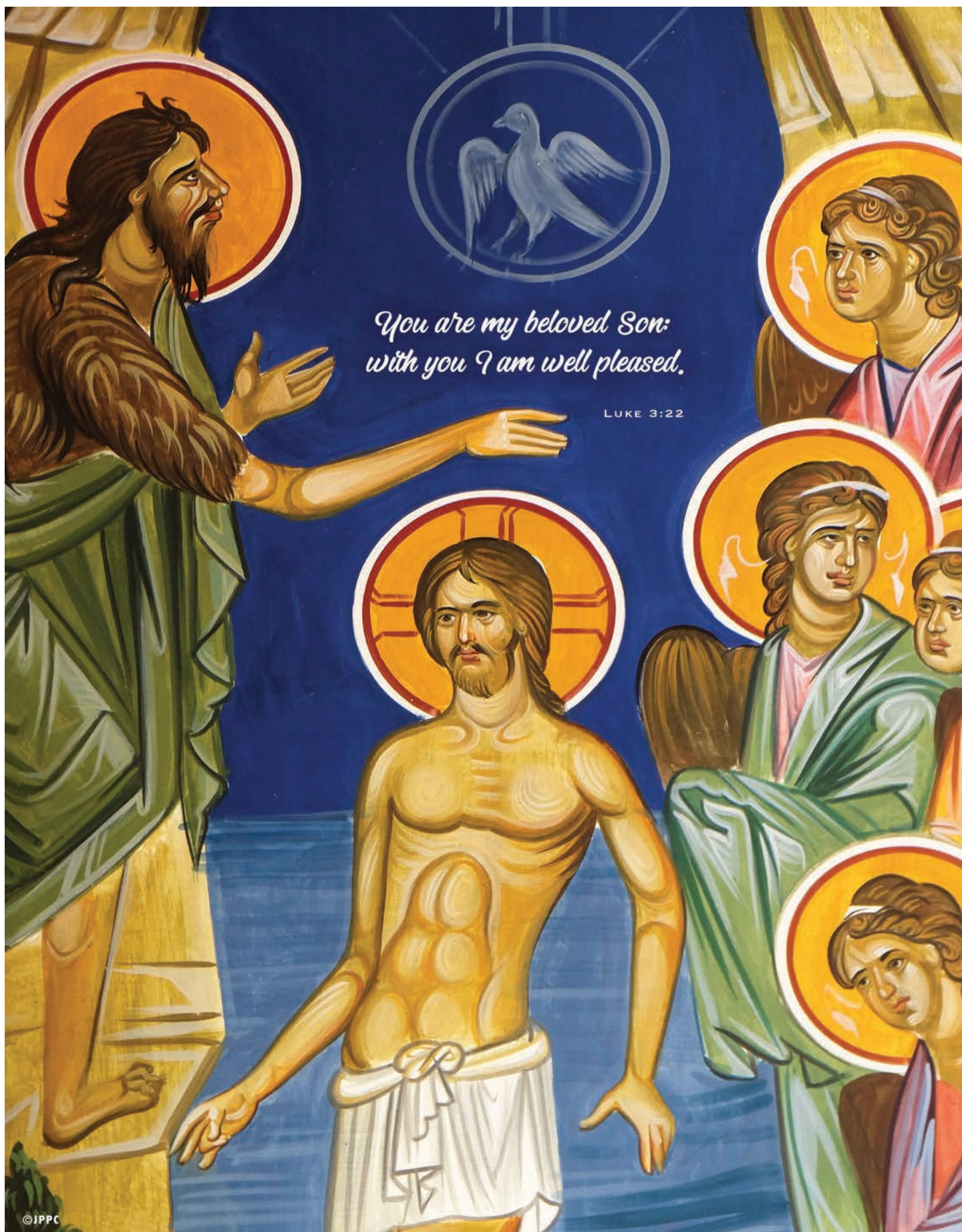




Our Lady of Mercy Parish January 9, 2022



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Livestreaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30 vigil Mass is live streamed each week to be watched live or at a later time and available on the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8th
Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

4:30PM: Deceased members of the Wood & Dwyer family

Sunday, January 9th
Baptism of the Lord

8:30AM: Ruth Whittredge requested by Ruth Murphy

10:30AM: Don Morin requested by the Lamb family
For all parishioners

Monday, January 10th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Donald Hoffer requested by the OLM staff

Tuesday, January 11th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Anthony DiIorio requested by Ruth Murphy

Wednesday, January 12th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Carol M. Gugino requested by a friend

Thursday, January 13th

Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Friday, January 14th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Donald Carman requested by a friend

Saturday, January 15th

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Dorothy Lavalée requested by her family
For all parishioners

Sunday, January 16th
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: David Banning requested by his parents

10:30AM: John Niggeling requested by his family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
January 8th - 14th in memory of
Derrick Perrett.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Sarah "Sally" Candelieri, December 25

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

Lord God,

Each day is another opportunity for you to make me into one of your disciples. If I have failed you recently, remake me, so that I may hold on to my faith in you, express my faith in you, live that faith, and pray from within that faith. And thank you for being with me always! Amen!

-from A Well-Built Faith



Readings for the Week: Jan. 9, 2021

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14--20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21--28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29--39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1--12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13--17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Next Grade 1-5 in person class:** Wednesday, January 12 from 4:30-5:30PM OR 5:45-6:45PM, faith formation hall
- Next Edge:** Sunday, January 30 from 6:15-7:45PM, church hall
- Next Life Teen:** Sunday, January 23 from 6:15-7:45PM, church hall

The Holy Name of Jesus

The invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus is the simplest way of praying always. When the Holy Name is repeated often by a humbly attentive heart, the prayer is not lost by heaping up empty praises but holds fast to the Word and “brings forth fruit with patience” (Luke 8:15). This prayer is possible at all times because it is not one occupation among others but the only occupation: that of loving God, which animates and transfigures every action in Christ Jesus.

-from Catechism of the Catholic Church 2668



The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning “God Saves.” According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram “IHS,” (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

-from TeachingCatholicKids.com

Jesus is Baptized

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus's perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during His time of prayer after His baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from crowds and His disciples to pray to His Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus's relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus's ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are made children of God through Baptism.

-edited from Loyolapress.com



Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: After the Sunday Masses this weekend

Life Matters: Sunday, January 9 at 9:30 in the church hall

Prayer Group: Monday, January 10 from 4:00-5:30PM in the church

Adult Faith Formation: "Presence" Tuesday, January 11 at 9:15AM OR 6:00PM in the church hall

Faith Formation classes grades 1-5: Wednesday, January 12 at 4:30PM OR 5:45PM in the faith formation building

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, January 13 from 12:00-2:00PM in the church hall

K of C Breakfast: After the Sunday Masses on January 16

NH March for Life

Please come to support the sanctity of human life at the annual **NH March For Life** on **Saturday Jan 15** in Concord, sponsored by NH Right To Life.

- 10:00AM Mass at Christ the King, Main Street in Concord
- 11:00AM Rally at State House
- 12:00PM March from State House to Christ the King
- 1:00PM conference and speaker at Christ the King hall

Offertory Envelopes

For those who have requested offertory envelopes, they are available to be picked up in the church hall. Thank you!

120 Club Winners

January 9
Tom Prive
William Ziemer

Thank you for your continued support!

Parish Stewardship

Christmas: \$7,042

December 26: \$2,337

December online: \$21,988

Thank you for your generosity!

January Rosary Intentions

January 9 - **Mother Mary:** Assist families in financial distress.

January 10 - **Loving Mother:** End human trafficking of children.

January 11 - **Queen of heaven:** Give peace to those troubled by conflict in the world.

January 12 - **Our Lady of Lourdes:** Comfort our elderly in their daily struggle.

January 13 - **Mother of God** Inspire pregnant women with your motherly love.

January 14 - **Mary my Mother:** Cradle those dying of a terminal illness.

January 15 - **Holy Mother:** Bring an end to animal cruelty.

3 Keys of Discipleship: Start with Jesus

1. Denial
2. Deliberation
3. Dedication

Denial

Saying yes to God each day means saying no to those habits, beliefs, and practices that can pull us away or distract us from God. Denial of self so that we can carry the cross helps us to develop reliance on God and resilience for the journey ahead. Jesus reminds us that "if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). One way to practice denying ourselves is fasting - from words of anger, from food that does not nourish, and from practices or media that do not strengthen and uplift but seek to divide.

To be continued....

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End of Life Information

All are invited to attend an informational session on end of life issues on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 9:00-11:00AM in the Church. Planned topics include questions of end of life care and also legal considerations. Please invite those you think might be interested in attending.

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