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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

September 5, 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
•Closed Labor Day, September 6, 2021

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, September 4th

Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Roland & Flora Boucher requested by
Claude & Sandy Mayo

Sunday, September 5th

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Carolyn Disco requested by Nelson Disco
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Michael John Perrault req by his family

Monday, September 6th
Labor Day—Office Closed

No Mass

Tuesday, September 7th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Antonio Jette requested by his daughter

Wednesday, September 8th
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Thursday, September 9th

No Mass

Friday, September 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Carol Sylvia requested by Karen Correia

Saturday, September 11th

Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Andrew Boucher requested by Claude &
Sandy Mayo

Sunday, September 12th

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Joseph Reynolds requested by his wife, Inge
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Barbara Noon req by the Ortega Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
September 4th - 10th in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Rene Bergeron.

We Welcome our Newly Baptized!

Baptized in August:

Caleb Anger

Lauren Parnell

Luca Viglione



“There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

-Ephesians 4:5

*Thank you Lord for making me a living temple of
the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the water of my
baptism through which You have given me new
life in Christ. Amen!*

Thank you Nancy!

We are beyond grateful to you, Nancy King! You have been a bright light of Christ through your leadership of our Music Ministry and involvement in our parish over many years. We appreciate your talent, dedication, and loving service to our parish. We are so happy you will continue to be part of our church family as a parishioner here! Thank you Nancy! May God bless you always!

May the LORD bless you and keep you

*May the LORD make His face shine upon
you and be gracious to you*

*May the LORD lift up His
countenance upon you and give you
peace*

AMEN!



Readings for the Week: September 5, 2021

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11;
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-
18; Mk 8:27-35



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.**



Grades 1-12 Important Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, September 12 **Life Teen** 6:15-7:45PM in the church hall
- Saturday, September 18 **Grade 1-5 Parent/Child Kick-off** 3:00PM in the church hall
All grades 1-5 children and their parent(s) welcome! Both the At Home program and Wednesday class program participants are welcome to this kick off event to explore our faith together as a family. You are invited to attend the 4:30 Mass following the kick off!
- Sunday, September 19 **Children's Liturgy** during the 10:30AM Mass
- Sunday, September 19 **Edge** 6:15-7:45PM in the church hall
- Wednesday, September 22 **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting** (usually for grade 2 students) 6:00PM in the church
- Wednesday, September 29 **At Home Parent Meeting** 6:00PM in the church
Wednesday, October 6 **Grades 1-5 in person classes begin** 4:30-5:30PM OR 5:45-6:45PM in the faith formation hall



Jesus the Healer *Mark 7:31-37*

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus's healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to Him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman, who asks Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and He heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus's own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of His healing power, which is evidence of His identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Office Closed: Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. No daily Mass today.

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, September 9 from noon-2PM

Men of St. Joseph: Saturday, September 11 from 7:00-8:00AM in the church hall

Parish Picnic on Hold

Please note that the parish picnic planned for late September has been cancelled. We will keep you posted on a future date when we feel it might be a better time to gather.

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 use 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.**

A Message From a Recent Missionary

On the weekend of August 22 & 23 Kathleen Albee, an associate member of the Medical Missionaries of Mary visited OLM to share the work of the missionaries. From Kathleen...

"What a pleasure and honor to meet your parish community and share our mission statement. The hospitality I received was wonderful. Please extend to your parish community my deep gratitude on behalf of the Medical Missionaries of Mary and all those we serve."



Mark your calendar for the upcoming blood drive on Thursday, September 16 from 2:00-7:00PM. Please see redcrossblood.org/give or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. The need is great!

Communal Anointing of the Sick

You are invited to a communal prayer service and Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, September 12 at 2:00PM in the church
All are welcome: open to anyone in need of physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing or those who would like to pray for those in need.

ORGAN STUDIO Coming to OLM

Learn how to play the organ! Sessions in Fall 2021 & Spring 2022! OLM is offering an opportunity for students to learn the basics of organ playing through lessons and workshops.

For more information, contact Christian Copeley (603) 892-4920 ccopeley@olmnh.org.

Parish Stewardship

August 28 & 29: \$4,709

Thank you for your generosity!

40 Days for Life

From September 22 to October 31, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help – please visit www.40daysforlife.com/manchester or contact OLM parishioner Norm Thibault directly at 603-289-0574 or norm8thibault@yahoo.com

120 Club Winners

August 29

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Pauline Brien

September 5

Anna Hanlon
Deacon John

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