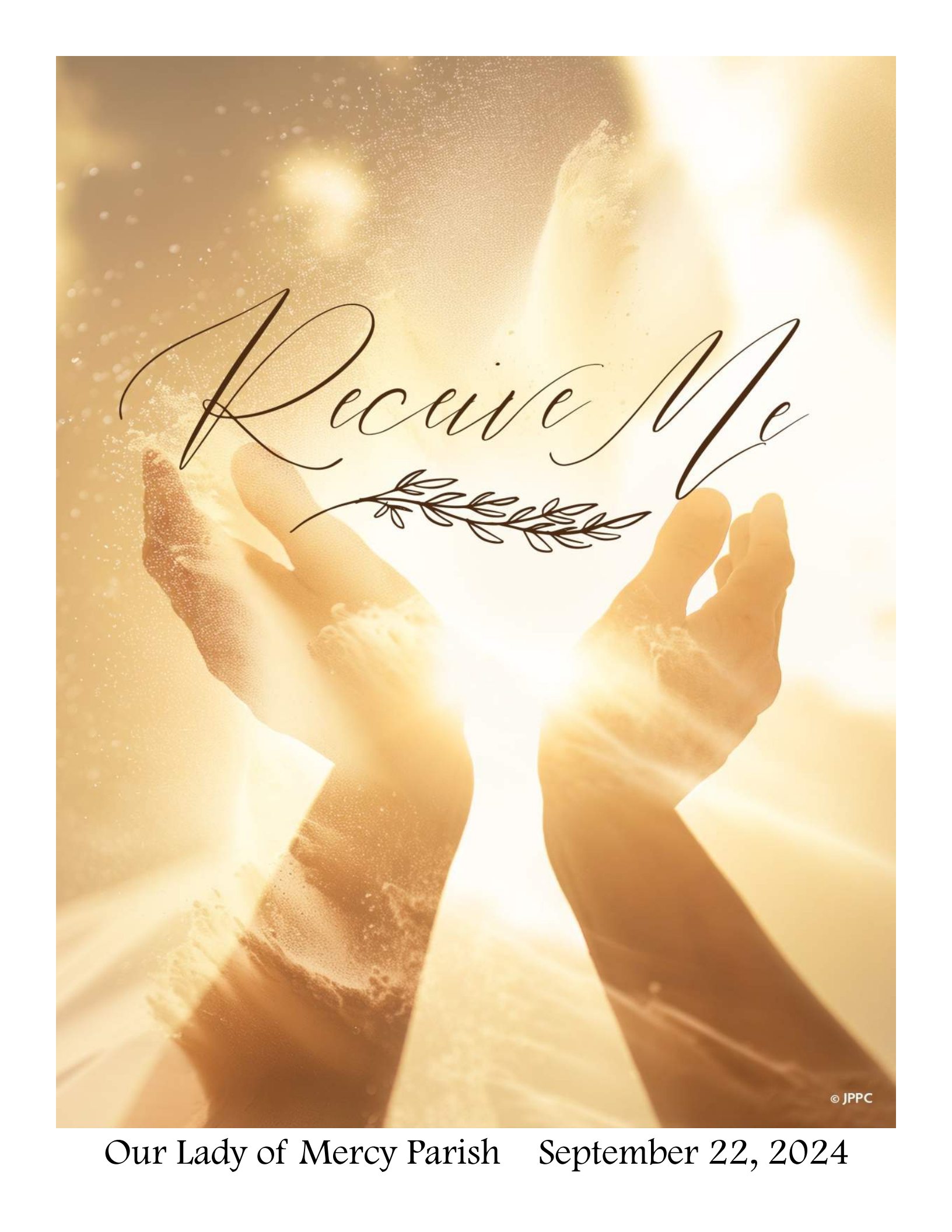




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Our Lady of Mercy Parish September 22, 2024



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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. 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 prayer time in church during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to 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 21st

Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Marjorie Puccia requested by the family

Sunday, September 22nd

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Rose & Robert Tedeschi
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Bob Gilbert req by Elaine Bettencourt

Monday, September 23rd

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Edward T. Kenny requested by Pat Lyons

Tuesday, September 24th

The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Cameron Ricard

Wednesday, September 25th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Marie-Laure Dion requested by her sister

Thursday, September 26th

Saints Cosmos and Damien, Martyrs

No Mass

Friday, September 27th

Saint Vincent de Pal, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Marguerite & Carmine Nicolo requested by the family

Saturday, September 28th

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Edward Cosgrove requested by the Nicosia & Statz family

Sunday, September 29th

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: William Trifane

10:30AM: Bob Gilbert

For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
from September 21st to 27th
in memory of
Lorraine & Donald Bourgeois.



Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us O holy Mother of God;
that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ. Amen!

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you or someone you love curious about the Church? Do you want to learn more? OCIA (formerly known as RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of learning and prayerful discernment for those who have not been initiated into the Catholic Church. Sessions are usually held on two Sundays per month leading up to Easter. Please contact Deacon John or the office to learn more. This is a time for learning and prayer.

First meeting: Sunday, October 6 at 11:30am.

Readings for the Week September 22, 2024

Monday Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 and Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 and Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 and Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17BC and Lk 9:7-9

Friday Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 and Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 and Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 and Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

•**2024-25 Registration remains open for grades 1-12**

Register online (www.olmnh.org/ff) or in the office.

•**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday, September 29 during the 10:30am Mass

•**Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session on Thursday, October 10 at 5:00pm, church

•**Youth Ministry:** Sunday, October 6 from 6:00-7:30pm, church hall

•**First Reconciliation:** Parent meeting Thursday, October 3 at 6:30pm, church hall

Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day Save the Date: September 24 You are Invited!

The feast day for our patron, Our Lady of Mercy, is September 24. In honor of that special day you are invited to a reflection presented by Faith Formation staff member Katie.

What does the name "Our Lady of Mercy" mean to you? What comes to mind when you hear the word, mercy? Has our Blessed Mother helped you grow in faith? Mary is always here for us and wants to draw us closer to her SON!



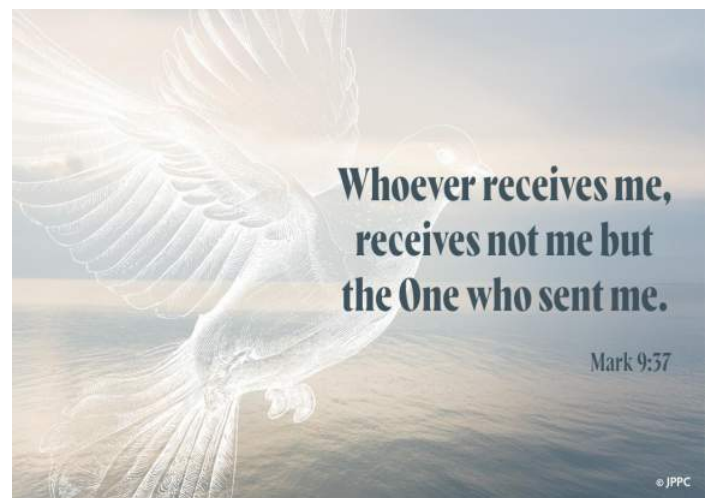
Please join us on Tuesday, September 24 following the 8:30am Mass OR at 6:30pm when the reflection will repeated and a light reception will follow in the hall.

All are welcome! Bring friends! ♥

Called to Serve

Mark 9:30-37

In today's Gospel, Jesus again predicts His passion, death, and Resurrection to His disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and His disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting His passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing His disciples. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand Jesus and were afraid to ask what He meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.



Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and His disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks His disciples about the argument they had while traveling. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to

answer. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus's name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent Him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching His disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Baptism Prep: Sunday, Sept 22 at 11:30am, church

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 22 at noon, church parking lot; All are welcome!

Prayer Group with Guided Adoration: Monday, September 23 from 4:00-5:30pm, church

Parish Safety Training: Monday, September 23 at 6:00pm, church; All are welcome!

Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day Reflection: Tuesday, September 24 following the 8:30am Mass and repeated at 6:30pm, church and church hall

Foot Clinic: Thursday, September 26 from 9:00am to noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 to schedule

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, September 26 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Coffee & Donuts: Sponsored by the Knights on Sunday, September 29 after the Masses, church hall

Baptism Prep: Sunday, Sept 29 at 11:30am, church

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of St. Francis's feast day in early October the annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 6 at 2:00pm** in our parking lot.

Please be sure to have pets restrained. Thank you!



120 Club

Week 19

Theresa Maki

Kevin Donahue

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Are You Being Called to Support Our Youth in Faith?

The OLM Core Team helps support the Youth Ministry program. Members are involved in various ways from planning Sunday youth ministry meetings to helping out at those meetings to being present there as an example of faith to our youth (grades 6 through 12). Please put to prayer if you are being called to serve God in this way.

The commitment isn't big but the reward is! Please contact the office to learn more.

PARISH PICNIC!

It's finally here! **OLM parish picnic is this Sunday, September 22 from noon to 3:00pm** on church grounds. See you there! Bring a chair!

40 Days For Life Fall 2024

From Wednesday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 3 every day from 7:00am to 7:00pm, you're invited:



Join other Christians in more than 60 Countries and 600 cities around the world for **40 Days for Life** seeking an end to abortion through prayer, fasting, and outreach to offer hope and options to anyone dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

Overturning Roe v Wade did not make abortion illegal. That ruling left the legality decision to each state (over the last 50 years, an average of 3,500 innocent lives have been ended each day in the US). Join the 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. All victims of abortion are prayed for: unborn children, parents, families, abortion workers, legislators ... because abortion affects everyone.

Please visit www.40daysforlife.com/manchester for more information. Sign up for vigil hours by creating an account or contact Manchester Leader Norm Thibault at 603-289-0574 and he'll do the signup steps for you.

You're invited to the kickoff event at **2:00pm on Sunday, September 22** on the public sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood.

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week September 9 - 15, 2024

Budget \$10,340

Actual \$11,769

Variance \$1,429

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