



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 29, 2018

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Pastor: *Rev Paul Bouchard*

Deacon: *Mr. John Castelot*



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 28th
Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: Robert Bianchin req by his wife

SUNDAY, April 29th
Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: For all parishioners

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

MONDAY, April 30th
St Pius V, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Paul Guay req by Mom, Bob & family

TUESDAY, May 1st
St Joseph the Worker

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jean Lantiegne Stow req by Joseph & June Julian

WEDNESDAY, May 2nd

St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Frederick Savard req by the Lantiegne family

THURSDAY, May 3rd

NO MASS

FRIDAY, May 4th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Norman Peppin req by his wife Liane

SATURDAY, May 5th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:30PM: Jill Fleming req by the Fleming family

SUNDAY, May 6th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30AM: Aurelio Montenegro req by the Swonger family and for all parishioners

10:30AM: Antonia & Alfred Bernier req by their family

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have booked a Mass and would like for you or your family to bring up the gifts at that Mass, please let one of the ushers know before Mass begins.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 22nd: \$4516.00

Fuel Collection: \$1473.00

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:30 AM
and anticipated vigil: 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3:00 pm and by appointment.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our readings today offer a sharp contrast that hints at the wide variety of ways in which God works. In Acts, there is a rush of activity and profound change happens in a hurry. Paul, who was a leader in persecutions of the first Christians, has recently encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In today's passage, Paul has suddenly become a powerful witness for Jesus, risking his life and astonishing both the Christians and their enemies. This is God working fast, and everyone is trying to keep up!

In contrast, in today's Gospel from John, Jesus describes the vine and the branches bearing fruit. Vines and branches by nature act slowly and quietly. The passage itself is repetitive and meditative, inviting us to slow down and listen to what is happening under the surface. This speaks of the slow, patient work of God.

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION
SUMMER PROGRAM (Grades 1 through 5) SAVE THE DATE**

Our Summer Program for 2018 will run from **July 16 through July 27th** for students in grades 1 through 5. Classes will meet on the parish property Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 11:45 am.

Registrations will be sent home with students who now attend the fall/winter programs and will be mailed to those who attended the Summer Program or the At Home program.

We will begin registering in late April. You may mail back your child's registration form or you may also register and make your payment on our website at www.olmnh.org.

**GRADES 6 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL—EDGE AND LIFETEEN
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS**

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program which provides a fun safe place for middle school students to find community, get answers to their faith questions and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. It answers the unique needs of this age group while providing deeply impactful resources.

Lifeteen leads high schoolers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church. Its mission is to bring teens to Christ in the Eucharist and gather them to be formed in the Roman Catholic faith.

Both these programs will run throughout the summer on a casual basis. Come when you can. There will be no attendance taken and the only requirement is that you are a registered member of Our Lady of Mercy. Students in grades 6 through 8 are invited to attend the Edge Program and students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to attend Lifeteen. **Please check out our website at www.olmnh.org for a schedule of when each program meets.**

*A Special Thank You to all our
Faith Formation Volunteers*

Thank you for teaching our faith to the children of the parish. Thank you for responding "yes" to the invitation to help in our programs. By volunteering in our Faith Formation Program you provide a positive influence on our children's understanding of the Sacred Traditions and Church teachings while growing in your own relationship with God.

Each week you greet the children with a smile and welcome their thoughts, ideas, and creativity. You prepare classes and take care of all the details involved in running a smooth classroom. Thank you most of all for being a witness to the importance of our faith and leading our children closer to Christ. You are all amazing individuals.

Catholic Charities Appeal



Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our parish. Every year, your gifts to Catholic Charities provide effective services and hope to people dealing with difficult situations and those facing a crisis.

Please consider a generous response to this year's appeal. If you haven't given before, this is a great opportunity to help carry out our calling of helping those in need by supporting the work of Catholic Charities.

You will find envelopes in the pews for either a one time donation or to make a pledge. Just fill out the envelope and put it in the collection basket during the next few weeks.

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April—Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester has established a Code of Conduct, known as *Serving Christ, Serving Others*, which requires that all “Church personnel” (priests, deacons, religious men and women, and laypeople who work or volunteer at diocesan parishes, schools, administration and camps) exhibit the highest ethical standards and personal integrity at all times.

The Code includes, among other things, standards for appropriate conduct and boundaries when working with minors. The *Serving Christ, Serving Others* Code of Conduct is available online at www.catholicnh.org/code.

Rosary Cenacle

The apostles were gathered together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus after the Resurrection and Ascension awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Cenacle of Jerusalem. In imitation, we come together to pray, especially with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Please join us in prayer on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 am in the Church. Our next Rosary Cenacle will meet on May 5, 2018.

Pray for our 1st Eucharist Students

Students here at our parish have been preparing for many months to receive their 1st Eucharist. On May 5th at the 4:30 Mass and May 13th at the 10:30 Mass approximately 22 students will receive this sacrament.

The Eucharist, instituted by Jesus at the last supper, is the very heart of our Catholic faith. We pray that these students will continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 28th through May 4th is lit **for the intention of Joseph Peter Abaid.**



If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one, please call the parish office at 424-3757.

120 Club Winners - Congratulations

Week #12: Carol Beebe and Muriel Gelinas

Putting Faith to Work...

There are many ministries in the Church. Today we would like to focus on two liturgical ministries: "Reader" and "Minister of Holy Communion".

Reader: When we gather for liturgy, it is essential that we hear the Word of God proclaimed. It is a great honor to proclaim the words of scripture, because it is the reader's voice that becomes the voice of God in our midst.

Minister of Communion: At every Mass, Ministers of Holy Communion assist in distributing the Eucharist in a reverent and orderly manner. If you feel called to serve as a Minister of Communion and have been confirmed in the faith, you may receive preparation to fulfill the role of minister.

If the Spirit is calling you to ministry, please call the parish office and speak with Marie (424-3757) .

Join us in Praying the Rosary

In addition to the myriad of feast days honoring Our Lady in her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise.



May, when the earth blooms in springtime beauty, is an ideal time for our thoughts and sentiments to be directed towards this supremely lovely Queen of Heaven and Earth, who busily labors from her heavenly throne to conquer hearts, minds, and souls for the greater glory of her Son.

In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God."

Many great popes, saints and Christian leaders along with our Blessed Mother herself have exhorted us to *pray the rosary*. It's a powerful prayer, one that can change our lives, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls. Through prayer, we make a difference.

Each day of May has been dedicated to a specific intention. To participate, simply sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary. Each day can be chosen by more than one person. We pray for the elderly, the lonely, the hopeless and the unborn. We also pray for families and for those who have given their life in service of God by being consecrated or ordained. Life is God's gift of love to all. Sign ups begin next weekend after all the Masses or anytime during the month of May.

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