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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

May 23, 2021



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment with Marie Dancy, the pastoral associate. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

Parish Staff

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 22nd
Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:30PM: Anne Bradbury requested by Mary Candelaire

Sunday, May 23rd
Pentecost Sunday

8:30AM: Russell Scheider requested Karen Dunn

10:30AM: Chip Dancy requested by his family
For all parishioners

Monday, May 24th
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Deacon Joe Clossick on
his birthday requested by his cousin

Tuesday, May 25th
Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest &
Doctor of the Church
Saint Gregory VII, Pope
Saint Mary Magdalene, Virgin

No Mass

Wednesday, May 26th
Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Kenny Robinson, Jr requested by his family

Thursday, May 27th
Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

No Mass

Friday, May 28th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30PM: Alice Grady requested by a friend

Saturday, May 29th
Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:30PM: Barbara Mulhern requested by a neighbor
For all parishioners

Sunday, May 30th
The Most Holy Trinity

8:30AM: Roland & Lucille Delude requested by their
family

10:30AM: Janice Nystrom requested by Diane Schultz

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
May 22nd - 28th in memory of
Robert Hill.

Upcoming Funeral

There will be a funeral celebrated for **Shelia
Hutchinson** on Monday, May 24 at 10:30AM

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and
the souls of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Readings for the Week: May 23, 2021

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

FAITH FORMATION

Fatima: The movie

Grades 1-5 At Home: Completed books **are due.** Please drop them at the office or in the collection bin in the main entrance of the church.

Families Grades 1-12: stay tuned for registration information coming out soon for the upcoming program year.



Celebrate the month of Mary and the feasts of the Ascension and Our Lady of Fatima, by experiencing the acclaimed movie **FATIMA** on the big screen exclusively at AMC Theatres, during May!

Reserve a block of seats now, or even your own theater, with special pricing through AMC. Tickets are available for the special price of \$5, or you can also reserve a whole theater for your friends or family (max 20 people) for just \$99.

See www.fatimamovie.com for more information!

Pentecost: One of the Most Important Feast Days of the Year
Pentecost concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost occurs 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after His Ascension into heaven. Because Easter does not have a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost falls between May 10 and June 13.

The name of the day is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning fiftieth. There is a parallel Jewish holiday, Shavu`ot, which falls 50 days after Passover. Shavu`ot is sometimes called the festival of weeks, referring to the seven weeks since Passover. Originally a harvest feast, Shavu`ot now commemorates the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai, when the Lord revealed the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every year, the Jewish people renew their acceptance of the gift of the Torah on this feast.

What happens at Pentecost?

Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered in the Upper Room. A “strong, driving” wind filled the room, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. The Holy Spirit also gave the Apostles other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. This fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel. The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in Acts 2:13, though the events immediately following continue through verse 41.

Happy Birthday, Church

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also told the people that Jesus whom they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead. When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter’s sermon. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church: Peter, the first Pope, preached for the first time and converted thousands of new believers; and the Apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, zeal, and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Pentecost vestments

Typically, priests wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God’s love and the tongues of fire that descended on the Apostles.

-from catholicnewsagency.com

Rosary for Life Calendar
Intentions for May
Life Matters Ministry

May Mary's "yes" to the Gospel of Life inspire us with courage, strength, and hope to **live the Gospel of life**.

During the month of May, pray the rosary each day for intentions supporting life from conception to natural death. Though there will not be a calendar sign up, the intentions will be in the bulletin each week, on the OLM website, and at the doors.

Pray the rosary individually, as a family, or invite someone to join you—together we can make a difference for those most vulnerable!

May 23– **Mother Mary**, pray that medical personnel work to protect life from conception to natural death.

May 24 - **Sweetest Mother**, protect and support Deacon John Castelot.

May 25 - **Mother of Sorrow**, comfort those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

May 26 - **Our Lady of Mercy**, pray for God's healing love for women who have suffered an abortion.

May 27 - **Queen of Peace**, heal the victims of violent crimes.

May 28 - **Immaculate Mary**, guide the youth of our parish who are seeking a vocation.

May 29 - **Mother of Wisdom**, inspire our lawmakers to promote and protect the dignity of all human life.

May 30 - **Comforter of the Afflicted**, bring an end to animal cruelty.

May 31 - **Our Lady of Consolation**, help us to make time for those who are lonely, afraid, in need of love.

Church Safety

Please be aware that once Mass begins, side doors will be locked. If you are running late, please enter through the main doors in the back of the church.

The main doors will be locked 15 minutes after Mass begins. Thank you for your cooperation!

*Please note: if you need to step outside of the church for a "**mask break**" during Mass you are welcome to move into any of the foyer areas.

Parish Stewardship

Ascension of the Lord: \$580

May 15 & 16 Weekend Masses: \$2539

Communication Campaign: \$556

Thank you for your generosity!

120 Club Winners

May 16

Fran L'Heureux
George Torrice

Wednesday People

We will meet to discuss and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday gospel at 7:00PM this Wednesday, May 19 in the parish center. All are welcome! New members are encouraged to attend!

workcampNE

We are excited to be hosting workcampNE this summer, **August 1-6**. There are opportunities for youth going into 8th grade or higher to serve our local community; for adult volunteers to support our youth in prayer, with evening meals, or guidance on projects; and for those who need a hand with projects at their home to be considered. Please see the website for sign-up links. Contact Deacon John or the office for more information. Make a difference! Be part of something important! Build friendships! Strengthen your faith!

St. Andrew Dinner

St. Andrew was the first Apostle to hear Jesus's call. If you are a young man considering the priesthood or who would like help hearing the Lord's call in your life, please join us.

Monday, May 24, 6-8PM

Saint Anthony Parish - Manchester

The evening will include dinner, a talk by Fr. Andrew Nelson on "PRIESTHOOD: Why do I feel funny?" and conclude with night prayer.

For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact Fr. Charles Pawlowski, Assistant Director of Vocations at 603-448-1262 or cpawlowski@rcbm.org.