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ME UNLESS IT IS GRANTED
HIM BY MY FATHER

JOHN 6:65



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

August 22, 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,

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 21st

Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Rhet Tucker requested by Claude & Sandy Mayo

Sunday, August 22nd

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: The intentions of Gordon MacRae requested by Deacon John

10:30AM: Joseph Griffin requested by Cathy & Michael Dimick

Monday, August 23rd

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michaela McLaughlin requested by a friend

Tuesday, August 24th

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all parishioners

Wednesday, August 25th

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

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

Thursday, August 26th

No Mass

Friday, August 27th

Saint Monica

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Sheila Hutchinson requested by the OLM Ladies Guild

Saturday, August 28th

Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Bill Cox requested by Claude & Sandy Mayo

Sunday, August 29th

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: For all parishioners

10:30AM: Joseph Mitchell, Jr. requested by his mother & family

Upcoming Novenas

A novena is a nine day period of prayer to obtain special graces or make special petitions. The name is derived from the Latin "novem," meaning nine and this prayer is typically prayed over nine days. Novenas can be prayed throughout the year. Often they are prayed to be completed by a particular feast day.

Following are some upcoming novena timeframes:

St. Gregory the Great

Novena begins August 25

Feast day September 3

Patron saint of musicians, singers, teachers, students

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Novena begins August 27

Feast day 5

Patron saint of poor, sick, youth day

Nativity of Mary novena.

Novena begins August 30

Feast day September 8

Our Lady of Good Health

Novena begins August 30

Feast day September 8

St. Joachim novena

Novena begins 31

Feast day September 9

Patron saint of fathers, grandparents

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Novena begins August 31

Feast day September 9

To obtain the prayers for the following novenas and many others, please see novenaprayer.com or call the office for help finding a special novena.

Readings for the Week: August 22, 2021

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37



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 for **grades 1-12** is open! **Children did not have to be registered last year to participate in the 2021-22 program.**

What is a Novena and
Why Should I Pray One?

In Acts 1:4, Jesus told His disciples in Jerusalem to “wait for the promise of the Father.” Between the time of His Ascension and Pentecost, Jesus’s Apostles spent nine days devoted to prayer. After this time of prayerful preparation, the Holy Spirit came upon them and filled them with God’s grace, giving them the courage and faith to fulfill Christ’s divine mandate.

A tradition developed to imitate the Apostles’ prayer in the Upper Room by praying for a particular intention for nine days. This devotion was called a novena. The word novena comes from the Latin word “novem,” which means nine.

A novena prayed well increases our faith and helps us grow in virtue through nine consistent days of prayer. (Some “novenas” are shorter, some longer, as various devotions have developed over time.) The repetition of certain prayers over multiple days keeps the specific devotion fresh in our minds, helps us grow in patience and perseverance, and can open our hearts to receive any special graces our Lord may want to give us during that time.

Many novenas also include prayers and reflections for each day, focusing on particular virtues or petitions. The most popular time to pray a novena is during the days leading up to a special feast day.

If you have a special devotion to a saint, it’s common to pray a novena leading up to that saint’s feast day, or simply any time you have a specific intention that falls under the patronage of that saint. See the “Mass Intentions” page for some upcoming novena dates.

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Jesus: The Way to Eternal Life
John 6:60-69

Today’s Gospel concludes the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John. In the preceding verses, which have been proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that He is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than 5,000 people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’s words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled, and John no longer references them or the Jews. Instead John describes questioning of Jesus’s own disciples.

Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’s teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’s words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’s disciples ceased to follow Him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus turns His attention.



Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about Himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’s disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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Women of the Well

Announcing an exciting new program starting in September for Women of the Well, our OLM women's faith sharing group! We will be beginning a 2 year exploration of the women of the Bible, and their role in furthering God's plan for salvation history. Year One will cover the Old Testament and Year 2 will cover the New Testament. We will also be discussing women saints who embodied this ideal, both past and present. We will be using a wonderful book by Stacy Mitch called "Courageous Women," as well as other adjunct resources. This is an exciting sharing opportunity and anyone interested is invited to come to the first meeting on **Saturday, September 18 at 9:30AM.**

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass.

This celebration will be held on:

**Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00PM,
at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.**

To register, please contact the OLM parish office by September 22. To all married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

*Please note that this celebration may be subject to change. Any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.

Thank You Work Campers and Adult Volunteers

Our work camp week was a huge success! Thank you to the **youth** participants who gave of their time and their talents to help others. Thank you to our **adult volunteers** who mentored our youth in their projects and service and facilitated evening meals and activities. Thank you to **Deacon John and Michael & Cindy Coughlin** for their spiritual guidance and all-around planning. Thank you to the **workcampNE leaders** for their support and blessed fellowship. And thank you to our **OLM community** for your prayers. Amid the work to be done, there was much fun, fellowship, and faith sharing throughout our week. The team is already looking forward to next year's service!

Medical Missionaries of Mary

The Medical Missionaries of Mary are an international congregation of Women Religious. Thank you to associate, Kathleen Albee, who is here this weekend sharing their work in Africa and Latin America bringing God's healing love to our world. This is done by providing health care as doctors, nurses, surgeons, midwives, administrators, social workers and more.

The focus of their ministry is particularly to mothers and children and those on the margins of society. Working through community based health care projects and clinics to tertiary level teaching hospitals, they bring health care to those who would not otherwise have access to it. Care and treatment is provided to all who come seeking it.

They cannot do this without your support and prayers. In return, you have a very special place in their daily prayers, and they assure you of the unspoken gratitude of those they are privileged to serve.

For more info on their mission, visit mmmworldwide.org or [facebook.com/medicalmissionariesofmaryusa](https://www.facebook.com/medicalmissionariesofmaryusa).

120 Club Winners

August 22

MJ Giel

Patrick & Mary Ellen McGrath

Congratulations & thank you for your support!

Are You Missing Offertory Envelopes?

There are offertory envelopes in the office for parishioners who have requested them but have not picked them up for this year. As we get ready to print new envelopes for the coming year, we will not include the envelopes not yet picked up. **If you have not picked yours up and still want to receive envelopes for next year, please call the office** to let us know.

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