



# 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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## Reconciliation

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

## Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your  
needs.

## 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

## 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, June 16th**

**Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30PM:** Sean Driscoll req by Liz & Kurt Lochman and for all parishioners

**SUNDAY, June 17th**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30AM:** Don Olson req by his wife

**10:30AM:** Frank Paison (3rd Anniv) req by his wife and children

**MONDAY, June 18th**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Betsy Ryan req by the Lamb family

**TUESDAY, June 19th**

**St. Romuald, Abbot**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Frank Paison (3rd Anniv) req by his wife and children

**WEDNESDAY, June 20th**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** Brigitte noe req by the Bechard family

**THURSDAY, June 21st**

**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, June 22nd**

**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, June 23rd**

**Vigil: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**4:30PM:** Grace & Fred O'Neill req by their daughter Janice Torrice

**SUNDAY, June 24th**

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**8:30AM:** Donald C. Heath (5th Anniv) req by his sister Jacqueline Thompson and for all parishioners

**10:30AM:** Mary Theresa "Terry" Mullaney (1st Anniv) req by The Hrbek 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.

## 120 Club Winners - Congratulations

**Week #19:** Durelle Masciarelli and Thomas Barowski

### The Big Picture

We hear about the Kingdom of God in many of Jesus' parables. In today's passage, he uses parables to describe how the kingdom will spread. What is interesting is that they are not so much about our actions as they are about how God builds his kingdom.

Let's start with the second parable: Jesus exaggerates a little, with the mustard seed being the smallest seed and the bush being the largest plant. Like the birds on the branches, Jesus implies that the growing kingdom will attract outsiders to be members. His point is that the kingdom may look small at first, but it will keep growing. We need not be discouraged when it seems the kingdom is not growing: We might be limiting it to people who think and act just like ourselves. We might see attendance at church in our parish declining. So Jesus is reminding us to think of the bigger picture.

In the first parable about the man who scattered seeds, Jesus says that those seeds produce a harvest, even though the farmer doesn't know how or why those seeds can grow. We too can be doing things that help the Kingdom to grow, without knowing how we are helping. But God is making the kingdom grow in his own way and in his own time. Like the farmer, we can help it grow by loving each other, teaching our children about Jesus, caring for the poor and the sick.

But we can also hinder the kingdom by being stingy with our love, or hurting people with our anger. So let us ask God to trust him as we do our part to help the kingdom to grow.

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### Notice Regarding Bulletin

Bulletins for the summer months will be published every 2 weeks. We will begin on the the weekend of June 30/ July 1st and will publish a bulletin every other week from that point until September.

Dates for bulletins to be published: July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, August 12th, August 26th. Anyone who would like to have something published in the bulletin will need to make sure we have the information in the office by 10am on the previous Monday. Thank you!

## Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp for June 16th through June 22nd is lit in memory of **Al Iannacone**.

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.

## Register NOW for Summer/Fall Faith Formation Programs

It is now time to register for our Summer or Fall Faith Formation Programs. You may call the office at 424-4477 or go online to our website at [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org) to either download a registration form or you may also register and make your payment online.

Our Summer Program is for grades 1 through 5 and will run from July 16th through July 27th. Classes will meet from 9:30 to 11:45 am in the parish buildings. We offer 1 class per grade level and will take up to 15 students in each class. Make sure to register early to guarantee a spot in this program.

Faith Formation classes for grades 6 through 12 are the Edge and Lifeteen Sessions. These programs will run throughout the summer on a casual basis without registration but registration is required for the fall classes. You may go to our website [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org) to register your children for any of our programs.

We are still in need of a few volunteers who are willing to share their time and faith with our youth. Please consider taking an active role in the faith formation of our students in the parish. Call the office at 424-4477 if you would like more information.

### Religious Freedom Week

Catholics across the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during *Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018*, which begins on June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and ends on June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty states: "Religious freedom allows the space for people of faith to serve others in God's love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. We encourage people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we might have the space to carry out our mission of service and mercy, and we invite everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world."

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!)

### Wednesday People

This Wednesday the people who meet on Wednesdays will discuss the readings and significance of the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. The birth of John and Christmas are like bookends to our liturgical year. This is not just an interesting coincidence. Come and discuss this important liturgical celebration. This meeting will begin in the parish center at 7 and will hopefully conclude outside with a small bonfire.

### OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

**Parish Office:**

Monday thru Thursday 9am to 3pm  
CLOSED ON FRIDAY

**Faith Formation Office:**

Monday thru Thursday 9am to 12 noon  
CLOSED ON FRIDAY



### UPCOMING SESSIONS FOR EDGE & LIFETEEN

**Edge (Gr 6-8)**

**Lifeteen (Gr 9-12)**

**The Upcoming sessions for Edge/Lifeteen...**

<b>June 17th:</b>	NO CLASS
<b>June 24: Edge</b>	Topic-Recess
<b>July 1: Lifeteen</b>	Gimmie A Break
<b>July 8: Edge</b>	Abide
<b>July 15:</b>	NO CLASS
<b>July 22: Lifeteen</b>	No Place Like Home
<b>July 29: Edge</b>	Be Rooted

All sessions meet in the hall of the Office/Faith Formation Building from 6:15 to 7:45pm.

June 17, 2018



## ONLINE GIVING

As summer approaches and people begin to vacation, online giving can be a convenient option to allow you to continue supporting your parish while you are away (unfortunately bills still arrive in the mail during the summer). Please visit our website at [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org) to learn more about online giving and other ways to donate.

Online giving has provided much needed stability over the last year. If you are not already signed up for online giving, please consider signing up today.

**THURSDAY, June 21, 2018**

**11:00am to 7:00 pm**

**3rd Annual Hot Dogz Sale**



**Our Lady of Mercy Parking Lot**

Let's put our passion to good work on The Longest Day, a national event to honor those who face Alzheimer's disease with strength, heart and endurance. We will do what we love to do, in order to raise funds and awareness.

\$5.00 = 2 hot dogz, chips and a drink

100% of NH Hot Dogz proceeds goes to  
the Alzheimer's Association

Any questions, contact Team Captain Bob Bergin at 494-9835 or [oldbergin@gmail.com](mailto:oldbergin@gmail.com), or Event Chairpersons Sylvia White 978-404-1734 or Pat Miller at 424-9698.  
<http://act.alz.org/goto/BobNHHotDogz>

## Great Apps to Download

Thank Goodness! God does not go on vacation during the summer months! In the glorious summer months we are still called to stay connected with the faith community. There are some websites that can help us to do this; The daily readings and prayers can be found on the **Laudate** app which can be downloaded onto your phone/device for free. You may also enjoy another free app called the "Fulton Sheen Audio Library App".

Wherever you go, the location of churches and Mass times can be found on: **Masstimes.org**.

Don't forget our parish website: [olmnh.org](http://olmnh.org). And remember, we still need to pay the bills during the summer... so you may want to subscribe to online giving. This has provided much needed financial stability. If you are not already signed up for online giving, please consider signing up today. It reduces the cost of envelopes, provides funds that the parish can rely on and budget with, and provides stability in times of low church attendance. You can sign up on the parish website.

## Prayer for Fathers



We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.”

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, June 28, 2018

There is a constant need for regular blood supply because blood can be stored for only a limited time before use. Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person — the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components — red cells, platelets and plasma — which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions.



**A Blood Drive will be held here at Our Lady of Mercy on Thursday, June 28th from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm** in the Church Hall. Helping others in need just feels good.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment. Appointments are encouraged, but walk ins are always welcome.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Weekend of June 9/10: \$6074.00**

**Mission Appeal: \$2044.00**

**For the month of May 2018:**

**Offertory: \$24,459.00**

**Online: \$ 8,423.00**

**Total: \$32,882.00**

**Anticipated: \$35,900.00**

## Information Page

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**Kathy**