



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish

16 Baboosic Lake Road Merrimack, NH 03045

**All Are  
Welcome!**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM  
Sunday - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri - 8:30 AM  
Holy Days - 8:30 AM  
and anticipated vigil - 7 PM

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## Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, founded in 1954, is a Roman Catholic community that shares in the life of Jesus Christ, obedient to the Father, and guided by the Holy Spirit. As a faith community, our mission is: to celebrate the sacraments and to proclaim the Word of God; to minister to the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish through prayer, works of charity, personal witness, education, and evangelization; to welcome all people to active participation in our parish community; and to preserve the faith of Church amidst a changing world and diverse social climate. We commit ourselves to this mission, under the patronage and protection of Mary, Mother of Mercy, with faith, hope and love in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May 1999

## Reconciliation

Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3 PM and by appointment.

## Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your needs.

## Sacraments

**Baptism** for infants is usually celebrated on the last weekend of the month. Please contact the office for more information about baptism and the other **Sacraments of Initiation**. For the celebration of **Marriage**, 6 months notice is necessary.

Parish Office/Rectory: 424-3757 Faith Formation Office: 424-4477 FAX: 424-1780  
Website: [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org)



# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, October 28th**

**Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30PM:** Mary Theresa "Terry" Mullaney req by the Yuse family

**SUNDAY, October 29th**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30AM:** Matthew Bechard req by his mother

**10:30AM:** Sean Moran (3rd anniv) req by his family and for all parishioners

**MONDAY, October 30th**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For deceased priest of the Diocese of Manchester

**TUESDAY, October 31st**

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, November 1st**

**All Saint's Day**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Rick Senick req by his sister Andrea

**7:00PM:** Mary Theresa "Terry" Mullaney req by the Howe Family

**THURSDAY, November 2nd**

**All Souls Day**

**7:00PM:** For deceased members of our parish especially those who died this past year

**FRIDAY, November 3rd**

**St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Russell Scheider (1st Anniv) req by Karen Dunn

**SATURDAY, November 4th**

**Vigil: Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30PM:** Roger O'Connor (his birthday) req by the family

**SUNDAY, November 5th**

**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30AM:** For all parishioners

**10:30AM:** Albert Francoeur req by Mary Francoeur

## The Diamond Rule

When I hear the line from the first reading about not molesting or oppressing an alien, I think of the movie E.T., in which the children help the extraterrestrial just because he needs help. What the reading calls aliens are immigrants or newcomers. They lived among the Hebrews but were not Jews themselves. The Lord reminds the people that they were once aliens themselves. They should not make the same mistake the Egyptians did when they mistreated the Israelites. God uses the same logic in commanding them to take care of widows and orphans. Treat them like family, or else your own wives and children will be in the same situation. Immigrants, widows, orphans, borrowers--all must be treated with compassion.

The reason for such compassion should be deeper than just fear of punishment. "Do to others as you would have them do to you," Jesus said (Luke 6:31). Today's Gospel has a similar saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). Jesus called this the second commandment. The first is to love God wholly and completely, heart, mind, and soul. If the second commandment is the Golden Rule, the first might be called the Diamond Rule. If you think about it, in order to keep the first commandment, you have to be keeping the second as well.

Jesus said that whatever you do for the poor, the homeless, the sick, or prisoners, you do for him (Matthew 25:31-46). Mother Teresa could see Jesus in the poorest of the poor. Jesus himself showed compassion even to sinners. We can't really say we love God if we don't love the people God created.

So that gives us two reasons to love our neighbor. First, because God lives in other people, so loving God means loving God wherever God is found. Second, God loves them, so if we are to be holy, we must be like God.

What does that mean? Remember the saying that "charity begins at home"? That is only true because it is easier to love family and friends, but charity doesn't end there. If we truly love God, we will extend our charity to those outside our homes. People are probably still rebuilding after the earthquakes in Japan, tornadoes in America, floods in India, and other disasters, and every city has some kind of homeless shelters. You say you love God? Let's see you love your neighbor.

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## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY-TODAY



Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priests in the United States.

It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

Take a few minutes to thank Fr. Paul for the dedicated love and support he gives to all of us here at the parish.

Let him know how much we appreciate his hard work and sacrifices. Please keep him and all priests in your prayers.

## Parish Stewardship

**Weekend of October 22nd:** \$5214.00

**World Mission Sunday:** \$2069.00



**ALL SAINT'S DAY/ALL SOUL'S DAY**

**All Saint's Day—November 1, 2017:** All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Mass times for this Holy Day are Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. There will be no anticipated Mass on October 31st.

During the month of November we take time to remember our loved ones who have passed. Again this year you are asked to bring photos (framed or unframed) of a loved one who has died. Beginning on the weekend of October 28/29 a table will be set up in the main entrance of the church to leave your pictures. The photos will remain for the month of November. Make sure to put your name and phone number on the back of the pictures.

**On November 2nd we celebrate All Souls Day.** At the 7:00 PM Mass we will say aloud the names of those whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish during the past 12 months. A candle will be lit for each of the deceased.



All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and remember these and all of our beloved dead.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Begins this weekend!!

Hard to believe but Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. For many in our community with stressed budgets and financial challenges, a Thanksgiving dinner just isn't possible. Your support of our annual Food Drive will help make a fulfilling holiday possible for many families this season and also continue to help throughout the year.

Our annual Thanksgiving Drive benefits Our Lady of Mercy and St. John Neumann Food Pantry. Our ministry to the needy is combined with St. John Neumann to better assist our neighbors in need. Many families have benefitted from your support of this program.

This year we again are asking that you contribute gift cards from local supermarkets (Shaws, Market Basket or Hannafords) in any denomination or if you prefer you may purchase one of the non perishable items listed below. Gift cards should be dropped off in the basket on the altar and food items in the boxes at the doors beginning the **weekend of October 28/29 through the weekend of November 18/19.**

**Non-Perishable Items Needed**

- Boxed stuffing mix
- Canned vegetables
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned fruit (peaches, orange segments— no grapefruit)
- Jelly—all kinds
- Canned meats such as Dinty Moore beef stew, spam, tuna
- Progresso canned soups
- Pasta and cans or jars or pasta sauce
- Boxed mixes-cakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, etc



**March for Life in Washington, DC**

This year, the annual March for Life will be taking place on January 19, 2018! The March for Life is an annual rally protesting abortion, held in Washington, D.C., on or around the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion in the case Roe v. Wade.

For the first time, Our Lady of Mercy will be organizing a group to bring! We would depart by bus from the Denny's Parking Lot in Nashua on Thursday January 18 at 6am and would arrive back to Nashua on Saturday January 20 around 5am!

If you are interested in coming or have any questions, please contact Mackenzie Murphy: [MMurphy@olmnh.org](mailto:MMurphy@olmnh.org) or Deacon John Castelot: [DeaconJohn@olmnh.org](mailto:DeaconJohn@olmnh.org). All registration forms are due by November 1.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

Deacon John will be hosting another of his famous "Meatball Sub Fundraiser" on the weekend of **November 18th and 19th.** Meatball subs will be available after all the masses in the Church hall. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward paying the cost for our parishioners who will be attending the March for Life in Washington, DC from January 18th through the 20th. Meatball subs will be \$5.00 each. Don't miss out!!!

**Sanctuary Lamp**



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of October 28th through November 3rd is lit in memory of **Phillip Bradish.**

October 29, 2017

## Knights of Columbus



The 18th annual Knights of Columbus Fall Craft Fair will be held on Friday, **November 3rd from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** and Saturday, **November 4th from 9am to 3pm** in the Masticola Upper Elementary School at 26 Baboosic Lake Rd in Merrimack. There will be approximately 45 crafters offering a wide variety of handmade crafts. Please join us for some fun and to support the charitable efforts of Our Lady of Mercy's Knights of Columbus.

### DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES Sunday, November 5th

Social justice issues are widespread and persistent. Come join us after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, November 5th downstairs in the Church Hall for a discussion on social justice issues along with your coffee and donuts.



### ROSARY CENACLE

Here at Our Lady of Mercy a Rosary Cenacle is held on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 am in the Church. Please join us as we enter with Mary into this Cenacle on **November 4th at 8:30 am in the Church.**

**Would you like to donate a missal in memory of a loved one?...**



New Sunday missals for the parish pews will arrive for Advent, 2017. A \$25.00 donation can be made by an individual, a family or in memory of a loved one. The front cover of the missal will have a label with the name of the donor or deceased loved one. This can be a very meaningful way to express sympathy to a bereaved family or to honor someone who has passed away. To make a donation, please call the parish office at 424-3757.

### THANK YOU TO THE LADIES GUILD

We wish to thank the Ladies Guild for their very generous donation to be used towards the cost of our new missals. Your continued generosity towards the parish is greatly appreciated.

*120 Club Winners - Congratulations*

WEEK #12: Jane Lemay & Julie Boilard

**FLU CLINIC, BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC  
AND PARISH BREAKFAST**

**November 12, 2017**



A Flu Clinic sponsored by Walgreen's Pharmacy, is being held here at the parish in conjunction with the parish breakfast and Blood Pressure Clinic on Sunday, November 12th after the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses. Please bring your medical insurance card and pharmacy benefits card with you. For those without insurance, the cost is \$25.99 payable by cash or check at the time of service.

Please join us for another great breakfast served by our Knights of Columbus, get your flu shot and have our parish nurses check your blood pressure, all in one easy stop.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!!**

Last week we hired Titan Cleaning Services of Manchester to clean the commercial oven in the Church Hall. It took a lot of time and elbow grease but the oven looks almost brand new! Titan Cleaning Services asked us to donate their fee of \$225 to St. James Food Pantry in Merrimack. Thank you Titan Cleaning Services!



We would also like to thank both the Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus for their generous donations that helped to repair and clean the stove.

**DEATHS**

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul **Lena Parker**.



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Lena. We pray that the God of compassion be with you during this time of sorrow and that He welcomes Lena into His eternal kingdom of peace.



**Red Cross Blood Drive—at OLM  
November 9, 2017**

Nearly 21 million blood products are transfused each year. One donation can potentially help more than 1 patient. Blood donations help millions of people in need. Please consider making a blood donation at our next blood drive.

Call 1-800 Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment. Walk ins are always welcome. Appointments are encouraged.

**Eucharistic Ministers Enrichment - On Wednesday, Nov 8 at 7 PM, and on Sunday, Nov 12 at noon**, we will have an enrichment session in the Church for Eucharistic Ministers and for those who minister to the home-bound. This is an important time for ministers to share their experiences. If there are others in the community who are called to this ministry, please join us.

## Information Page

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**Kathy**