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MARK 6:34



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

July 18, 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. 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, July 17th
Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Joseph Brennan req by the Johnston family

Sunday, July 18th
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Paul Vachon 1st anniversary requested by his family
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Noella Ouellette req by her loving family

Monday, July 19th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Leo & Yvette Bouchard

Tuesday, July 20th
Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Maurice & Laurette Lafond

Wednesday, July 21st
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi,
Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michael Perrault req by Donna Perrault

Thursday, July 22nd

No Mass

Friday, July 23rd
Saint Briget, Religious

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Donald & Jeanne St. Germain

Saturday, July 24th
Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Colleen Armstrong requested by the OLM Ladies Guild

Sunday, June 25th
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Garrett Gregoire

10:30AM: The intentions of Fr. Gordon MacRae requested by Deacon John
For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
July 17th - 23rd in memory of
Rose Picerno.

Prayer for Summer Joy

Loving God,

We give You thanks for the beauty of summer.

Let us join with other creatures in emerging from winter darkness into the full light of the season.

May love emerge in us as well, giving rise to praise for You and for the gifts of Your creation.

Help us to weather the storms that hit without warning and do damage to heart and soul.

Turn our faces towards the sun and let joy be the mantle we carry throughout this blessed time.

In Your holy name, we pray.

Amen!



Readings for the Week: July 18, 2021

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



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.**

The 7 Corporal Works of Mercy The perfect guide for imitating Jesus

The Catholic Church has always preserved the teaching of Christ that both faith and works are important in living out our faith. We prove our faith by imitating Jesus's good works and His command to serve one another: living our values in real, practical ways.

The Church provides us with a summary of the works of mercy to help us serve others. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines these works as "charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (CCC 2447).

There are the spiritual works of mercy (works that help a person's soul) and the corporal works of mercy (works that provide for someone's physical needs). The seven corporal works of mercy:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit prisoners
- Bury the dead
- Give to the poor



We can do corporal works of mercy in small and large ways. We can't always afford to spend the whole day volunteering or to make large donations. That's when we find small ways to administer corporal works of mercy. We can stop by a nursing home or a neighbor to say hello or buy a meal for a person in need. St. Therese of Lisieux championed the importance of finding small, daily ways to serve Jesus. She once said, "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."

-edited from catholiccompany.com/getfed

Jesus Invites His Disciples to Rest *Mark 6:30-34*

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, He invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus's ministry, they now appear to share in His popularity. The crowds continue, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and His disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are persistent. Jesus and His disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the Bible verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct His disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and His disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus feeding the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose 12 men from among His disciples whom He sent to share in His ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We—Jesus's disciples today—have also been sent to share the Gospel. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as His disciple leaves us overwhelmed at times. Today we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted His disciples to come away and spend time alone with Him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

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Upcoming Meetings

The Sanctuary Course: Tuesday, July 20 at 6:00PM in the church hall

Meatball Subs Next Weekend!

Deacon John will be selling his “famous” meatball subs after all Masses next weekend, July 24 & 25. Subs are \$5 each and all proceeds will go to support the upcoming work camp week. **Preorders are not required but encouraged!** Please call the office or email Katie at kcorsetti@olmnh.org with your order.

Thank you!

Parish Stewardship

July 10 & 11 Weekend Masses: \$3577

Thank you for your generosity!

School Supplies Drive to Support Local Nashua Community

You are welcome to drop traditional school supplies (see bulletin insert for specific items needed) in the labeled bin near the main entrance to the church building. On August 1 they will be delivered to the Nashua Soup Kitchen.

Please direct any questions to parishioner Andrea Vegliante at vegliantes@comcast.net. Thank you for the support!

Community Arts Ministry at St. James UMC

You are invited to an open house to introduce the Community Arts Ministry at St. James UMC in Merrimack. Inspired by connecting with God through creativity, the ministry will offer classes and workshops in a variety of creative arts including painting, puppet making, journaling, cookie decorating, and more.

**Learn more at our open house:
Sunday, July 25 from 11AM to 1PM
St. James United Methodist Church
646 Daniel Webster Highway**

The Ministry will start in September. All are welcome.

Questions? Call 603-424-7459 or email communityartsministry@gmail.com

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

We are planning for a return to the homebound ministry, which involves bringing Communion to people in their homes. Please contact the office if you are interested in being a part of this ministry by calling or emailing Katie (kcorsetti@olmnh.org). Thank you!

Attention all parishioners: Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion? Please let us know and we can schedule a visit.

120 Club Winners

July 4

Joan Wonkka
Richard Debelis

July 11

Greg Durbin
Fran Mitchell

July 20

Liz Valenti
Bill Saitz

Congratulations & thank you for your support!

workcampNE

Time is getting close for workcampNE: **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!



Eagle Scout Awarded

Congratulations to John Hilliard who earned the rank of Eagle Scout! John will receive this distinction at a Court of Honor Saturday, July 24 at 11:00AM in the church hall. Keep up the good work John and continue to let your light shine!

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