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Our Lady of Mercy Parish May 11, 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, May 10th - Parish Mission Begins!
Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: Gladys Krystyniak req by the Meunier family
For all parishioners

Sunday, May 11th - Parish Mission Begins!
Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: Marie Hancock requested by family

10:30AM: Patrick Killoran requested by Tom &
Elaine Lamb

Monday, May 12th - Parish Mission Continues!

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Charles Hildreth

Confession

6:30PM: Rosary

7:00PM: Mission

Tuesday, May 13th - Parish Mission Continues!
Our Lady of Fatima

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Francis Clossick

Confession

6:30PM: Rosary

7:00PM: Mission

Wednesday, May 14th - Parish Mission Continues!

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: John & Ryan McKelvie req by Pat Lyons

Confession

6:30PM: Rosary

7:00PM: Mission

Thursday, May 15th

No Mass

Friday, May 16th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: George Benoit

Saturday, May 17th
Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: Daniel Vachon, 18th anniversary, requested
by family

Sunday, May 18th
Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: Patrick Killoran requested by the Knights
For all parishioners

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
May 10th to 16th in loving memory
of
Francis Clossick.



Our Parish Mission Begins!
Welcome Fr. Garrott!

Fr. Bill Garrott, OP will lead us in the parish mission:
Christ-Lock: Identity Theft No More! This mission aims
to help parishioners enter deeply into the love of the
Holy Trinity and to experience God's merciful touch
through the Sacraments.

Our parish mission continues on
May 12, 13, and 14!

Fr. Garrott will celebrate 8:30am Mass each day and
hear Confession following Mass. Then at 6:30pm each
evening he will lead a rosary. At 7:00pm Fr. Garrott
will preach the mission.

Following the presentation will be special moments of
prayer, reflection, and reconciliation...

Monday, May 12:

- Veneration of a First Class relic of St. John Paul II
- Confession

Tuesday, May 13

- A special blessing using the Oil of St. Joseph
- Confession

Wednesday, May 14

- Prayer of Renewal and an Apostolic Blessing
- Confession

All are welcome! You're invited and encouraged to
attend all sessions, but you do not need to attend every
session in order to participate.

Readings for the Week May 11, 2025

Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 and Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 and
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8 and Jn 15:9-17

Thursday Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
and Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab and
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 and
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Rv 21:1-5a and Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday, May 18 during the 10:30am Mass
- **Grades 1-5:** Stay tuned for registration for 2025-26!
- **Youth Ministry:** Sunday, May 18 at 6:00pm, church hall; Friends welcome!
- **Confirmation & First Communion:** 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!



**Confirmation
and
First Holy
Communion**



**Please Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates
and First Holy Communicants!**

Our Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated by Bishop Libasci on Friday, June 6 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 Holy 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!

The Good Shepherd

John 10:27-30

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also Good Shepherd Sunday. In all three lectionary cycles, the Gospel comes from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter follows Jesus's healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus's authority to heal. Jesus responds by calling Himself the Good Shepherd. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus's death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict, today's Gospel is Jesus's answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus in essence, responds with, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts His unity with the Father. John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but He escapes arrest at that point.

The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as His sheep have endured as a primary image in our faith tradition. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.



Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and His disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. This Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that He tells us that they are one - not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father. Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Carnation Sale for Birthright: this weekend, May 10 & 11 after all Masses; **Happy Mother's Day!**

Parish Mission

Monday, May 12 through Wednesday, May 14:

Rosary at 6:30pm, presentation at 7:00pm with the opportunity for Confession following 8:30am Mass and the evening presentation

Folk Group: Tues, May 13 at 7:00pm, parish office

Cantor Rehearsal: Wed, May 14, at 6:00pm, office

Schola Rehearsal: Wed, May 14 at 7:00pm, office

Foot Clinic: Thursday, May 15 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, May 15 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

K of C Breakfast: Sunday, May 18 after the Masses, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Children's Liturgy: Sun, May 18 during 10:30 Mass

Baptism Prep: Sunday, May 18 at 11:30am, church

Youth Ministry: Sunday, May 18 at 6:00pm, hall

Rosary for Life Calendar

May 11 - Queen of Heaven, support our seminarians who have accepted your Son's call.

May 12 - Our Lady of Sorrows, we pray for an end to abortion.

May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima, embrace the children who are abused and neglected.

May 14 - Loving Mother, encourage those who are dating to be patient and chaste.

May 15 - Queen of the Angels, guide those who work for a "culture of life" to do so with love and compassion.

May 16 - Queen of Peace, protect our troops and bring peace of mind to their families.

May 17 - Our Lady of Grace, console the weary caretakers.



Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week April 28 - May 4, 2025

Budget	\$10,340
Actual	\$13,025
Variance	\$2,685
April Online	\$20,564

Thank you for your generosity!

Mother's Day Flowers



Flowers will be available after all Masses this Mother's Day weekend (May 10 & 11) to support the efforts of Birthright of Manchester, a pregnancy resource center for those dealing with unexpected pregnancy. **God bless all mothers and those who serve others with the love of a mother!**

120 Club

Week 20 - final week this round

\$250 Nancy Pelletier
\$100 Richard Mattson
\$50 Julie Bollard
\$50 Lorette Girard
\$25 Peter Bonaccorsi
\$25 William Ziemer
\$25 Claude Mayo
\$25 Stephen Maysenko

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Jubilee 2025 NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Our Lady of Mercy will receive the NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage on May 27!

Inspired by the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage last year, the NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage will process our Eucharistic Lord to every parish and Catholic school in the Diocese of Manchester between May 18 and June 18. The Pilgrimage will arrive to us on the late afternoon/early evening of May 27.



Sign-ups are available at all church entrances:

- Sign up for Adoration times
- Sign up for dinner (served at about 6:00pm)

This is a special opportunity to grow in faith and appreciation for the gift of Jesus in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. You won't want to miss out!

NH Catholic Appeal

The NHCA supports the care for retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, evangelization through Parable magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more! Donation envelopes are available in the church. Please keep the Church in NH in your prayers, that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future.

For more info, go to www.catholicnh.org/nhca.





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