



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish

16 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, NH 03054

Website: [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org)

## 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, November 19th**

**Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**4:30 PM:** Teresa Fleming req by the Fleming family

**SUNDAY, November 20th**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**8:30AM:** Theresa & Gerard Paradise req by their family  
and for all parishioners

**10:30AM:** Al Iannacone req by his wife & family

**MONDAY, November 21st**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Denyse Couillard req by Diane Schultz

**TUESDAY, November 22nd**

**St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30 AM:** Alcide Rivard req by his son

**WEDNESDAY, November 23rd**

**Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Clayton Rush Sr. req by a friend

**THURSDAY, November 24th**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**9:00 AM:** Roland & Lucille Delude req by their family

**FRIDAY, November 25th**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, November 26th**

**Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

**4:30 PM:** Rose Beauchemin req by her mom and for  
all parishioners

**SUNDAY, November 27th**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**8:30AM:** Clayton Rush, Sr. req by a friend

**10:30AM:** Steve Mroz req by the Clark family

### **Jesus, Remember Me**

The man who hung on the cross next to Jesus asks him to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." Of all the people who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, only this man sincerely acknowledges Jesus as King.

Only he receives the promise of joining Jesus in paradise that very day. I wonder if he knew what Jesus' kingdom meant?

The second reading gives us a better idea of the extent of that kingdom. Paul uses images of things visible and invisible, of dominions, principalities, and powers. While the latter terms refer to types of angels, we can stretch our imagination even further. Notice one short phrase that appears six times in that reading: "all things." So do we really believe that Jesus is King of all things?

Some astronomers say that the universe is infinite. At first I thought, "That couldn't be right; only God is infinite." But it occurred to me that an infinite God would want the universe to be a sign of divine glory, so why couldn't God make an infinite universe? So Jesus is King of that universe. While that sounds impressive, it might tempt us to forget about things closer to home.

If Christ is King of all things, that includes our possessions. We might keep that in mind, not only when deciding how much we give to the poor or to the Church, but also how we use the things we own. The things we watch on TV, the foods we eat, the books we read--all are under Jesus' kingship. Our own bodies belong not just to us, but also to Christ. I might even drive more carefully if I remember that my car belongs to the Lord.

Even our life is under his reign. That can remind us to trust Jesus more, as well as to ask for the guidance of his Spirit in our decisions. If we let the Lord guide our lives, we know that anything that happens to us is either God's will or something that Jesus can lead us through, on our way to paradise.

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## ***Give Thanks to Our Lord, Jesus Christ***

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

**Thursday, November 24, 2016**

**9:00 a.m.**

Thanksgiving is embedded in our national identity as Americans, and what the day celebrated makes it a natural occasion to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, as we acknowledge God as the source of every grace and blessing.



Please make every effort to begin your Thanksgiving Day by joining us at the 9:00 am Mass.

## ***Sanctuary Lamp***



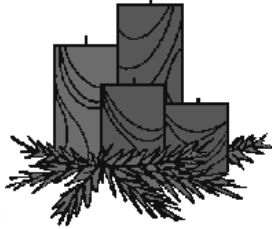
The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of November 19th through November 25th is lit in memory of **the deceased members of the Ayotte & Bisson families.**

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.

*Advent Celebration  
Lessons and Carols  
Monday, November 28, 2016  
7 PM*

*Please join us in an evening of  
music, scripture, and prayer.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**



**NOTICE FROM BISHOP LIBASCI  
REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF COMMUNION**

We all know that the flu and cold season raises all sorts of questions with regards to the transmission of germs when the faithful receive the Precious Blood from a chalice.

As regards to the elements of Communion, it is not the case that the bread alone corresponds to the body of Christ and that the wine alone corresponds to the blood of Christ. Rather, the body and blood of Christ is completely present in each of the two elements, in both the bread *and* the wine. Therefore to receive under one form is a valid reflection of our true doctrine.

Bishop Libasci has asked that all parishes in the Diocese, for the seasons beginning on the First Sunday of Advent until Holy Thursday, Holy Communion is to be distributed only under the form of the Consecrated Host.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**LAST WEEKEND to purchase food or cards**

Non-Perishable Items to be Purchased: boxed stuffing mix, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, jelly, Progresso canned soups, canned meats (Dinty Moore beef stew, Spam, tuna, etc) boxed mixes (cakes, cookies, brownies, muffins) pasta and pasta sauce, bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo.

**Calling all Nurses, EMT's and other  
Health Care Professionals !!!**

Once a month, our parish nurses provide a blood pressure clinic after the 8:30 and 10:30 am masses on Sunday. We are in need of nurses, EMT's and other health care professionals to provide this ministry to our parishioners. You would not be scheduled for every month and we always work around your schedule.

If you are trained in taking blood pressure readings and are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please call the parish office at 424-3757 or contact Mary Pelrine at [pelrineboys@comcast.net](mailto:pelrineboys@comcast.net).

**HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE FOOT CLINIC**

**On November 29th from 8am to 12:00 pm**, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a foot care clinic in our church hall operated by the nurses of Home Health and Hospice Care. The Foot Care Clinic is open to anyone 50 years of age or older who lives in Merrimack or the surrounding area. The cost of \$26.00 and is payable by cash or check at the time of the appointment.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please call Home Health and Hospice Care at 689-2931. For a full schedule of foot care clinics, visit our website at [www.hhhc.org](http://www.hhhc.org).

**Thank You from the Ladies Guild**

The Ladies Guild wishes to thank all who participated in the annual Craft Fair held by the Knights of Columbus. We thank the Knights who helped us set up our tables, calling our ticket numbers and donations along with clean up. A big thank you to the ladies who helped out at the fair, selling tickets. Thanks to those who made baskets, obtained gift cards and to the public who supported the Penny Sale. It was a success and the proceeds of this fundraiser go directly to the needs of our parish.

**Grey Nun's Thrift Shop  
25 Marshall St., Nashua**

Clothing as low as \$1.00 for men, women, children and infants. We also carry kitchen goods, small appliances, decorative items, linens, toys and much, much more.

Donations are appreciated

Would you like to volunteer? Contact the St. Joseph Hospital Volunteer Office and get started today. Call 595-3044.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-3pm  
Thursday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10am to 1pm

November 20, 2016

## ***Advent/Christmas Outreach***



Beginning the weekend of November 26/27, the first week of Advent, we will begin our Advent/Christmas Outreach. A wreath will be located at the main entrance of the Church. Take a card off the wreath and purchase the gift card requested. Return the gift card to the church and place it in the Collection Box also located in the main entrance.

**Please have all gift cards returned by Sunday, December 11th.** This is a way to enable many to make Christmas merry!!

## ***Advent Reconciliation Service***

***Sunday, December 11, 2016***

***St John Neumann Parish***

***Merrimack, NH***

***2:00 PM***



Advent is a time of preparation when we make ready to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's coming as man, the beginning of our redemption. Advent also moves us to look forward with renewed hope to the second coming of Christ. Let us prepare the way of the Lord by recognizing our sins and seeking forgiveness, so that we may prepare the way of the Lord.

## ***Come Join Us and Meet St. Nicholas***

**December 4, 2016**



Join us downstairs after the 10:30 Mass for a short story about St. Nicholas and receive a keepsake from him. Parents—bring your camera. St. Nicholas will be available for pictures with your child.

## ***Prayer Group***

On Monday, November 21st and Monday, November 28th the Prayer Group will not be meeting. On December 5th, the prayer group will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 pm only. We will begin meeting again at our regular time on December 12th.

Thank You!

### PARISH BREAKFAST—TODAY



Come down to the Church hall after the 8:30 and 10:30 am masses 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. A delicious breakfast will be served by our Knights of Columbus.



Our Parish Nurses will also be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic during the breakfast. Hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity. If you might be able to help in this ministry, please call the parish office at 424-3757.

### LIFE MATTERS—THANK YOU!

The Life Matters Ministry would like to thank everyone in the Parish who donated to the October baby shower collection. It appeared to be our biggest collection ever! We received hundreds of urgently needed diapers and so many other wonderful items.

The Birthright and Pennacook pregnancy centers were thrilled with the donations, which will help them tremendously as they provide support and services to young women dealing with unexpected pregnancies. Thank you again to everyone."

### St. Louis Cemetery Office

The St. Louis Cemetery Office, located at the back of the main cemetery in Nashua will begin new hours on Monday, November 21st. We will be open from Monday through Thursday each week from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. After 1:00 pm, all phone calls will be forwarded to the rectory office and messages will be taken for the following business day. Your patience and understanding during this transition is appreciated.

### *Parish Stewardship*

**Weekend of November 13th: \$6783.00**

Thank you for your generosity!!

*120 Club Winners - Congratulations*

Week # 15: Warren Hayes & Richard Gagnon

**Parish Offices will be closed on November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.  
Happy Thanksgiving !!**

## Information Page

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### **BULLETIN FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2016**

**Kathy**

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