

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
Church Secretary—Lori McCarley
Executive Assistant—John Paul Torres
Sacristan—Mary Dodge

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 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
11/5/23	Sung English Mass	All Souls Novena
11/7/23	Low Latin Mass	All Souls Novena
11/9/23	Low English Mass	All Souls Novena
11/12/23	Sung English Mass	All Souls Novena
11/14/23	Low Latin Mass	Campaign Benefactors
11/16/23	Low 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.

Mass Date	Offertory	MTD Online Giving	Attendance
Oct. 28, 2023	\$1,555.00	\$510.00	72
Oct. 29, 2023	\$2,303.00	*****	129

*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 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

Monday, November 6
Office and Church Closed

Tuesday, November 7
Office and Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm
Confessions 9:10am-9:25am
Collective Morning Prayer 9:15am
Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, November 8
Office & Church Open 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, November 9
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 10
Office and Church Closed

Saturday, November 11
Office and Church Closed

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

Ladies Advent Luncheon

Thursday, November 30

10:00am

RSVP: 828-526-2418 (Parish office)



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

Excerpts from CNA's Article: "Pope Francis on Women Deacons: 'Holy Orders is Reserved for Men'"



Pope Francis reaffirmed the impossibility of women becoming priests, or even modern Church deacons, in an interview for a book released Tuesday in Italy.

The question of whether some women in the early Church were "deaconesses" or another kind of collaborator with the bishops is "not irrelevant, because holy orders is reserved for men," the pope said.

The pope's answers to questions about women's roles in the Church were included in a book published in June in Spanish...whose title means in English "The Shepherd: Struggles, Reasons, and Thoughts on His Papacy," was released in Italian on Oct. 24.

About the possibility of women deacons, Francis pointed out that the diaconate "is the first degree of holy orders in the Catholic Church, followed by the priesthood and finally the episcopate." He said he formed commissions in 2016 and 2020 to study the question further, after a study in the 1980s by the International Theological Commission established that the role of deaconesses in the early Church "was comparable to the benedictions of abbesses."

In response to a question about why he is "against female priesthood," Francis told Argentine journalist Sergio Rubin and Italian journalist Francesca Ambrogetti, the authors of the book, that it is "a theological problem."

"I think we would undermine the essence of the Church if we considered only the priestly ministry, that is, the ministerial way," he said, pointing out that women mirror Jesus' bride the Church.

"The fact that the woman does not access ministerial life is not a deprivation, because her place is much more important," he said. "I think we err in our catechesis in explaining these things, and ultimately we fall back on an administrative criterion that does not work in the long run."

"On the other hand, with respect to the charism of women, I want to say very clearly that from my personal experience, they have a great ecclesial intuition," he said.

Asked about women's ordination bringing "more people closer to the Church" and optional priestly celibacy helping with priest shortages, Pope Francis said he does not share these views.

"Lutherans ordain women, but still few people go to church," he said. "Their priests can marry, but despite that they can't grow the number of ministers. The problem is cultural. We should not be naive and think that programmatic changes will bring us the solution."



November 5th

Special
Collection



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

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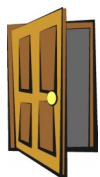


Are you in need of catching up on your sacraments?
Have you not yet received baptism, first Holy Com-
munion, confirmation? Do you need to have your
marriage regularized in the Catholic Church?

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

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!