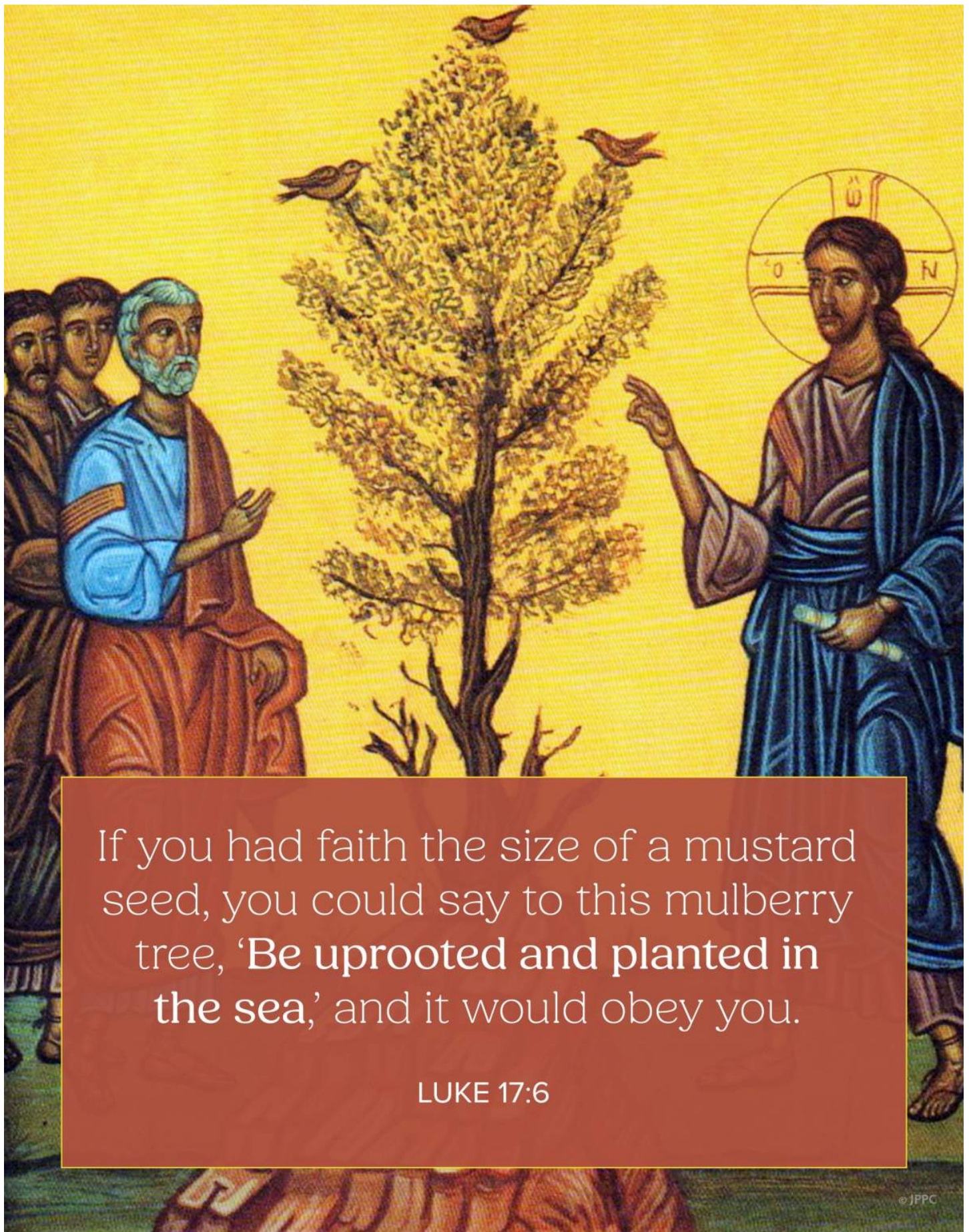




If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

Our Lady of Mercy Parish October 5, 2025



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

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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

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 them-
selves 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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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, October 4th

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh in Ordinary Time

3:00PM: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30PM: Edward Fleming req by Ray & Kathy Turk
For all parishioners

Sunday, October 5th

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Margaret Squires requested by Alice Lewis

10:30AM: Anne & James Rath

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, October 6th

Saint Bruno, Priest

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Charlie Kirk requested by the Hayes family

Tuesday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Robert Dwyer requested by Shirley Dwyer

Wednesday, October 8th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Anne Dean req by Claude & Sandy Mayo

Thursday, October 9th

Saint Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs

Saint John Leonardi, Priest

No Mass

Friday, October 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all Souls in Purgatory requested by
Claire & Michael Bourgoin

Saturday, October 11th

Vigil: Twenty-Eighth in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Gloria Giel and her sons Gerald and Daniel
requested by her husband & children

Sunday, October 12th

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: John Clark req by Chris & Sharon Nagy
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Dennis Giacobbe requested by Karen &
Bob Correia

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
September 27th to October 3rd
in memory of
Henry McCaffrey.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Cathy Dimick, September 24

Doris Bresse, September 28

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

We Welcome our Newly Baptized!

Baptized in September:

Kayce Thomas Lafferty



*"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!

Readings for the Week October 5, 2025

Monday Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 and
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 and
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 and
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 and
Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 and
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 and
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 2 Tm 2:8-13
and Lk 17:11-19



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** October 12
- Grades 1-5 Family Session:** Sunday, October 5 at 9:30am, church hall
- Youth Ministry:** Sunday, October 5 at 6:00pm, youth ministry room in the parish office building
- 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

Respect Life Month: A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

-USCCB

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights will be at the church entrances after the Masses next weekend with Tootsie Rolls! Donations help fund events of the Merrimack Friars along with NH Special Olympics. All donations are welcome.

Stock up for Halloween! A limited supply of 50 count bags of Tootsie Rolls is available for a \$10 donation.

Faith and Service to God

Luke 17:5-10

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between



Jesus and His followers about discipleship. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to His disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith - even just a little - will

allow followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. This uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching: a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans.

The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and His plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must stay humble. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us: no more, no less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God as His servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

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Many Thanks for our Parish Library!

We are grateful for loving and dedicated parishioners who do so much to support our parish in many!



A special thanks to Janet Angus and Linda Durbin for their efforts in creating a parish library in the church hall. Thank you for creating this warm and inviting place for everyone to enjoy!

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, October 5 after the Masses, church hall; sponsored by our Knights

Family Session Grades 1-5 Faith Formation: Sunday, October 5 at 9:30am, church hall

Adoration: Sunday, October 5 following 10:30 Mass

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 5 at 2:00pm, church parking lot

Youth Ministry: Sunday, October 5 at 6:00pm, youth ministry room in the parish office building

Prayer Group: Monday, October 6 at 4:00pm, church

K of C Officers: Monday, October 6 at 7:00pm, church hall

Folk Group: Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00pm, church

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, October 9 from 12:00-2:00pm, parish office; new members welcome!

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive: Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12 after all Masses, church entrances

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, October 12 after the Masses, church hall; sponsored by our Knights

OCIA (formerly RCIA): Sunday, October 12 at 11:30am, parish office building



Blessing of the Animals

This **Sunday, October 5** at **2:00pm** is the annual Blessing of the Animals in our parking lot. Please be sure to have your pets restrained. Thank you!

October Baby Shower Collection

Our annual parish October Baby Shower collection will take place throughout the month. Please see the notice in the collection "plug and play" at the rear of the church for donation suggestions. There is also a box available for monetary donations.

All items will be brought to Our Place (a Catholic Charities resource) and Pennacook Pregnancy Center in Manchester at the end of October. Thank you!

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week September 22 - 28, 2025

Budget	\$10,585
Actual	\$7,973
Variance	(\$2,612)

Thank you for your generosity!

Live Your Faith Challenge

This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.

-John 13: 35

Simple tips to grow in love and discipleship...

Write a note to someone letting him or her know you are thinking of and praying for that person.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

-Galatians 6:2

Rosary for Life Prayer Intentions

October 5 - Dearest Mother: Teach the youth of our parish enrolled in Faith Formation.



October 6 - Mother of Comfort: Dry the tears of those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

October 7 - Mother of Wisdom: Sustain those who are single in periods of loneliness.

October 8 - Mother of Miracles: Console those suffering with cancer.

October 9 - Holy Mother: Change the hearts of those considering suicide.

October 10 - Our Lady of Grace: Cradle those dying of a terminal illness.

October 11 - Queen of Angels: Protect our bishop, pastor, & deacon who unselfishly serve us.

Catholic Speaker Series

On Saturday, October 18 the Cathedral Gift Shop will host author Fr. Sebastian White, OP as part of its Catholic Speaker Series program. Fr. Sebastian is the editor-in-chief of *Magnificat* (U.S. edition), a monthly liturgical prayer magazine with over 300,000 readers. The publication includes readings for daily Mass, meditations, essays on saints and sacred art, his own editorial, and more.

Join us for either one or both talks.

10:00am: *It is enough for the disciple to become like the teacher*

This will focus on understanding our crosses in the light of God's love.

11:30am: *Give them some food yourselves*

This will focus on trusting that God can work through our weaknesses.

Both talks will be at St. Joseph Cathedral Gift Shop, 145 Lowell Street in Manchester. There is no cost, but an RSVP is requested at www.stjosephcathedralnh.org/CatholicSpeakers or 603-622-6404.



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