



Mary has chosen the better part.

Luke 10:42

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish July 20, 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, July 19th

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary Time

4:30PM: David Rose requested by Audrey Rose

Sunday, July 20th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Debra Durant req by the Dwyer family
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Frank & Dureen Caron and Michael
Perrault requested by family

Monday, July 21st

**Saint Lawrence of Brindisi,
Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Margaret Keddie req by Regina Bowser

**Tuesday, July 22nd
Saint Mary Magdalene**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Al Porcaro

**Wednesday, July 23rd
Saint Brigid, Religious**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: George & Irene Manelski requested by
Bruce & Janet Angus

Thursday, July 24th

No Mass

**Friday, July 25th
Saint James the Apostle**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Al Porcaro

Saturday, July 26th

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary Time

4:30PM: Pamela Jean Brown requested by Bruce &
Janet Angus

Sunday, July 27th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Lori-Ellen Camirand, 13th anniversary,
requested by Mom

10:30AM: John Cox requested by the Lamb family
For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
July 19th to 25th
in loving memory of
Yvette Bouchard.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Arlene Innies, July 10

*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.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the
power of the holy Spirit.

-Romans 15:13

Readings for the Week July 20, 2025

Monday Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 and
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9 and Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28 and Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56 and Mt 13:10-17

Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 and
Mt 20:20-28

Saturday Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 and
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday Gen 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
Col 2:12-14 and Lk 11:1-13



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Starts Sept 14!
- Grades 1-5:** Registration for 2025-26 is open!
- Youth Ministry:** Registration 2025-26 is open!
- Sacramental Preparation:** First Reconciliation is typically received in second grade and Confirmation and First Holy Communion are received together in third grade. For older students, please contact the office to get started with sacramental preparation!

Parent meeting for First Reconciliation:

Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm, church hall

Parent meeting for Confirmation & First Holy Communion:

Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm, church hall

Faith Formation Registration is Open! Programs are offered for grades 1-12

As Catholics, our relationship with God unfolds throughout life. As we grow to know, to love, and to serve God, receiving grace in the sacraments within the community of the Church helps us to respond to God's call to become who we were created to be: beloved sons and daughters of God.

Our Lady of Mercy offers a range of Faith Formation for children, youth, adults, and families. Our programs help children and youth learn about our Catholic faith and support them to live the Faith. This is an ongoing process, so programs are offered for those in Grades 1 through 12. Throughout the Liturgical year, Faith Formation opportunities for adults are also available.

Registration is currently open for all children in grades 1-12 for programs that run September through May. Please visit our website to learn more and to register. Registration may also be made in person at the office.

Mark you calendar:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday, September 14 during the 10:30 Mass
- Youth Ministry Parent Meeting:** Sunday, September 14 at 6:00pm, church hall
- Trinity House:** Saturday, September 27 following the 4:30pm Mass, church hall
- Grades 1-5 Family Session:** Sunday, October 5 at 9:30am, church hall
- Youth Ministry (grades 6-12):** Sunday, October 5 at 6:00pm, church hall

Martha & Mary

Luke 10:38-42

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to be hospitable. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of His time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10: love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus's time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules.

The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

-edited from Loyolapress.com



July is Devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus



Dedicating July to the Precious Blood provides a specific period to deepen devotion to Jesus' sacrifice and to reflect on the salvific power of His Blood. It is the ultimate expression of God's love and mercy, as it was freely given for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of souls.

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ,
we honor, worship and adore Thee.

Heal the wounds our souls and
wash away the sins of the whole world.
O Precious Blood, have mercy. Amen.

-from TheDivineMercy.org

Many Thanks to OLM & the Merrimack Community!

To date, Hot Dogz for ALZ has raised \$19,400! All money goes directly to Alzheimer's research. During the event, Puzzles for a Cause also raised \$2,100!



This event wouldn't happen without the teamwork of many dedicated volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped and to all who supported Hot Dogz for ALZ!

Saint Christopher Academy Teacher Opening

Saint Christopher Academy in Nashua is seeking a full-time fourth grade teacher for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Along with a fourth grade homeroom, this position includes teaching 4th and 5th grade science and 4th grade reading, spelling and theology.

The successful candidate will be a creative, hard-working, team player who seeks to promote student self-discipline and sets high standards for students while maintaining a pleasant learning environment. Teacher training and certification is available through Diocesan programs for individuals without teaching credentials. At Saint Chris, teachers will find a strong community of peers who love what they do and are excited to nurture students as they grow into lifelong learners and leaders.

Interested candidates should contact Principal Cindy Clarke at cclarke@saintchrisacademy.org or 603-882-7442, ext. 612 as soon as possible. The school year begins August 26.

Our parish welcomes
you and your family.

If you have moved to the area,
please register in the parish office.

We would love the opportunity
to introduce ourselves.

YOUR parish welcomes you! ©JPPC

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 20-26. This celebrates God's design for married love and the gift of life and raises awareness about NFP. NFP is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because NFP respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being. Find more information and local resources at www.CatholicNH.org.

Scout Retreat

The 43rd Annual High Adventure Scout Retreat will be held on Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14 at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. The cost is \$25 per Scout and \$15 per adult. To learn more or to register please visit www.catholicnh.org/family2/youth/scout.

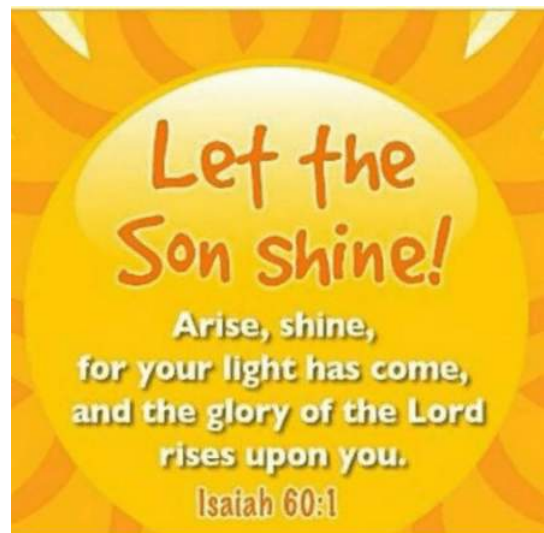
Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week July 7 - 13, 2025

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Variance	(\$1,330)

Parish Mission, New Guinea: \$3910, collected to date

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