



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

June 27, 2021



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16 Baboosic Lake Road
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Please note: Due to the Holiday and town parade, there will be no 10:30 Mass on Sunday, July 4, 2021

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.

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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, June 26th
Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Kenny Robinson, Jr req by his family

Sunday, June 27th
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Virginia Goulette Veazie requested by friends of the family
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Janice Nystrom req by Diane Schultz

Monday, June 28th
Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Evelyn & Francis Claire req by the family

Tuesday, June 29th
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Pauline Ziemer requested by the family

Wednesday, June 30th
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Catholic Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jenny Barr requested by a friend

Thursday, July 1st

No Mass

Friday, July 2nd

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Deceased friends & family of Stephen Staffieri & Debra Stellato

Saturday, July 3rd
Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Becky Centrella req by Kent & Milly Heider

Sunday, July 4th
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Virginia L'Heureux requested by the OLM Ladies Guild
For all parishioners

Saints Peter & Paul: Feast Day June 29

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Peter & Paul. The two are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee. Jesus gave him the name Peter, which means 'rock.' Despite Peter's human weaknesses, he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured the disciples kept the true faith. He spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his request, claiming he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican Hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the New Testament, and through them we learn of the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. His conversion took place on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. As he was traveling, he was *(Continued on parish announcements page.)*



Readings for the Week: June 27, 2021

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration for the 2021-22 Program Year is Open for Grades 1 - 12!

Growing in our faith is a lifelong journey. One way to support our children's faith journey is through continuing their grade level Faith Formation. Enrollment for the new year beginning this fall is open! Children did not have to be registered last year to participate in the 2021-22 program.

Grade Level Faith Formation....

Grades 1-5 uses Sadlier's *We Believe* book in either:

- At Home program
- OR-
- Wednesday after school program

Middle & High School Faith Formation....

Grades 6-8

The Edge program combines these grade levels for a Sunday evening meeting about twice a month to include prayer, fun, faith topics, games, and more!

Grades 9-12

The Life Teen program combines these grade levels for a Sunday evening meeting (different from the Edge meeting days) about twice a month to include prayer, fun, faith topics, games, and more!

See olmnh.org for more program info, registration forms, and/or online registration.

Grades 1-12 Sacramental Preparation....

Sacramental preparation is in addition to grade level Faith Formation. Part of the preparation usually includes a parent meeting, a book to be completed at home, and a parent/child one-time class.

- First Reconciliation** (usually in 2nd grade)
- Confirmation & First Communion** (usually in 3rd grade)

Programs always have room for students who are beyond the traditional grade levels to participate. Their preparation would be age appropriate and based on their prior faith formation experience. Please contact the office to be enrolled in the sacramental programs (separate from regular classes) if your child is beyond the grades listed.

Parents of children registered for Faith Formation programs and in 2nd and 3rd grades will be contacted by the office regarding sacramental preparation.

Acts of Faith Mark 5:21-43

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells of a father's love for his dying daughter. The other tells about a desperate woman who seeks healing. Both seek help from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is a courageous act of faith, yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks Him to heal her.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus; a woman with a hemorrhage. She secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched Him. The woman could have remained anonymous, but she steps forward. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. Messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official and important person in the community. The other has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. In each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus's instructions to remain silent about this miracle. These instructions seem impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand their purpose. But in each case, they seem to emphasize that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must make his or her own judgment about Jesus's identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

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Thank you Marie Dancy!

As Marie retires from her role as pastoral associate at the parish, we want her to know she is loved and appreciated! Marie has served OLM in faith and with much love for many years. We are blessed that Marie will continue to be an active parishioner of OLM as well as serve in volunteer roles. Thank you Marie for all that you have done and for all that you continue to do! May God bless you always, friend! You are loved!

Upcoming meetings

Life Matters: June 27 at 9:30AM in the church hall.

Young Adult Group: June 27 at 12:00PM in the church hall

The Sanctuary Course: Tuesday, June 29 at 6:00PM in the church hall

Mass Schedule Change for 4th of July

Please be aware that there will be no 10:30 Mass on July 4 to alleviate congestion due to the town parade and holiday festivities. The Saturday 4:30PM and Sunday 8:30AM Masses will proceed as usual.

The office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the holiday.

Parish Stewardship

June 19 & 20 Weekend Masses: \$3014

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer for Summer Blessings

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!



OLM Young Adult Group

Attention, young adults! Join us on **Sunday, June 27, at 12 pm** for a pizza following the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Mercy to kick off the **OLM Young Adult Group**. Any young adult beyond high school is invited to attend. The purpose of the group is to gather with other Catholic young adults to grow in faith and community.

If you plan to attend or have any questions, please email Cindy at ccoughlin@olmnh.org.

(Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day, continued.)

blinded by a great light. He heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Saul answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Saints Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

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