



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

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Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 8:30am and 10:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Wed, & Friday - 8:30am

Holy Days - 8:30am and anticipated 7:00pm

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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 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 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 the 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

Welcome New Parishioners!

All new parishioners should formally register with the parish by visiting the Parish Office and filling out a registration form. If you move away, please notify the Parish Office.

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism for infants is usually celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. All parents must attend a parent enrichment session prior to the Baptism of their child. Please contact the Pastoral Minister, Marie Dancy, at the Parish Office to sign up for the class. It is recommended that parents attend these sessions during pregnancy. Preparation of all parishioners for Confirmation and First Communion is an integral part of living the Catholic Life. Please call the Parish Office for more information and assistance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confession

Parishioners are encouraged to experience sacramental forgiveness on a regular basis. Confession is available on Saturdays at 3:00pm and by appointment. If you wish to set up an appointment please call the office to speak with Father Paul. Special communal reconciliation services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Weddings

The policy of all Catholic parishes in the state of New Hampshire is that couples must contact their parish priest at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding date. Couples should never make any final arrangements (especially for the wedding reception hall) prior to meeting with the parish priest. A Marriage Preparation Program is also required. A parish Wedding policy brochure is available upon request.

Sacrament of the Sick

If possible, please do not wait until a critical moment to call a priest for the Sacrament of the Sick. Anyone who is seriously ill may receive this sacrament of healing and hope. It is recommended that family members be present for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.

Hospital Visitation

A Catholic Chaplain is available at all our local hospitals. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish a parish priest to visit a family member of the parish who is hospitalized.

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please call the Rectory to inform us in the event you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick or that you need other ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8th

Vigil: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: Jack Healy req by Kurt & Liz Lochman

SUNDAY, October 9th

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Brian Desroche (7th Anniv) req by his mom & Annette Doucette (25th Anniv) req by the Jenness family

10:30AM: Ethel (Peggy) Garlick req by Pat Lyons and for all parishioners

MONDAY, October 10th

NO MASS OR MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAY, October 11th

St. John XXIII, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30 AM: Juliette Rivard req by her son

WEDNESDAY, October 12th

8:30 AM: Emile & Lillian Saulnier req by their family

THURSDAY, October 13th

NO MASS

FRIDAY, October 14th

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30 AM: Margaret Venedam req by Mary McConnell

SATURDAY, October 15th

Vigil: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: David Hebert req by his family and for all parishioners

SUNDAY, October 16th

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Jean-Marc Bechard req by his family

10:30AM: Helen Ivester (3rd anniv) req by Lee Parker

Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the LORD in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith? For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

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Parish Stewardship

Weekend of October 1st: \$6623.80



Thank you for your generosity!!

120 Club Winners - Congratulations

Week #9: Carol Beebe & Richard & Jeannine Mattson

Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of October 8th through October 14th is lit in memory of **Roland & Lucille Delude.**

If you would like an opportunity to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, over the Tabernacle, in memory of a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please contact the parish office at 424-3757.

Save the Date
OLM Trunk or Treat ...



Wanted: Children in costumes to enjoy games, music, and a story by Fr. Paul.

Adults: To decorate the trunk of their car and hand out treats (plan on 75). Decorate your trunk between 6 and 6:30pm. Children will go out to the parking lot around 6:45 pm.

When: Saturday, October 29th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Church Hall for games, music and story. Church parking lot for Trunk or Treat.



**TEEN PARTY
 AFTER TRUNK OR TREAT
 GRADES 6-10**

From 7:30-9pm in the Church hall immediately following traditional Trunk-or-Treat festivities! Refreshments, games, and music will be available for all teens to enjoy!

**Parish Breakfast
 and Blood Pressure Clinic**

Join us in the Church hall on October 16th and take advantage of the wonderful opportunity we are being given to take a moment out of our busy lives and enjoy the company of our parish family. All parishioners are invited to enjoy another delicious parish breakfast. Breakfast will be served after both the 8:30 and 10:30 am masses. Take a little time to enjoy some delicious food and good conversation. A free will offering is always greatly appreciated. A Blood Pressure Clinic will also be held at the same time.

**OCTOBER BABY SHOWER
 WE WILL BE COLLECTING ALL MONTH**

Throughout the month of October, our parish will remember in a special way, pregnant and parenting teens, their newborns and children in need of assistance. Donations of new, unwrapped items will be donated to two pregnancy assistance agencies in Manchester: Birthright and Pennacook Pregnancy Center. Your gifts may be placed in the playpen in the back of the church beginning the weekend of October 1st through October 29th.

Items Needed:

Important—Both agencies are in great need of diapers in all sizes.

Other Items:

- Baby wipes
- Sleepers
- Baby blankets
- Onesies
- Clothing up to 3T
- Infant socks
- Bibs
- Enfamil
- Baby washcloths
- Bottles, sippy cups
- Sleep sacks



**OCTOBER
 DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY**

October is a good time to reflect on our heavenly Father's great gift of life, Mother Mary's role in our Salvation, and the sanctity Jesus brought to humanity by becoming one of us.



Praying the rosary is a wonderful way to offer spiritual support for life at all stages and in all vocations by invoking Our Lady's intercession. Through prayer you can make a difference.

Each day of October 2016 has been dedicated to a specific intention. To participate, simply sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary. The calendar can be found in the main entrance of the church. Each day can be chosen by more than one person. Sign ups will continue during the month of October.

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Italian Night **sponsored by the K of C**



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual "Italian Night" on Saturday, October 22nd after the 4:30 mass downstairs in the Church hall.

Tickets will be sold on the weekend of October 15th and 16th after all the masses. The cost for dinner is \$5.00 per person with a maximum \$20.00 per family.

Come and taste the cuisine of Italy with your family and friends. Gluten free options will be available.

Adults Interested In the Catholic Faith?

Have you been considering becoming a part of the Catholic Church Community and would like to know more about it? Call Marie Dancy at 424-3757 or write mdancy@olmnh.org

Has your child not yet started formal Religious Education/Faith Formation Classes or Missed a few years and are looking to bring them back?



We welcome you and your child back.

We are here to work with you to find the best way to educate your child in the way of the Catholic Faith.

Maybe you or someone you know has children or teens that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and faith...Know that it is never too late to come back!

Whether your child is just starting or perhaps was not able to attend for a few years...we are here to help you. Consider this an invitation for you to call the parish office at 424-4477 and speak with Elaine to discuss the specific needs of your children and family.

Join Us...

Thursday evening, October 13th



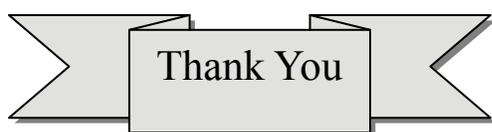
Would you like to meet with other adults for a discussion on the Mass? Join us on Thursday evening, October 13th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**TO ALL
PARISHIONERS**

Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish and Catholic Charities. Our parish raised \$71,607.00 for Catholic Charities.

As a result of your generosity to Catholic Charities, our parish received a grant for \$3441.00. The grant was received to assist us in our efforts to care for the poor and most vulnerable of our parish and in town.

*"For it is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis of Assisi*



**ALTAR SERVER MEETING
For ALL Altar Servers**

Fr. Paul has asked that all servers already active in the ministry come to an **all server meeting** on either Saturday, October 15th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm **or** on Sunday, October 16th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. You only need to attend one of these meetings.



We will review recent changes to our server practices and discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

If you are not an altar server and think you might like to join this ministry, please come to one of these meetings for more information. See you there.

In Memoriam



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **J. Bradley Kenney**.

Rest In Peace

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

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

Information Page

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BULLETIN FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 9th

Kathy
