

# Fifth Sunday of *Easter*

*I give you  
a new  
commandment:  
love one another.*

*John 13:34*



**May 19, 2019**

***Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
Merrimack, NH  
424-3757***

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## ***MASS INTENTIONS***

**Saturday, May 18th**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**4:30PM:** Anne & Herb Mader & Don Mader req by Linda & Howard & for all parishioners

**Sunday, May 19th**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30AM:** Daniel Vachon (12th Anniv) req by his family

**10:30AM:** Rose Paraczky req by her daughter

**Monday, May 20th**

**St Bernadine of Siena, Priest**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For all Parishioners

**Tuesday, May 21st**

**St Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For deceased priests of the Diocese

**Wednesday, May 22nd**

**St Rita of Cascia, Religious**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For the intentions of the celebrant

**Thursday, May 23rd**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, May 24th**

**8:10AM:** Morning Prayer

**8:30AM:** For deceased Parishioners

**Saturday, May 25th**

**Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**4:30PM:** Florence Peach req by Gary & Diane Quinlan

**SUNDAY, May 26th**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30AM:** Roland & Lucille Delude req by their children and for all parishioners

**10:30AM:** Margie King req by Ron & Ingrid Fish

## ***120 CLUB WINNERS***

Week #15: Mike Mullan & Kathleen Swanson  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Parish Offices are closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.**

## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday—4:30 pm**

**Sunday—8:30 am and 10:30 am**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, & Friday—8:30 am**

**Holy Days—8:30 am and an anticipated Vigil @ 7:00 pm**

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## **Glory & Praise Dedications**

The death of a loved one leaves us with a hole in the heart. The hole remains and we get on by filling that hole with actions that bring us comfort. In the church I have had a label pasted in one of the Glory & Praise books in memory of my husband. I have placed that book in a seat where I generally sit. When I arrive at church I look for that book. I place my hand on the label and say a prayer for his eternal rest in heaven and his presence with me. All through Mass I feel him with me, and when I leave, I ask him to keep my prayers before God. This is a comfort to me. If you would also like to find comfort in this manner, come to the parish office and have a label of dedication put into a book as well.

## ***Sanctuary Lamp***

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of May 18th through May 24th is lit in **memory of Joseph Mitchell.**



\*\*\* HAPPY \*\*\*  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
 REMEMBER AND HONOR  
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**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

Our nation pauses each year to remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their life in service of our nation. Memorial Day is commemorated to honor those who served in the military and to remember those who died while serving.

**Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am on May 27th at Last Rest Cemetery, weather permitting.** Please bring your own folding chairs, insect repellent and sun screen. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated in the Church. The Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee and donuts in the church hall following Mass.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
 TO OUR YOUTH MINISTER  
 CINDY COUGHLIN**

This past Saturday, our Youth Minister, Cindy Coughlin received her MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Rivier University in Nashua. We are so proud of Cindy for the enormous amount of time and hard work she put into this program and we are so privileged and fortunate to have her here on our staff. She is a tremendous asset to our parish.

**Faith Formation Registrations  
 for 2019-2020**

We are now accepting registrations for our summer and fall Faith Formation Programs. You may go to our website at [www.olmnh.org](http://www.olmnh.org) and either register online or print off a registration, fill it out and return it to the parish office. You may also call the parish office to register your child (ren). Payments may be made online or mailed to the office. As always partial payments are accepted or if there is a financial need, please call the parish office at 424-3757.

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering into 1st grade in the fall, please call the parish office or go to our website for information on our programs.

**Our Summer Program runs from July 15th through July 26th—Monday through Friday (Grades 1-5) from 9:30 to 11:45 am.**

We are in need of teacher aides for our summer program. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the parish office at 424-3757 and speak with Kathy.

**No Stunt Man for Jesus**

Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing, or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony. That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony in the Garden through the Crucifixion. So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3). Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**Fiat and Quo Vadis Days Camps**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! High school age men and women ages 14-18 are invited to attend our upcoming vocations camps to look at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. These are overnight camps held at the Northeast Catholic College in Warner NH and are led by priests, sisters and seminarians of the diocese.

The camps include a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is \$50.00 and financial aid available.

For more information or to register, please visit [liveinblackandwhite.com](http://liveinblackandwhite.com) or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 663-0153 or [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org).

*Fiat Days (young women): July 8-11*  
*Quo Vadis Days (young men): August 5-9*

# Praying the Rosary

Praying the rosary is a wonderful way to offer spiritual support for life at all stages and in all vocations.

Through prayer we make a difference.

During the Month of May there will be a calendar in the main entrance of the church. Each day of May has been dedicated to a specific intention. Pray for the elderly, the unborn, the lonely or hopeless, for families and for those who give their life in service to God.

To participate, simply sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary. Each day may be chosen by more than one person.

The calendar will remain up for the month and you may sign up at any time.

Life is God's gift of love to all!

## FOOT CARE CLINIC

**On Thursday, May 23rd** from 8:30 to 1:00 pm, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Foot Care Clinic sponsored by the nurses of Home, Health and Hospice Care. **The cost is \$32.00** and is payable by cash or check at the time of your appointment.

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call Home, Health and Hospice at 689-2931.

## LADIES GUILD MEETING

The Ladies Guild will be hosting our **May 21st meeting in the church hall at 12:00 pm with a catered lunch and meeting to follow.** This will be our last meeting before the summer.

**Please RSVP to Irene Jenness at 424-2362 by May 18th if you wish to attend.** All ladies of the parish are welcome.

**On Wednesday, May 22 at 7 PM in the Parish Center** there will be a discussion on the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In these readings it is clear that Jesus is preparing His disciples for His absence. After the Ascension Jesus would no longer be present to them in the way they had become accustomed. But He did not abandon the disciples, or us. He would send the Holy Spirit to give us all that we need, and to help us to understand all that had gone before. That history, combined with the sacraments, the church community, and the presence of the Spirit, helps us to appreciate the mystery and glory of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is important stuff....come join in the dialog.

**The Longest Day  
Alzheimer's Association  
Thursday, June 20th 11:00 am to 7:00 pm  
4th Annual Hot Dogz Sale  
Our Lady of Mercy Parking Lot**

**\$5.00 = 2 dogz, chips and a drink  
All proceeds from team NH Hot Dogz goes to the  
MA/NH Chapter of Alzheimer's Association**

Questions may be directed to Team Captain Bob Bergin at 494-9835 or oldbergin@gmail.com, or Event Chairperson Sylvia White at 978-404-1734 or sew2447@gmail.com.

**Parish Breakfast & Blood Pressure Clinic  
THIS WEEKEND**

**This Sunday, May 19th after the 8:30  
and 10:30 Masses, a delicious breakfast**  
will be served in the Church Hall by the  
Knights of Columbus.



Our parish nurses will also be available for Blood Pressure Checks during the breakfast. Hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity.

**Parish Project and Building Committee**

The parish facilities are in need of some upgrades and repairs. The parish is setting up a Project and Building Committee to help prioritize and accomplish these projects. We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to serve on this committee and who are experienced in any of the special trades but especially in HVAC and Thermal Insulator or Ventilation.

If you are interested in helping out, please call Sharon at the parish office at 424-3757.

**Educating Early Adolescents with God in Mind**

At Nashua Catholic we have been educating teenagers for 45 years. We understand more than ever that these years are critical to the positive spiritual, social and emotional formation of each individual teenager. From a "real" life skill perspective, these are the years teenagers learn problem-solving skills, make mistakes, resolve conflicts, and build a sense of confidence.

At Nashua Catholic the foundational connection of all that we do is Jesus Christ and his presence in our curriculum, chapel, our masses and Eucharistic adoration. The real presence drives our whole-teen educational strategy which results in academic rigor, building of positive life skills and spiritual formation of each adolescent's soul.

For more information on our programs (Gr 7 & 8) check out our website [www.ncrjhs.org](http://www.ncrjhs.org) or call 882-7011.

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**Kathy**