

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

315 North Fifth Street, Highlands, North Carolina 28741



MASS SCHEDULE

Seasonal Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. (May 27-Oct 28, 2023)
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays
Tuesday Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.
Thursday—Adoration 8:30-9:20—Benediction 9:20am
English Mass 9:30 a.m.

Winter Schedule

Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays
Tuesday Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.
Thursday—Adoration 8:30-9:20—Benediction 9:20am
English Mass 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:30pm-3:55pm; Tuesday 9:10am-9:25am; Thursday 9:00am-9:15am

Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone

Mission Secretary—Lori McCarley

Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres

Sacristan—Mary Dodge

Mission Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023



Our vision is to become a beacon of Catholic faith on the plateau by giving due glory to God and greater love to our neighbors.

Our mission is to walk humbly in God's presence through prayer and service as a loving Catholic community dedicated to the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Schedule

Date	Mass	Intention/Requested
9/23/23	Low English Mass	Mike Leist+ By Love Family
9/24/23	Sung English Mass	Steve and Julie Stuckey By Hank and Tessa Stuckey
9/26/23	Low Latin Mass	Mary Pittari+ By the Pittari Family
9/28/23	Low English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By The Pittari Family
9/30/23	Low English Mass	Mike Leist+ By The Love Family
10/1/23	Sung English Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox

Mass Key

Low Mass: little/no singing and no incense.

Sung Mass: hymns and moderate chanting and may have some incense.

Solemn Mass: hymns, heavy chanting, and incense.

Mass Date	Offertory	MTD Online Giving	Attendance
Sept. 16 & 17, 2023	\$3,167.00*	\$2,612.57	193
Priest's Retirement	\$908.00*	\$300.00	

*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

Men's and Women's Club Meeting

Tuesday—October 17, 2023

5:00pm Meeting—6:00pm Dinner

Join the fun and service to our parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, September 22
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, September 23
Office and Church Closed
Confessions 3:30pm
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 24
First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, September 25
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, September 26
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Confirmation Class 6:00pm @ StJ

Wednesday, September 27
Office & Church CLOSED

Thursday, September 28
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
Confessions @ 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Adult Catechesis @ 10:00am

Friday, September 29
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, September 30
Confessions 3:30pm
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 1
First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, October 2
Office and Church Closed

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NUTS AND BOLTS

Thank you to everyone for making payments to your pledge. Reminders will be sent via mail or email but, you may make a payment at anytime. Payments can be made via mail, or by dropping it off in the offertory basket or at the office. Notate capital campaign in the memo line. You may also pay online by using your Parish Soft Offering account or create an account at this [Link](#).

Stock Gifts—When using stock for your donation, complete form provided on OLM website. Page 1 is to be mailed to the diocese. Page 2 is given to your broker. Diocese cannot process in a timely manner unless Page 1 is received.



It's Not Too Late to Pledge

You may still make a pledge to *Building a Beacon of Catholic Faith* capital campaign either by dropping your commitment card in the offertory basket or at the office. You may also pledge online on our website or at this [Link](#).



Father Barone's Column

A Most Recent Letter from Bishop Athanasius Schneider of Kazakhstan to Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas (Part I)



Your Excellency, Bishop Strickland, dear and esteemed brother in the episcopate!

It is for me a privilege and a joy to express to you all my gratitude and appreciation for your intrepid dedication to uncompromisingly keep, transmit, and defend the Catholic faith, which the apostles handed over to the Church and with which all the generations of Catholics, especially our ancestors, our fathers and mothers, our priests and religious sisters-catechists, were themselves nurtured. In all truth we can apply to you, dear Bishop Strickland, what St. Basil once stated in his time: "The one charge which is now sure to secure severe punishment is the careful keeping of the traditions of the Fathers." (Ep. 243)

Let me share with you the following highly timely words of the same great and saint bishop:

The doctrines of true religion are overthrown. The laws of the Church are in confusion. The ambition of men, who have no fear of God, rushes into high posts in the Church, and exalted office is now publicly known as the prize of impiety. The result is that the worse a man blasphemes, the fitter the people think him to be a bishop. Clerical dignity is a thing of the past. There is a complete lack of men shepherding the Lord's flock with knowledge. Churchmen in authority are afraid to speak, for those of them who have reached power by human interest are the slaves of those to whom they owe their advancement. Faith is uncertain; souls are drenched in ignorance because adulterators of the word imitate the truth. The mouths of true believers are dumb, while every blasphemous tongue wags free; holy things are trodden under foot. (Ep. 92)

We are living indeed in such a time, as described by St. Basil with such a striking similarity.

The words of St. Basil in his Letter to Pope St. Damasus, in which he was asking the pope's help and efficacious intervention, are fully applicable to our situation today:

The wisdom of this world wins the highest prizes in the Church and has rejected the glory of the cross. Shepherds are banished, and in their places are introduced grievous wolves hurrying the flock of Christ. Houses of prayer have none to assemble in them; desert places are full of lamenting crowds. The elders lament when they compare the present with the past. The younger are yet more to be compassionated, for they do not know of what they have been deprived. (Ep. 90)...

Rosary Volunteers Needed

Would you like to lead the rosary before Mass,
either Saturday or Sunday?



Sign up sheet at the front door.
Your volunteerism is greatly
appreciated!

HOLY HOUR—October 7th @ 3:00pm

Please join Fr. Barone and your fellow parishioners for a Holy Hour on October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Our main prayer intention will be for the continued success and building of our new church. Your prayers can make a difference for OLM. During the Holy Hour, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray, be silent, recite the rosary and have benediction.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Suzette Oleksyk, Denise Cook, Bishop Gregory, Maureen Pierce, Marianne Mahaffey, Teri Dolci, Zan Smith, Mary Beth Brody, John Wilding, Paul Schmitt, Carolyn Bruce

MILITARY/DEPLOYED

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military and contract workers deployed in dangerous areas.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Jim and Thelma Petrone, Jef Kotzan, Adele Hopkins, Fred Wooldridge, Dorice Pulte, James Urbanski, Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn, Lucille Devane, Carolyn Neupauer, James and Laure Walsh, Joan Hatch, Steve Fox, Lee Smith, Sue Schulte, Marilyn Riva, George Schmitt, Frank Neely, Patricia Bollinger

THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN PREGNANCY CARE CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Seating Will Be Limited

Register For Free Today



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
RAFFLE BEGINS @ 4:30 PM

315 MAIN ST. HIGHLANDS, N.C.
DINNER @ 6 PM

Fr. Barone's door is always open.

If you'd like to schedule an appointment,

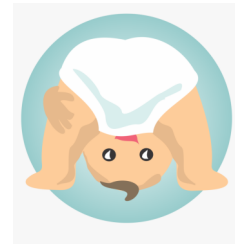
please call John Paul at 828-487-5536 or email him at

ExecAsstOLMSTJ@gmail.com



Diaper Drive

The month of October—Bring to Mass or drop off at the office.



Benefits Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center

Register to attend @ SmokyPartners.com

Ongoing Donations

Highlands Food Pantry

The OLM Ladies Club are collecting donations of toiletry items each week to support our local community food bank. Bins are located at each door for drop offs.



Are you in need of catching up on your sacraments? Have you not yet received baptism, first Holy Communion, confirmation? Do you need to have your marriage regularized in the Catholic Church? Please contact the office. We would like to help.

Father Barone's Fallen Away Catholics Homily is on the Sensus Fidelium YouTube channel and is titled "A Diabolic Plot to Destroy the Church as Propheesied by Heaven: A Message for Fallen Away Catholics"

Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

Follow up on our speaker, Paul Zucarelli by visiting his website:

<https://faithunderstood.org/>



Back by Popular Demand!

OktoberFest

October 25th @ 5:00pm in Hall

BRATS

BEER



GERMAN

FOOD

And B-I-N-G-O

With lots of prizes!!!!

Pray your rosary!