

# 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 25-Oct 26, 2024)  
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays  
Tuesday Latin Mass 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday—Adoration 8:30-9:30  
English Mass 9:30 a.m.

### Winter Schedule

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

### Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:30pm-3:55pm (in season)  
Tuesday 9:10am-9:25am  
Thursday 9:00am-9:15am

### Staff

Parochial Administrator—Rev. Fr. Jason Barone  
Church Secretary—Lori McCarley  
Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres  
Sacristan—Mary Dodge

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

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# Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 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
11/12/23	Sung English Mass	All Souls Novena
11/14/23	Low Latin Mass	Capital Campaign Benefactors
11/16/23	Low English Mass	DeDe Barton+ By Dixie Barton
11/19/23	Sung English Mass	Private Intention
11/21/23	Low Latin Mass	Mary Pittari+ By Pittari Family
11/23/23	Low English Mass	Mike Leist+ By The Love Family

### Mass Key

*Low Mass:* little/no singing and no incense.  
*Sung Mass:* hymns and moderate chanting and may have incense.  
*Solemn Mass:* hymns, extensive chanting, and incense.

Mass Date	Offertory	MTD Online Giving	Attendance
Nov 5, 2023	\$1,912.08	\$810.60	115
Seminarian Education	\$1,770.00	*****	*****

\*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, November 10  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, November 11  
Office and Church Closed

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

Monday, November 13  
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, November 14  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
Confessions 9:10am-9:25am  
Collective Morning Prayer 9:15am  
Mass @ 9:30am  
Men's & Women's Club Mtg 5:00pm

Wednesday, November 15  
Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, November 16  
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm  
Holy Hour/Adoration 8:30am-9:30am  
Confessions 9:00am-9:15am  
Collective Morning Prayer 9:15am  
Mass @ 9:30am

Friday, November 17  
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, November 18  
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, November 19  
**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](#).



### Coat Drive

Donate new or slightly used/clean coats to Highlands families in need.



Drop off is at the church office T,W,R or in the bins at each church door when coming to Masses.

## Father Barone's Column

How Did Christ Structure His Church?  
~Fr. Barone



Kingdoms are run by a king. Kingdoms have a particular and hierarchical structure that are decidedly not egalitarian. Our Lord came proclaiming the arrival of the Kingdom of God.

This Kingdom was not created from nothing but constituted the fulfillment of the Old Testament (OT) Kingdom of David, which was promised to last forever (see 2 Sam 7) but seemed to have dissolved after the Babylonian Exile. Further, the Old Testament kingdom had a particular structure: the King, the Queen Mother, the Over-the-House (prime minister) who possessed the keys of the kingdom and ruled in the king's name (see Is 22); twelve governors to rule twelve districts of the kingdom (see 1 Kings 4).

The OT kingdom with its structure is fulfilled in Jesus, Mary, Peter (and his successors, the popes), and the twelve Apostles (and their successors, the bishops in union with the pope). The Church in the first century as represented in Acts of the Apostles was ruled hierarchically. See Acts Ch. 5 for a particularly vivid example of the consequences of lying to Peter.

The first council, held in Jerusalem (Acts 15), is also an illustrative example wherein a theological debate arose regarding circumcision. The Apostles gathered to discuss the matter, and after much debate, Peter stood up and definitively resolved the issue. There was no egalitarian walking together or "synodal process."

This hierarchically exercised authority was founded on the authority Christ gave them: "as the Father has sent me, so I send you (with authority)" (see Jn 20); and "all authority on heaven and earth has been given to me, go therefore..." (Mt 28:28).

If Christ intended a "synodal process," why has it taken 2,000 years to appear? If there's any confusion or doubt regarding how Christ intended to structure his church through the Apostles, we have the example of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, a disciple of the Apostles themselves and bishop of a major apostolic church. He certainly understood the structure of the Apostolic Church

Of the following quotes, does Saint Ignatius reflect a hierarchical or "synodal" Church structure?

"See that you all follow the bishop, even as Jesus Christ does the Father, and the priests as you would the apostles; and reverence the deacons, as being the institution of God. Let no man do anything connected with the Church without the bishop" (Smyrniacs, Ch 8).

"In like manner, let all reverence the deacons as an appointment of Jesus Christ, and the bishop as Jesus Christ, who is the Son of the Father, and the priests as the sanhedrin of God, and assembly of the apostles. Apart from these, there is no Church (Trallians, Ch. 3)."

## Ladies Advent Luncheon

**Thursday, November 30**

**All Are Welcome!**

**RSVP**

**828-526-2418 (Parish office)**

**by November 27th**



### Program

<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Holy Hour (available)</b>
<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Mass (available)</b>
<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Gather Together in Hall</b>
<b>10:15 A.M.</b>	<b>Speaker: Denise Jones</b>
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

### 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

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### Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

Presentation on His Near Death  
Experience

[Click here to view](#)

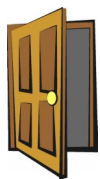


Are you in need of catching up on your sacraments?  
Have you not yet received baptism, first Holy Com-  
munion, confirmation? Do you need to have your  
marriage regularized in the Catholic Church?

Please contact the office. We would like to help.

### 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."



**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)

Watch or share



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

**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

Visit our

YouTube

Channel



### 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.



### November

#### Praying for the Dead

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon them. May  
their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in  
peace. Amen.*

*Like the seed buried in the ground, you  
have produced the harvest of eternal life  
for us; make us always dead to sin and  
alive to God. Amen.*



#### St. Gertrude Prayer

Eternal Father,  
I offer You the most precious blood  
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said  
throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the universal Church,  
for those in my own home,  
and in my family. Amen.

# Pray your rosary!