



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

16 Baboosic Lake Road Merrimack, NH 03045

**All Are
Welcome!**

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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Reconciliation

Confessions are available on Saturdays
at 3 PM and by appointment.

Outreach and Home Ministry

Please contact the office with your
needs.

Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, founded in 1954, is a Roman Catholic community that shares in the life of Jesus Christ, obedient to the Father, and guided by the Holy Spirit. As a faith community, our mission is: to celebrate the sacraments and to proclaim the Word of God; to minister to the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish through prayer, works of charity, personal witness, education, and evangelization; to welcome all people to active participation in our parish community; and to preserve the faith of Church amidst a changing world and diverse social climate. We commit ourselves to this mission, under the patronage and protection of Mary, Mother of Mercy, with faith, hope and love in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

May 1999

Sacraments

Baptism for infants is usually celebrated on the last weekend of the month. Please contact the office for more information about baptism and the other **Sacraments of Initiation**. For the celebration of **Marriage**, 6 months notice is necessary.

Parish Office/Rectory: 424-3757 Faith Formation Office: 424-4477 FAX: 424-1780
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 20th

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: For all parishioners and for the intentions of our Confirmation Students, their Sponsors and Teachers

SUNDAY, January 21st

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Rev. Donald Lafond req by a friend

10:30AM: John Guman, Jr req by his family

MONDAY, January 22nd

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all parishioners

TUESDAY, January 23rd

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the deceased priests of the Diocese

WEDNESDAY, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of the celebrant

THURSDAY, January 25th

NO MASS

FRIDAY, January 26th

St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Donald Rivard req by Gerry & Anne Duston

SATURDAY, January 27th

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Donald Rivard req by Ida Rossignoll

SUNDAY, January 28th

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: For All Parishioners

10:30AM: Antonio Jette req by his family

A New Way, A New World

In the reading from Jonah, God told him to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. When the whole city repented the very first day, they showed it by wearing sackcloth and fasting from food. Sometimes we might think that way: That repenting means punishing ourselves or feeling sorry. Jesus sees things differently. He preached repentance that was a change of heart, a new way of looking at things, a new way of acting. In the gospel today, we see an example. The first people he calls to be disciples were fisherman. They would have considered their family, their partners, and their boat as the most important things in their lives. You need all of them to be a successful fisherman. One man sitting on a dock with a pole could barely keep himself fed, much less support a family.

Yet the disciples don't even hesitate when called by Jesus. They leave behind their boats, their nets, even their father, to follow Jesus. They don't worry about what they will do, or look back at what they are leaving behind. Now they are fishers of men. Their "repentance" was more than just giving up sins. They were beginning a new life and a new way of looking at the world.

Saint Paul refers to this as a new world. By following Jesus, we put the values of the present world behind us and look forward to a new one. His examples could apply today as much as in his time. Marriages, joy, sadness, buying property are still considered important to worldly people. Paul doesn't expect everyone to stop doing those things. When he talks about not using the world fully, he means not fully engaged in the world, but looking to a better one, where God is more important than any passing pleasure or pain. Is your marriage an example of God's love for your friends and relatives? When you are rejoicing, do you give thanks to God? When weeping, do you ask for his help? When you are shopping, do you buy what you really need, or what you think will make you happy? Jesus calls us all to this new way of living. With Jesus, we can make a new world.

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MORNING MASS SNOW POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners and also to give our maintenance staff a chance to clear walkways and to make sure the parking lot is plowed, if Merrimack schools are closed or if there is a delayed opening, Mass is cancelled for that morning. We will call and reschedule the Mass intention for that day.



Parish Stewardship

Weekend of January 14th: \$5448.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!



★ SUNDAYS IN JANUARY....



Please join us for Bible Stories...

*Children of all ages are welcome, as well as interested adults.
Learn about fascinating individuals and events in our Church's history.*

★ Children appreciate and remember better through pictures and colorful visuals. While the Bible is filled with stories that can be used for teaching values and character to your children, the language and concepts may be too heavy for them to grasp. By storytelling with the help of storybooks – your child will be keen to listen and will be more likely to ask questions and will get motivated to read.

★ These stories will be read after the 10:30 AM Mass downstairs in the Church Hall during the month of January. **This week's story will be Noah's Ark.** We hope you can join us.



Moms & Tots



This is a group of parents who come together twice a month for social time. Parents stay (with their children) and visit with each other while the children play together (with parents in the same room) in our special children's area located in our parish office building or out in the play area, weather permitting. **Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24th from 10am to 12 noon. Please join us!!!**

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING
(Greeters and Ushers)**



The members of the Hospitality Ministry will be meeting on **Saturday, January 27th at 9:00 am in the Church.** We will be implementing some new procedures and would like to discuss them with you and to get your input.

We are also looking for new volunteers for this ministry and this would be a perfect opportunity for you to join us. If you are thinking you would like to become more involved in the parish, this ministry is a great way to begin. Please join us!!

Wednesday People... Since Christmas we have heard about different people having epiphanies about the unique nature of Jesus. This week's readings concern something we may not often think about: demons recognized Jesus as a man of God, and feared His power over them. You are invited to explore this reality and it's effect in the world. Wednesday night, January 24th @ 7 PM in the Parish Center.

*Our Lady of Mercy
120 Club*

The Ladies Guild would like to thank you for your support of the 120 Club over the years. We use the profits to help refurbish or replace furnishings in the Church. We also support Catholic Charities, the Giving Tree at Easter and Christmas, our seminarians, Community Hospice House and other charities.

The cost of the 120 Club is \$1.00 per week for 20 weeks for a total of \$20.00 at sign up. Each week 2 winning numbers will be drawn for a prize of \$25.00. On the twentieth week, eight numbers will be drawn. The first number will be the Grand Prize of \$250.00; the second number will win \$100.00; the third and fourth numbers will win \$50.00 each; the next four numbers pulled will win \$25.00 each. Winners will receive their prize in the mail.

Members of the Ladies Guild will be at the Church doors the weekend of January 27 & 28th to assist you in choosing your numbers. Please help support this fundraiser that benefits so many charities as well as the needs of our parish.

January 21, 2018



**Scout Sunday
February 4, 2018**



The Boy Scouts of America were founded on February 8, 1910. Scout Sunday was added to the scout celebration in the 1940's. The scout tradition was added to make people aware of the Scout Law which says that a "scout is reverent" and scouts of all ages promise to do their "duty to God". These values help to strengthen youth character in the family, community and their faith.

The Girl Scouts of America was begun by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. Her vision was an organization that would prepare girls to meet their world with courage, confidence and character. They played basketball, hiked, swam, camped, but most importantly they offered a helping hand to those in need and worked together to improve their corner of the world just as they continue to do today.

Please join us for Scout Sunday on February 4th at the 10:30 Mass here at Our Lady of Mercy. All cub scouts, girl scouts and boy scouts are welcome. We will meet downstairs in the Church Hall at 10:00 am. Please arrive in Class A uniform.

Home, Health & Hospice Foot Clinic

On **January 25th from 8am to 1:00 pm**, Our Lady of Mercy will be hosting a Foot Care Clinic in our Church Hall. The Foot Care Clinic is open to anyone 50 years of age or older who lives in Merrimack or the surrounding area. The cost is \$28.00 and is payable by cash or check at the time of the appointment.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please call Home Health and Hospice Care at 882-2941. For a full schedule of Foot Care Clinics, visit our website at www.hhhc.org.

Rosary Calendar Signups– It's Not too Late



Praying the Rosary is a wonderful way to ask our Blessed Mother to bring peace in our hearts and to offer spiritual support for life at all stages and in all vocations. Through prayer you can make a difference. More than ever we need love, guidance and the intercession of our Heavenly Mother Mary. She is our Queen of Peace!

Each day of January 2018 has been dedicated to a specific intention. To participate, simply sign your name on the day you wish to pray the Rosary. Each day can be chosen by more than one person.



VALENTINE PARISH POT LUCK SUPPER

Saturday, February 10, 2018
5:30 PM

Before we get busy with the rigors of Lent, it would be good to get together for some fun. This year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, so the Pot Luck will have a Valentine theme.

Bring a favorite dish to share: appetizer, side dish, entrée or dessert. Coffee, tea, lemonade and water will be provided along with some games and fun for the kids.



Bring the whole family and join us in the Church Hall after the 4:30 Mass on February 10th.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE February 1, 2018

There is a constant need for regular blood supply because blood can be stored for only a limited time before use. Regular blood donations by a sufficient number of healthy people are needed to ensure that safe blood will be available whenever and wherever it is needed. Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person — the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components — red cells, platelets and plasma — which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions.

A Blood Drive will be held here at Our Lady of Mercy on Thursday, February 1, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Church. Helping others in need just feels good. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. Appointments are encouraged, but walk ins are always welcome.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for January 20th through January 26, 2018 is lit in memory of **Donna Lewis and Bob Roy**.

If you would like to have the sanctuary lamp lit in memory of or for the intentions of a loved one, please call the parish office at 424-3757.

Information Page

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