- **Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session on Thursday, March 13 at 5:00pm, church hall
- **Youth Ministry: Sunday, March 9 at 1:30pm** for service at a Manchester nursing home; meet in OLM parking lot (this is in place of our regular Sunday evening meeting)
- **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!

Youth Ministry Schedule Change

Please note: Sunday, March 9 Youth Ministry will meet at the OLM parking lot at 1:30pm ahead of time spent at a Manchester nursing home. This is in place of the Sunday evening session. There will be **NO** class on the evening of Sunday, March 9. God bless our youth in their service to others!



Lent 2025

- + **Thursdays** throughout Lent: Confession at 5:30pm, evening prayer at 6:10pm, and Mass at 6:30pm.
- + **Fridays** throughout Lent: Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm.
- + See www.Formed.org/how-to-lent/videos/back-to-basics for excellent Lenten info!
- + **Contemplative Prayer: Building Intimacy with God** held Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm led by Kenn Cramer
- + **Parish Lenten Retreat** April 5 & 6 following the 4:30 and 10:30 Masses led by Mae Edwards

Jesus is Tempted in the Desert

Luke 4:1-13

In the three Synoptic Gospels after Jesus's baptism He is reported as spending 40 days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and Matthew the devil tempts Jesus to use His power to appease His hunger; the devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus worships him; and the devil tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. Jesus resists all temptations, citing Scripture to rebuke the devil.

Each temptation Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the 40 days of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to His promises. Jesus's rejection of the devil's temptations shows that He will not put God to the test. Grounding Himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by His confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights a central theme of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus's temptation by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that He will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus's trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to Him. Jesus's final rebuke of the devil is His sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus's responses to the temptations of the devil teach



us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, March 9 after the Masses, church hall, sponsored by the Knights

Adoration: Sunday, March 9 following 10:30 Mass

OCIA (formerly RCIA): Sunday, March 9 at 11:30am, parish office

Youth Ministry: Sunday, March 9 meet at 1:30pm, parish parking lot

Prayer Group with Guided Adoration: Monday, March 10 at 4:00, church

K of C Prayer Group: Monday, March 10 at 6:30pm, church; All welcome!

K of C Meeting: Monday, March 10 at 7:00pm, hall

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30pm, church; All welcome!

Folk Group: Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00pm, hall

Cantor Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00pm

Schola Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00pm

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, March 13 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Grades 1-5 Parent/Child Faith Formation: Thursday, March 13 at 5:00pm, church hall

Confession: Thursday, March 13 at 5:30pm

Evening Prayer: Thursday, March 13 at 6:10pm

Mass: Thursday, March 13 at 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 14 at 6:30pm

St. Patrick's Party: Saturday, March 15 at 5:45pm, church hall

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Children's Liturgy: Sunday, March 16 during the 10:30am Mass

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week February 17 - March 2, 2025

Budget	\$20,680
Actual	\$22,240
Variance	\$1,560
February online	\$18,629.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Deanery Penance Service

Sunday, March 23 at 2:00pm

Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua

There will be opportunity for individual confession.

St. Patrick's Party Next Weekend!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE after Masses this weekend for the St. Patrick's Party to be held next **Saturday, March 15** at 5:45pm. The *In the Field Irish Step Dancers* are returning! There will also be a variety of Irish traditional instrumentals performed and sing-alongs.

Ticket prices: \$10 for age 16 through adults and \$5 for ages 10-15. No charge for age 9 and under.



A light meal with dessert and beverages will be served. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Hope to see you then for an evening of fun and friendship!

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gianna's Place

St. Gianna's Place - a home in the Catholic tradition for women in crisis pregnancies - will be holding a baby bottle campaign **starting this weekend, March 8 and 9.**



If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by March 30.

With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies lives through the love and care for them.

120 Club

Week 11

Irene Gorski

Solange Bechard

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Upcoming NH Cursillo Weekends

•Men's weekend: April 24-27

•Women's weekend: May 1-4

Come for a faith-filled weekend at Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro, NH.



For more information including sponsor forms and applications visit www.NHCursillo.org or contact Claudette Dachowski at laydirector@nhcursillo.org.



Prayers for our Holy Father. 🙏