

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

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Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres

Sacristan—Mary Dodge

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 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
10/7/23	Low English Mass	Mike Leist+ By Love Family
10/8/23	Sung English Mass	Steven Fox+ By Sharon Fox
10/10/23	Low Latin Mass	Luke Hsaing By Jim Schulte
10/12/23	Low English Mass	Marion Cochran+ By Robert & Caroline De-Marco
10/14/12	Low English Mass	Mike Leist+ By The Love Family
10/15/23	Sung English Mass	DeDe Barton+ By Dixie Barton

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
September 30, 2023	\$1,253.00*	\$1,223.93	56
October 1, 2023	\$3,610.00		158

*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 6
Office and Church Closed
Blessing of the Animals 12:00 noon

Saturday, October 7
Office and Church Closed
Holy Hour/Adoration 3:00pm-4:00pm
Confessions 3:30pm-3:50pm
Rosary 3:30pm
Benediction 3:50pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 8
First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, October 9
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, October 10
Office and Church Open 9:00am-12:00pm
Confessions @ 9:10am
Mass @ 9:30am
Confirmation Class @ 6:00pm St. Jude

Wednesday, October 11
Office & Church Closed all day
Zoning Board Mtg @ 6:00pm Community Bldg

Thursday, October 12
Office and Church Open 9:00am-12:00pm
Holy Hour/Adoration 8:30am-9:20am
Confessions 9:00am-9:15am
Benediction 9:20am
Mass @ 9:30am

Friday, October 13
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, October 14
Confessions 3:30pm-3:55
Recitation of the Rosary 3:40pm
Mass @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 15
First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ
Recitation of the Rosary 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
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

A Whirlwind in Rome This Week

As anticipated, October in general, and the Synod on Synodality in particular, is proving to be quite a momentous time in Rome and in the history of the Church. The voluminous amount of news coming from the Eternal City is too much for much comment here. Rather, I will simply summarize the salient bits of news:



- In 2016, four Cardinals issued what are called “dubia” or “questions” (something commonly practiced throughout the history of the Church) to Pope Francis asking for clarity after his momentous document *Amoris Laetitia* seemed to suggest a break in the perennial practice of the Church as regards sacraments for the divorced and remarried. The Holy Father never responded. So...
- In July this year, Cardinal Duka, representing the Bishop Conference of the Czech Republic, likewise issued “dubia” to the Pope largely on the same matter. This time, Pope Francis and his new prefect for the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Fernandez, responded on September 25 (and publicized this week) confirming suspicions in 2016 that the Holy Father intended to break with the Church’s perennial teaching.
- On Monday, we learned that five Cardinals submitted dubia in July on a variety of issues in light of the selection of various churchmen to lead the synod who had made heretical statements. The Vatican did respond quickly to these dubia, but did not do so in the traditional yes/no fashion but gave rather ambiguous responses. In August, the same Cardinals issued new dubia requesting yes/no responses. They received no response, so on Monday they released their dubia publicly. Cardinal Fernandez responded that the Pope is not a slave to their questions suggesting no intention of answering.
- What has captured the most attention is one of the ambiguous responses from the Vatican in July to the dubia which suggests that priests could, on their own, discern whether or not to bless same-sex couples.

All of this has transpired in the last 48 hours. As I write this on Wednesday morning, the actual synod is just now beginning. We can expect a lot more news and perhaps history these coming days and weeks. Please pray for the Church. Please view all of these matters through the lens of faith and fidelity to Jesus Christ and not power politics. This world will soon pass; it is our job to keep the faith. Our faith is unchanging and unchangeable. The “weaponized ambiguity” that we see on full display suggests change, but Jesus is the same yesterday, today, forever.

October is Respect Life Month

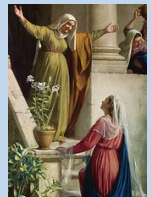
A Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.



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

Back by Popular Demand!

OktoberFest

October 25th @ 5:00pm in Hall

And B-I-N-G-O

With lots of prizes!!!!

BRATS



GERMAN

BEER

FOOD

Diaper Drive

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

Benefits
Smoky Mountain
Pregnancy
Care Center



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



Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

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

<https://faithunderstood.org/>



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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.

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

Rosary Volunteers Needed

Would you like to lead the rosary before Mass,

Saturday or Sunday?

Sign up sheet at the front door.

Your volunteerism is greatly



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



Visit our YouTube Channel by scanning the QR code at left. View past homilies, adult catechesis classes, and more!

Ladies!

Save the Date

Advent Luncheon

November 30, 2023



Pray your rosary!