

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
and IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**
August 23, 2026 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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SACRAMENTAL/PRAYER LIFE

Our Lady of Fatima

Mass Schedule:

**8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &
Friday**

5:30 p.m. Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Saturday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Fridays at OLF

Reconciliation/Confession - OLF

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday

Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday

**Anointing the Sick & Baptism: Please contact
the Rectory to make arrangements.**

**Marriage: Please contact the Rectory at least
six months in advance.**

**Homebound / Hospitalized: Communion brought
to anyone unable to attend Mass. Please call Paul
Gorman 603-526-4353, Marc Clement at 603-526-
6851 or Cheryl Dean at 603-770-6622.**

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Donald Clinton pastor@olfic.org
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Music Director	Paul Gorman
Faith Formation Coordinator	Jessica Kelley ljff@olfic.org
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PARISH MISSION

Our Lady of Fatima and Immaculate Conception Parish is a Catholic faith community called by God to holiness. Our calling is realized in a spirit of love, unity and hospitality. As a faith community, we will deepen our knowledge and love of God in Christ. We will seek to contribute our time, talent and other resources in a spirit of service based on our Baptismal commitment, founded on the Word of God and celebrated in sacramental life, especially Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time



The Living Flame Week
For the Intentions of Margaret and Ed Murphy

Saturday, August 22 11:00 AM

Madison Mary Brady Baptism - IC

Saturday, August 22, 5:00 PM

Ernest and Theresa Venti (dec) *by* Anthony and Carla Venti

Sunday, August 23, 8:30 AM

Irene Dutra (dec) *by* Cheryl Dean

Sunday, August 23, 10:30 AM

Sharon McCue Nakagawa (dec) *by* Liz McCue

Monday, August 24, 8:30 AM

For The People

Monday, August 24, 6:00 PM

McLoughlin Wedding

Tuesday, August 25, 8:30 AM

The Mary Thayer Family (liv) *by* Mary Thayer

Wednesday, August 26, 5:30 PM

For Bishop Peter Libasci

Thursday, August 27, 8:30 AM

Thomas Guterl (dec) *by* The Guterl Family

Friday, August 28, 8:30 AM

James F. Clinton, Sr. (dec)

Saturday, August 29, 5:00 PM

Cyril and Mary Drake (liv) *by* Jackie Diebold

Sunday, August 30, 8:30 AM

For The People

Sunday, August 23, 10:30 AM

Special Intention

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

August 16, 2026

	OLF	IC
Envelopes	\$ 715.	\$ 205.
Loose Cash	\$ 5,367.	\$ 508.
E-Giving	\$ 3,060	
Grand Total	\$ 9,855	

BANS OF MARRIAGE

Third Band

Michael Patrick Fraioli and Aisha Piale Wesoja

Let's Give Barbara a Birthday Card Shower !



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KELLY
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IS TURNING 89 ON SEPTEMBER 3rd

Help her celebrate by filling her mailbox with Birthday Cards and well wishes of special memories.

No Gifts, please - Just cards and wishes.

Mail Cards To
Barbara Kelly Symonds
37 Cheney Road
Newbury, NH 03255

LIVESTREAM MASS

Watch our 10:30 am Sunday Mass via Livestream. Go to: OLFIC.ORG scroll to LIVESTREAM and press enter.

PARISH WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Mon. Aug 24,</u>	8:30 am - Mass OLF 9:00 am Rosary - OLF 6:00 pm McLoughlin Wedding - OLF
<u>Tue Aug 25,</u>	7:00-8:30 am Men's Scripture Hall OLF 8:30 am - Mass OLF 9:00 am Rosary
<u>Wed. Aug 26,</u>	5:30 pm Mass - OLF
<u>Thu Aug 27,</u>	8:30 am Mass - OLF
<u>Fri Aug 28,</u>	8:30 am Mass- OLF 9-10 am Adoration at OLF
<u>Sat Aug 29,</u>	8:30-12:30 pm Shredding Day - OLF Lot 4-4:45 pm Confessions - OLF 5:00 pm Mass - OLF
<u>Sun Aug 30,</u>	8:30 am Mass - IC

PARISH NEWS NOTES

- ♦ Are you unable to attend Sunday Mass? Go to OLFIC.Org - scroll to Livestream and press enter.
- ♦ **Please silence your cellphones while in church.**
- ♦ Our parish-wide participation of the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal is important - please consider donating today. Envelopes are in the Narthex or in the parish office.
- ♦ Parish Office - is open Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am-3:00pm and is closed on Fridays.
- ♦ **Our next Second Collection is coming up on October 18th for World Mission Sunday .**
- ♦ Mom's Group (Mother to Mother) meets every first Thursday at 2pm and third Thursday at 5 PM in the OLF Hall. For more information please call Nicole at 603-703-4977.
- ♦ Parish Picnic will accept good will offerings. Please bring a salad or dessert.
- ♦ **Our Annual Shredding Day is Saturday, August 29th from 8:30 am -12:30 pm. Non perishable food items will be accepted. Thank you.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The Pastoral Council of OLF/IC met on Monday, August 10. Father Donald gave an update on on Capital Projects. The Library/Meeting room's remodel is near completion. The Septic system has been repaired. A proposed plan for maintaining and updating our calendar and website was approved. The plans for the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13 were shared. There is a Sign-up Sheet for the picnic at the back of the churches . Signing up will help determine the correct amount of food for purchase. There will be openings on Pastoral Council starting in January. If you are interested in serving on the Pastoral Council, the Discernment process will start in the fall. Hope to see you at the picnic for a fun afternoon.

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt
23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42
-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt
25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom
12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Monica
Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food For Thought

The mission is to meet the nutritional needs of children at times when other resources offered by the area schools are not available. Elementary schools serviced include the towns of Bradford, New London, Warner and Sutton. To learn more, go to: www.foodforthoughtnh.org.

All Women of the Parish

The Women's Society monthly meeting will take place on September 10th at 12 noon in the OLF Hall.



We will have our usual gourmet soups, sandwiches, and desserts followed by our business meeting.

Happy Fall and hope to see you then.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Margaret Marschner	Avan Pyle
Cailyn Dezotell	Michael Holt
Judy Lafond	Paul Nagy
Matt Ezovski	Richard Reed
Joseph Ganley	Jeanne Demars
Felicity	Barbara Jean Cannon
Bill Connors	Robert L. Ward
Debra Marshall	Sue Reel
Heather Steve	Charlie Freiberg
Roman Capraro	Raheleh Hariri
MP McEnrue	Ken Celmer
Tim Fleury	Karen Brown
Doreen & Randy Currier	Carla Everson
Robyn Muller	Pat and Jack Murphy
Michael Lenihan	Gene Finn
John Moran	Rob Grant
Joanne Watson	Paula Rosander
Jeanne Wallace	Ron Bryan
Gretchen Evans	Lindsay Herrin
Catherine Parquett	Maureen McElhern
Richard Turgeon	Paul Finnegan
Laurel Ann Anderson	Theresa Sullivan
Renata Schmidt	Caroline Meeker
Kathleen Jordan	Thomas Draper
Gail Dold	Kim Kristl
Zion Hague	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK—UPDATE

Please take a few minutes to review the names above and let us know should any of them be **removed** from our list by **email at: parish office.org**

SHREDDING DAY IS SOON!

Saturday ~ August 29 from 8:30-12:30

OLF Front Parking Lot

A Donation of nonperishable food is appreciated



Tony

TAKE FIVE

The big question we need to answer

You might remember or have heard of the 1950s game show “The \$64,000 Question.” If contestants answered questions correctly, they won more and more money, culminating in a shot at the \$64,000 question. Two millennia earlier Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” After they had reported the theories that were floating around, he asked them the first-century version of the \$64,000 question: “Who do you say that I am?”—with the emphasis on *you*. Quick, before the clock runs out: What would be your answer?



A Reflection on Today's Gospel

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, “Who do you say that I am?” And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.”

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory.

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We sincerely apologize that our “Livestream” service has been unavailable. The recent storms have caused system problems which we are addressing.



Offering Opportunity at OLF

Would you like to light the Living Flame of Our Lady of Fatima Sanctuary Light in reverence and petition, birthday, or anniversary for one week?

Offering fee is \$10.00 per week.

Please make your arrangements with the Parish Office at (603) 526-4484 .
parishoffice@OLFIC.org .

It's That Time of Year...



Our Holiday Fair is collecting jewelry, evening bags and scarves at this time. Please contact Norma Gosselin at 603-763-4459. You may leave the jewelry in the box in the Narthex at Our Lady of Fatima. Thank you for your contributions for this year's event.

NEW OLF Choir Members Wanted



Our Music Director, Paul Gorman is recruiting members to join the OLF Choir. If you are interested, please see Paul before or after the Masses at 5:00 PM on Saturday or the

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