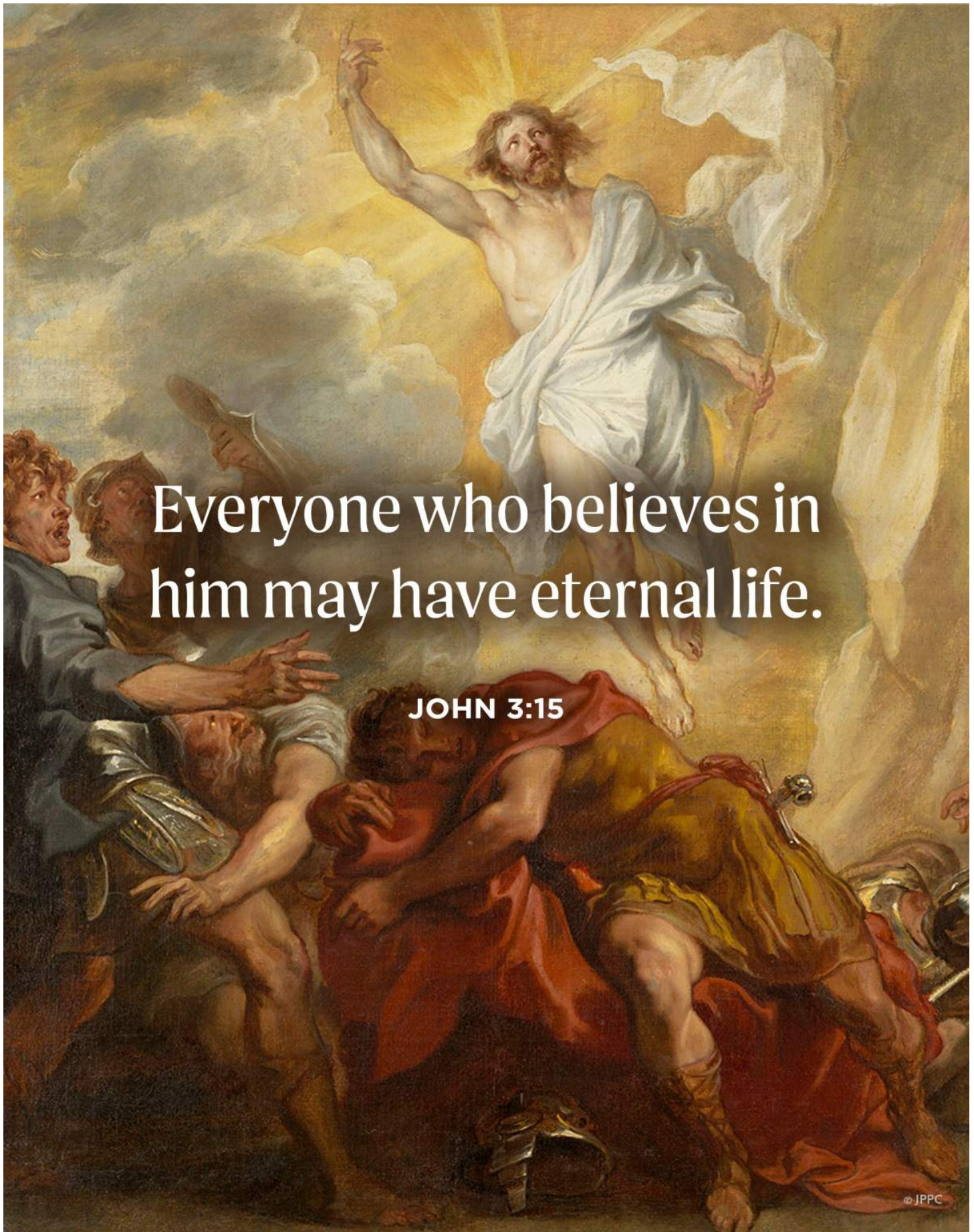




Everyone who believes in
him may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:15



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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

Church Hours

The church is locked for safety during the day, but you are welcome to spend prayer time in church during office hours! 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 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 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month after the 8:30am Mass;
Saturday following the first Friday at 3:00pm; Sunday
following the first Friday after the 10:30am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM

By appointment: please call the office to schedule
with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Call the office for preparation and scheduling.

Marriage

Contact the office to schedule marriage preparation.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA)

OCIA is a process for those interested in learning more
about the Catholic faith with the possibility of them-
selves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral
home) should contact 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13th
Vigil: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:30PM: Patrick Wishart req by Ray & Rose Graham
For all parishioners

Sunday, September 14th
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30AM: Janice Gazzotti-Gregoire req by Ginny Prive

10:30AM: Rose & Robert Tedeschi
Children's Liturgy of the Word

2:00PM: Anointing of the Sick

Monday, September 15th
Our Lady of Sorrows

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Kathy Worcester requested by Pat Lyons

Tuesday, September 16th
Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Marjorie Puccia requested by her daughter,
Joan Wonkka

Wednesday, September 17th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Irene Sullivan requested by her children

Thursday, September 18th

No Mass

Friday, September 19th
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Mary Kutny requested by Fr. Paul

Saturday, September 20th
Vigil: Twenty-Fifth in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Gloria Giel req by her husband and children

Sunday, September 21st
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Margaret Carter
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Alyce Lambert requested by Rachel & the
OLM Prayer Group

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
September 13th to 19th
In memory of
Irene Sullivan.



God Bless You, Christian!

We are grateful for the time and dedication that Christian shared his gifts and talents with our parish as music director. Today, September 14, is Christian's last day in that position. We wish him all the best today and always! Thank you Christian! God bless you! You will be missed!

Trinity House: September 20



Trinity House Community is a Catholic ministry that inspires families to grow in faith together. The heart of Trinity House is that families are a communion of persons; an image of the Holy Trinity.

OLM Faith Formation is excited to host a Trinity House Community group of our own! Our goal is to help nourish faith journeys for all and to support families in living the Faith together.

Families of all ages and their children, please join us following the 4:30 Mass on **Saturday, September 20** in the church hall for a simple meal, fellowship, and a little faith formation. **All are welcome!** Bring friends!

RSVP by calling the office or emailing Katie at KCorsetti@olmnh.org to help us plan for food and set up. Thank you!

Readings for the Week September 14, 2025

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 and Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 and Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 and Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 and Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 and Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 and Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sept 14 & 28
- Grades 1-12:** Registration for 2025-26 is open!
- Youth Ministry:** Parent meeting Sunday, September 14 at 6:00pm, church hall; come to learn about the upcoming program plans for grades 6-12
- Sacramental Preparation:** First Reconciliation is typically received in second grade and Confirmation and First Holy Communion are received together in third grade. For older students, please contact the office to get started with sacramental preparation!
- Parent meeting for First Reconciliation:** Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm, church hall
- Parent meeting for Confirmation & First Holy Communion:** Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm, church hall

Food Pantry Thank You

The Merrimack Drive Through food pantry is grateful for the many recent donations from parishioners. Donations will go directly to local need.

For those looking to make additional donations, the pantry can use canned fruit, veggies, or pasta sauce (no glass please). Thank you for your support!

PARISH PICNIC!

The parish picnic is Sunday, **September 28, from 12:00 to 3:00pm** at the American Legion picnic pavilion, 43 Baboosic Lake Road.

Sign-up sheets are available on the easel in the main entrance. **Please sign up so we can plan for food.**

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, contact williamcashman@juno.com. A volunteer is needed to organize children's activities and games.

If you are bringing food, you are welcome to drop it off at the church hall before the Masses on Sunday, September 28 or bring it directly to the picnic.

Thank You Parish Family!

Mackenzie extends heartfelt thanks for all of the prayers for her recent surgery and recovery. She is home and focused on getting better. She appreciates all the prayers, cards, and good wishes more than words can express. Please keep her and all those recovering from surgery in your prayers!

Eternal Life Through the Cross

John 3:13-17

In John's Gospel, Jesus's death on the cross as well as His resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For Him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites, prefigures Jesus's being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.



Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept Him. Those who accept Him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don't.

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Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day Save the Date: September 24

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



Please join us **Wednesday, September 24** in the church hall following the 8:30am Mass OR at 6:30pm when the reflection will be repeated. All are welcome! Bring friends!

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

KofC Breakfast: Sunday, September 14 after the Masses, church hall

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday, September 14 during 10:30 Mass

Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, September 14 at 2:00pm, church

Youth Ministry Parent Meeting: Sunday, September 14 at 6:00pm, church hall

Prayer Group: Monday, September 15 at 4:00pm, church

Building Committee: Monday, September 15 at 5:00pm, parish office building

Emergency Response Committee: Monday, September 15 at 6:00pm, parish office building

KofC: Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm, church hall

Folk Group: Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00pm, church

Foot Clinic: Thursday, Sept 18 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, September 18 from 12:00-2:00pm, parish office; new members welcome

Interfaith Group: Ancestry: Our Spiritual Heritage Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm, church hall

Trinity House Community: Saturday, September 20 following the 4:30 Mass, church hall

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, September 21 after the Masses, church hall; Sponsored by our Knights

Baptism prep: Sunday, September 21 following 10:30 Mass, church

Anointing of the Sick

Today Sunday, **September 14** is the annual Anointing of the Sick prayer service at 2:00pm. All are welcome!

Dear Lord,
We lift up all those who are facing illness today.
We ask that YOU would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies.
Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of YOUR love. In Jesus name. Amen!



Greeters Needed: Our Greeter ministry is an important part of our parish. New members welcome! No experience necessary! Share a smile and a welcome to those coming to church. Call the office for more info.

Live Your Faith Challenge

This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.

-John 13: 35

Simple tips to grow in love and discipleship...

Sit with someone in need of comfort.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

-2Corinthians 1:3-4

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections week September 1 - 7, 2025

Budget \$10,585

Actual \$9,582

Variance **(\$1,003)**

Thank you for your generosity!

40 Days For Life

From September 24 through November 2 every day from 7am to 7pm, you're invited to join Christians in more than 60 countries and 600 cities around the world for 40 Days for Life. This campaign seeks to offer hope and options to anyone dealing with an unexpected pregnancy and to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and outreach. 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, Manchester. We pray for ALL victims of abortion: preborn children, parents, families, abortion workers, legislators... because it affects everyone.

There are many Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout NH eager to provide alternatives to abortion, as well as caring support to the mother during pregnancy and after the baby is born, FREE of charge.

For more information, please visit 40daysforlife.com/manchester. Sign up for vigil hours by creating an account, or if you prefer, just 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 2pm Sunday, September 21 on the public sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street in Manchester.

Ancestry: Our Spiritual Heritage

This Interfaith presentation will be hosted in the church hall on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!



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