

# 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  
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# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 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
10/28/23	Low English Mass	Father Francis Xavier+ By OLM Parishioners
10/29/23	Sung English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By The Pittari Family
10/31/23	No Mass	No Mass
11/1/23	Low English Mass	All Saints Day
11/2/23	Low English Mass	All Souls Novena
11/5/23	Sung English Mass	All Souls Novena

### 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. 21 & 22, 2023	\$4,605.00	\$4,114.06	251
World Missions	\$800.00	*****	*****

\*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 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

Monday, October 30  
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, October 31  
Office and Church Open 9:00am–3:00pm

Wednesday, November 1—All Saints Day  
Office & Church Open 9:00am–3:00pm  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Confessions 9:10am–9:25am  
Mass @ 9:30am

Thursday, November 2—All Souls Day  
Office and Church Open 9:00am–3:00pm  
Holy Hour/Adoration 8:30am–9:30am  
Confessions 9:00am–9:15am  
Mass @ 9:30am

Friday, November 3  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, November 4  
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, November 5  
**First Communion Class 10:15am @ StJ**  
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

### The Real Story That Inspired 'The Exorcist'

Excerpts From: 'Priest Frees Mt. Rainier Boy Reported Held in Devil's Grip'  
The Washington Post, Aug. 20, 1949



In what is perhaps one of the most remarkable experiences of its kind in recent religious history, a 14-year-old Mount Rainier boy has been freed by a Catholic priest of possession by the devil, Catholic sources reported yesterday.

Only after between 20 and 30 performances of the ancient ritual of exorcism, here and in St. Louis, was the devil finally cast out of the boy, it was said.

In all except the last of these, the boy broke into a violent tantrum of screaming, cursing and voicing of Latin phrases—a language he had never studied—whenever the priest reached the climactic point of the ritual, "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, I cast thee (the devil) out."

In complete devotion to his task, the priest stayed with the boy over a period of two months, during which he said he personally witnessed such manifestations as the bed in which the boy was sleeping suddenly moving across the room.

A Washington Protestant minister had previously reported personally witnessing similar manifestations, including one in which the pallet on which the sleeping boy lay slid slowly across the floor until the boy's head bumped against a bed, awakening him.

The boy was taken to Georgetown University Hospital here where his affliction was exhaustively studied, and to St. Louis University. Finally, both Catholic hospitals, said the priest, reported they were unable to cure the boy through natural means. Only then, said a priest here, was a supernatural cure sought.

The ritual was undertaken by a St. Louis priest—a Jesuit in his 50s—who devoted himself to the task through prayers and fasting. The ritual began in St. Louis, continued here and finally ended in St. Louis.

Repeatedly, each time the ritual was performed, the final violent reaction would come from the boy when the words were spoken, "I cast thee out"—a reaction of profanity and screaming and the astounding use of Latin phrases, the priest was reported as saying.

In one manifestation the boy reported that he had seen a vision of St. Michael casting out the devil.

Finally, at the last performance of the ritual, the boy was quiet. Since then, it was reported, all manifestations have ceased.

### October is Respect Life Month

In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love. Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they, too, often face challenging circumstances in answering God's call to welcome new life. During times of difficulty and anxiety, we pray that Our Lady will draw pregnant mothers close to her heart and, through her intercession, bring comfort, encouragement, and joyful hope. In bravely living out their vocation, mothers reflect the sacrificial love of Christ on a daily basis. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may we work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need.



From [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com)

#### 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,



## Mass Schedule for Week of October 30th

Tuesday—No Mass

Wednesday—All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation  
9:30am OLM - 12:00 noon STJ

Thursday—All Souls Day  
9:30am OLM - 12 noon StJ

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offertory gift online.  
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**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.



### Seminarists 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."

### 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](mailto: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

### 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.



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# Pray your rosary!