

A vibrant, high-contrast image of a sky filled with fluffy white and yellow clouds. A bright sun in the upper right corner casts powerful, golden rays across the scene. A multi-colored rainbow arches from the upper left towards the lower right, partially obscured by the clouds and sunbeams. The overall mood is one of divine light and hope.

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish September 25, 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.

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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, September 24th

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Gerard M. Raby & Daniel H. Raby requested
by their 2 sisters & brother

Sunday, September 25th

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Lorraine & Donald Bourgeois on their 70th
wedding anniversary requested by Diane
Boissy & family

10:30AM: Frank & Durean Caron req by the family
For all parishioners

Monday, September 26th

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Voytek Truty requested
by the Lamb family

Tuesday, September 27th

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: David Banning requested by his parents

Wednesday, September 28th

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Maureen Foss requested by the OLM staff

Thursday, September 29th

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

No Mass

Friday, September 30th

Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Donald St. Germain

Saturday, October 1st

Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Carmelle Murch req by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Tingley
For all parishioners

Sunday, October 2nd

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Etienne Poirier requested by All & Judy

10:30AM: Durean Caron requested by the family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

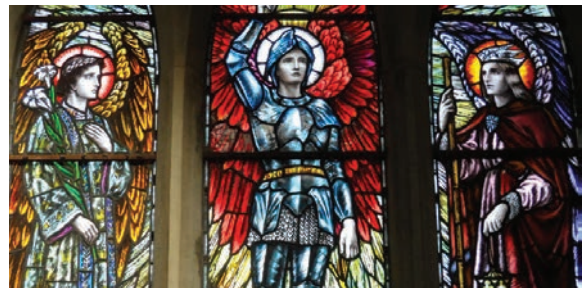
The Sanctuary Candle burns
September 23rd - 30th in memory of
Kathy Milligan.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Kathleen Milligan, September 9

*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.*



**Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael, Archangels: September 29**

Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we
humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into
hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through
the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Readings for the Week: Sept. 25, 2022

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6,
7-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,
14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,
13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Life Teen:** Sunday, September 25 at 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; Friends welcome!
- Edge:** Sunday, October 2 at 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; Friends welcome!
- At Home Program (grades 1-5):** Parent meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00pm, in the church
- Grades 1-5 Wednesday:** First class is Wed, October 5 at 4:30pm OR 5:45pm, in the parish office building

**40 Days For Life
Fall 2022 Manchester Campaign**

From Wednesday, September 28 through Sunday, November 6, you're invited to join other Christians in more than 60 countries and 600 cities around the world for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, and outreach to increase awareness that there are other options.

Did you know that more than 1,000,000 abortions have been performed in the USA EVERY year for the past 50 years? Please join us as prayerful, peaceful, non-confrontational witnesses to the sanctity of all human life during the local 40-day vigil on the public sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street in Manchester. We pray for ALL victims of abortion – unborn children, parents, families, abortion workers, legislators...because it affects everyone in our society.

For more information, please visit our local website at 40daysforlife.com/manchester. You can sign up for vigil hours by creating an account on the website or if you prefer, contact Manchester Leader and OLM parishioner Norm Thibault, at 603-289-0574 and he'll do the signup steps for you.

You're invited to attend our kickoff event at **2pm Sunday, September 25** on the public sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood.



A Reversal of Fortunes

Luke 16:19-31

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus's response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus's lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus's and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to the followers of Jesus about the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

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Magdalen College Open House

Attention all high school Juniors and Seniors! You are invited to visit MAGDALEN COLLEGE of the Liberal Arts in Warner, NH for an Open House on **October 8th.**

Visit www.magdalen.edu for more information and to register for Welcome Weekend.

For questions or more information, please call John Coleman at 603-456-4113.

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Meatball Subs: Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25 after the Masses, church hall

RCIA: Sunday, September 25 at 11:30am, parish office

Life Teen: Sunday, Sept. 25 at 6:15pm, church hall

Prayer Group: Monday, September 26 from 4:00-5:30pm, church

Simon Ministry: Tuesday, September 27 from 6:30-8:00pm, church

At Home program Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00pm, church

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, September 29 from noon-2:00pm, parish office building

Rosary Cenacle: Saturday, October 1 at 8:30am, church

Prayer for the Unborn: Saturday, October 1 at 5:30pm (after Mass), outside at the Respect Life Memorial

Flu Clinic: Sunday, October 2 from 9:00am-12:30pm, church hall

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, October 2 after the Masses sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm, church parking lot

Edge: Sunday, October 2 at 6:15pm, church hall

Daily Mass Moved: September 26-30

For the upcoming week, **daily Mass will be held in the parish office building** while the windows in the church hall are replaced. Thank you!



Thank you!

Our recent blood drive resulted in 42 units collected. Thank you to all who donated and helped with the drive!

Parish Stewardship

September 17 & 18: \$4,204

Thank you for your generosity!

Flu Clinic

A flu shot clinic will be set up in the church hall next Sunday, October 2 from 9:00am-12:30pm. No appointment is necessary. This is free of charge with most health insurances. Please bring your insurance card.

October Baby Shower

Life Matters ministry is hosting the annual October Baby Shower to support mothers and fathers who have chosen life and the organizations which provide that support: Our Place, Pennacook Pregnancy Center. We will be collecting baby items and gift cards during the month of **October**.

A list of baby items needed is available at the main entrance of the church and on the website. Items may be placed in the play pen found at the back of the church. Gift card donations should be left in the marked box next to the playpen.

Thank you or your generosity!



Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place in our church parking lot on Sunday, **October 2 at 2:00pm**. Please be sure to leash or restrain pets.

120 Club Winners Week 18

Howard Horvath
Susan Letourneau

Congratulations & thank you for your support!

Mercy Meals

Our Mercy Meal Ministry shares loving comfort to those grieving. If desired by the family, after a funeral a meal is provided in the church hall for those in attendance. Our OLM Mercy Meal Ministry is getting up and running again. Are you being called to serve in some way? We would be happy to have you involved!

We are looking for people to serve by :

- ♥preparing food at home and bringing it to the church hall before the funeral
- ♥picking up grocery items and bringing them to the church hall before the funeral
- ♥serving during the meal
- ♥setting up and cleaning up before and after meals

Because of the nature of funerals, often requests come with short notice. There will be someone from the ministry to answer questions and take sign-ups after all Masses this weekend and next.

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