

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 a.m.—9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayers & Lauds 9:15 a.m.
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 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayers & Lauds 9:15 a.m.
English Mass 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 3:30 p.m.-3:55 p.m. (in season)
Tuesday 9:10 a.m.- 9:25 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 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
11/19/23	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
11/26/23	Sung English Mass	Patricia Pittari+ By The Pittari Family
11/28/23	Low Latin Mass	Unni Kaltenbacher+ By Donald & Karen Grierson
11/30/23	Low English Mass	Jimmy Rodriguez+ Tom and Rose Hill

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 12, 2023	\$2,390.00*	\$1,161.20	115

*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 any-time. 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 17
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, November 18
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, November 19
Rosary @ 10:40am
Mass @ 11:00am
Food, Fun & Fellowship 12:00 pm

Monday, November 20
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, November 21
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
Confession 9:10am-9:25am
Morning Prayer 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, November 22
Office & Church Closed

Thursday, November 23
Holy Hour/Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
Confessions 9:00am-9:15am
Collective Morning Prayer 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am
Office and Church Closed

Friday, November 24
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, November 25
Office and Church Closed

Sunday, November 26
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](#).



Help bring a smile to a child's face! Choose an ornament from the tree, buy the gift, return by 12/13/23.



Father Barone's Column

The Real First Thanksgiving in America

Over a half century before the pilgrims shared their harvest meal in 1621 on what we base our American Thanksgiving festivities, another Thanksgiving took place in St. Augustine, FL. "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," and it was in 1565 in Florida where the first Mass took place in what would become the U.S. From www.missionandshrine.org:



On September 8, 1565, five ships sailed into a small cove on the coastline of what was known to the Spanish as "La Florida." Under the command of General Pedro Menéndez de Aviles, they came to the New World from Spain sent by King Philip II. They arrived in hopes of establishing a colony, securing the land for Spain, and most importantly, to convert the native American Indians to Christianity. Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales, recorded the day's events in his diary...

"On Saturday the eighth the General landed with many banners spread, to the sounds of trumpets and the salutes of artillery. As I had gone ashore the evening before, I took a cross and went to meet him, singing the hymn 'Te Deum Laudamus.' The General, followed by all who accompanied him, marched up to the cross, knelt and kissed it. A large number of Indians watched these proceedings and imitated all that they saw done."

Following Menéndez' veneration of the Cross, thus proclaiming this land in the name of God (Nombre de Dios) Father Lopez celebrated Mass at a rustic altar made of wood. The sky served as the roof for what was the first parish Mass in what is now the United States. It was on this sacred ground that the Spanish settlers would begin devotion to Our Lady of La Leche, Nuestra Señora de La Leche y Buen Parto, Mary nursing the infant Jesus. In the early 1600s, the Spanish settlers of St. Augustine established the first Shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the United States.

Today, more than 450 years later, an image of Our Lady of La Leche – Our Lady of the Milk and Happy Delivery – graces a small mission chapel in the heart of what is lovingly referred to as the "sacred acre." Pilgrims come from all parts of the world to pray for her powerful intercession. They pray for fertility, for the health of their children, for safe delivery of those expecting. Their prayers continue to be answered, and many return in thanksgiving to share with us their stories. We invite you to come join us – to stand on holy and sacred ground where our story of the conversion of hearts and the graces of Mary continues.

Ladies Advent Luncheon

Thursday, November 30

All Are Welcome!

RSVP

828-526-2418 (Parish office)

by November 27th



Program

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

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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Please consider making your
offertory gift online.

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Guest Speaker: Paul Zucarelli

Presentation on His Near Death
Experience

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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.

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

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.



Watch or share

Father Barone's homily for

Fallen away Catholics that now has 275K views on YouTube.



St. Gertrude Prayer

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



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.



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!