

# 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



### Staff

Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone  
Mission Secretary—Lori McCarley  
Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres  
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**Visit our You Tube Channel**

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

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# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 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
10/21/23	Low English Mass	Campaign Benefactors
10/22/23	Sung English Mass	Jacob & Lucy Lopez By Lee Havron
10/24/23	Low Latin Mass	Father Francis Xavier+ By OLM Parishioners
10/26/23	Low English Mass	Matthew McGowan By Ted & Nancy McGowan
10/28/23	Low English Mass	Father Francis Xavier+ By OLM Parishioners
10/29/23	Sung English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By The Pittari Family

### 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
Oct. 7 & 8, 2023	\$6,188.00		291
Oct. 14 & 15, 2023	\$4,796.00	\$3,213.46	240

\*Includes Sunday offertory collection and mailed in donations.

## 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.**

## PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, October 20  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, October 21  
Office and Church Closed  
Confessions 3:30pm-3:55pm  
Rosary @ 3:40pm  
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 22  
**First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ**  
Rosary @ 10:40am  
Mass @ 11:00am  
Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, October 23  
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, October 24  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
Confessions @ 9:10am-9:25am  
Mass @ 9:30am  
**Confirmation Class @ 6:00pm St. Jude**

Wednesday, October 25  
Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, October 26  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
Holy Hour/Adoration 8:30am-9:20am  
Confessions 9:00am-9:15am  
Benediction @ 9:20am

Friday, October 27  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, October 28  
Office and Church Closed  
Confessions 3:30pm-3:55  
Rosary @ 3:40pm  
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 29  
**First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ**  
Rosary @ 10:40am  
Mass @ 11:00am  
SMPCC Van Tour after Mass  
Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

## 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

Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem Offers to be Exchanged for Hostages Held by Hamas  
~Excerpts from a [catholicnewsagency.com](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com) article



The Latin Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem has offered to be exchanged for the children being held hostage in the Gaza Strip by Hamas.

Speaking to journalists via video conference on Oct. 16, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa was asked if he would be willing to offer himself in exchange to free the children hostages who were taken in Hamas' attack on Israel last week. The cardinal responded that he is willing to do anything to "bring those children home."

"Am I ready for an exchange? Anything, if that can lead to freedom and bring those children home, no problem. There is an absolute availability on my part," the cardinal said.

Israel Defense Forces announced Monday that 199 Israeli hostages, including children, are being held by Hamas and that the military is trying to understand where they are being held in Gaza. Hamas terrorists had threatened last week to kill one hostage every time that Israel's military bombs civilian targets in Gaza.

The cardinal underlined that it is necessary "to find a way to get the hostages back." "We are willing to help, even me personally," he added.

Pizzaballa, who serves as the head of Latin Catholics living in Israel, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, and Cyprus, noted that he had not had any direct communication with Hamas since the surprise attack on Israel on Oct. 7.

Pizzaballa has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land on Tuesday, Oct. 17, urging Catholics to organize times of prayer with Eucharistic adoration and recitation of the rosary "to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation."

"In this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear," he said.

"That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish."

### October is Respect Life Month

The number of abortions performed in North Carolina dropped by 31% after a new state law prohibiting abortions after 12 weeks' gestation took effect. The Care for Women, Children and Families Act ([SB 20](#)) took effect on July 1, 2023, leading to 1,310 fewer abortions performed in North Carolina in July, compared to June, a study has [found](#). The analysis was performed by the Guttmacher Institute, an anti-life research group that was founded as a part of Planned Parenthood.

SB 20 was passed by the North Carolina legislature on May 4, 2023. Gov. Roy Cooper proceeded to veto the bill on May 14. However, both the North Carolina House of Representatives and Senate overrode the governor's veto on May 16. After the law was signed, anti-life groups like Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and a North Carolina abortionist sued to block the law.

On September 30, Judge Catherine Eagles [ruled](#) to keep the vast majority of the law intact and in place, though she blocked two provisions that (1) require surgical abortions after 12 weeks be performed only in hospitals and (2) require an ultrasound to confirm an intrauterine pregnancy prior to a chemical abortion. Any appeal of Judge Eagles' ruling will go to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Please pray that judges will uphold SB 20 upon any appeal that may be filed.

#### 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



## Our Lady of the Mountains Oktober Fest

October 25th @ 5:00pm in Hall  
Everything is Free

**And B-I-N-G-O**

With lots of prizes!!!!

BRATS



GERMAN

BEER

FOOD

**Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli**

Presentation on His Near Death  
Experience

[Click here to view](#)



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.

Watch or share Father Barone's homily for fallen away Catholics that now has 218K views on YouTube.



### Diaper Drive

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

Benefits  
Smoky Mountain  
Pregnancy  
Care Center



### Tour Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center Van



Sunday,  
March 29th  
After 11:00am  
Mass

**Fr. Barone's door is always open.**

If you'd like to schedule an appointment,  
please call John Paul at  
828-526-2418 or email him at  
ExecAsstOLMSTJ@gmail.com



**Men's and Women's Club Meeting**

**Tuesday—November 14, 2023**

5:00pm Meeting—6:00pm Dinner

Join the fun and service to our parish

### Seminarians in Need

"Occasionally, a seminarian will ask me (Father Barone) if I know someone who can sponsor a particular need. For instance, airfare to Newark because he has a free trip to the Holy Land, but is responsible for getting to Newark. I thought it might be helpful to have a private list of potential benefactors so that when a request comes my way, I can connect them to interested potential sponsors. If you're interested, please let the office know."

# Pray your rosary!