

# Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Waltham-Lexington

December 8, 2013

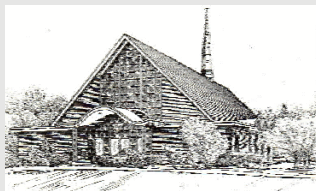


*Repent*  
Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand!  
~Matthew 3:2

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

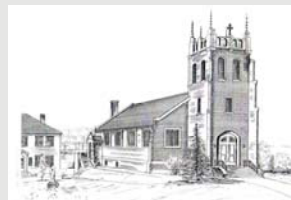


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Academy Office Hours—Monday-Friday 7:45AM-2:45PM

*Knights of Columbus - Parish Council #14710*  
New Members Welcomed - [olkofc@olca.org](mailto:olkofc@olca.org) or call 781-209-0842

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## MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM  
First Friday Mass 9AM (only)  
Saturday (Vigil) 4PM  
Sunday 9AM, 11AM  
Holy Day As Announced

## BAPTISM

During Mass or on selected Sunday each month at 12:15 PM . Please contact parish office.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements six months-one year in advance by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Anyone interested in journeying in faith to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 PM in the Reconciliation Room located just inside the front of the church at the handicap entrance, baptismal font side of church. Other scheduled opportunities throughout the year, as well as by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of The Sick will be administered on the last weekend of each month after the 4PM and 11AM Masses. Who can receive this sacrament? Those who are aged, chronically ill, are having treatments or will be having surgery. We invite you to come receive the Sacrament of the Sick, a source of strength, healing and grace.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

For more information on the Catholic Faith visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



<b>Saturday December 7</b>		
4:00 pm	Edward Foster	Memorial
<b>Sunday December 8</b>		
9:00 am	Michael Hanley	Memorial
11:00 am	Frances Damoiseau	Memorial
<b>Monday December 9</b>		
9:00 am	Immaculate Conception	
6:30 pm	Immaculate Conception	
<b>Wednesday December 11</b>		
8:00 am	Edward L. Gallagher	Memorial
<b>Friday December 13</b>		
8:00 am	Carol Ann Gallagher	Memorial
<b>Saturday December 14</b>		
4:00 pm	Rose and Harry Monks	Memorial
<b>Sunday December 15</b>		
9:00 am	Susan Pedro & Manuel Cabral	Memorial
11:00 am	John Cianci	13th Anniversary

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION UPDATE**

**THIS weekend, December 7/8**, the second collection is for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The Immaculate Conception Holy Day envelopes will be collected at the first collection with our regular weekly collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Let us continue to pray for the victims and their families.

The *Stained Glass Window* is illuminated in loving memory of Frances McMorrow at the request of Christine McMorrow.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

November 30/December 1: \$5,672  
Special Monthly: \$2,968

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

December 7/8: Regular/Holy Day & Philippines  
December 14/15: Regular and Utilities/Energy  
December 21/22: Regular  
December 25: Clergy Benefit Trust  
December 28/29: Regular

**BIBLE STUDY**

All are welcome to join us. Dec. 11 8:45am to 10:15am in the conference room located across from the parish office. Use the driveway behind the school to park and then enter through the parish center.

**1000 CLUB DATE CHANGE**

Our next drawing is this Sunday, January 12 at 12:30pm in the school cafeteria 1000 Club memberships are \$55 for the year and make great gifts, please consider purchasing one. The odds of winning are better than the lottery! You have 12 chances to win monthly. Prizes are (8) \$50, (1) \$100, (1) \$200, (1) \$300 and (1) \$1,000. If you would like to join, contact Sharon in the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support of Our Lady's Parish Fundraisers.

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

We have updated our Memorial Candles to burn from November 2013 to November 2014. We have a few candles remaining if you would like to remember a loved one. The renewal cost of the candles are \$250 for the year and they will burn from November 2013 to November 2014. If interested in reserving a candle, fill out the brochures on the tables around the church or contact Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2.

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS (EFT) UPDATE**

Beginning January 2014 we will be going to an Online Giving Program. All existing EFT parishioners will be transferred to the new Online Giving Program automatically, maintaining your current contribution amounts and withdrawal dates. Once this is set up, you will receive email notification in advance of and after the automatic withdrawal. Please be assured that this change will not compromise your private banking information as safety requirements are expanded. We will update you in the coming weeks with more details.

**OUR LADY'S UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 9—Holy Day Masses, 9:00am & 6:30pm  
December 15 - St. Vincent dePaul Collection of Gifts  
December 17 - Our Lady's Academy Christmas Show

**STOP & SHOP A+ REWARDS PROGRAM**

Through March 2014, you can earn A+ Rewards points every time you use your registered Stop & Shop card. Our Lady's Academy can turn these points into cash when you sign up for the FREE 2013-2014 A+ Rewards Program. This is an annual program so if you've participated before, you have to sign up again. To register, have your 13-digit Stop & Shop card number ready and visit [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) or call 877-275-2758. Our Lady's Academy code is 06581.

**GRAND ANNUAL**

Thank you to those who have already made their donation towards our Grand Annual. To date the total collected is \$93,716. As stated before, after the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual is our most important collection of the year to help us pay our bills. Aside from returning the envelopes with cash or checks, you will also be able to pay via credit card through our electronic funds program. If you should have any questions, please contact Sharon in the parish office. As always, we thank you for your kindness and support.



**ST VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE**

The gifts need to be returned on the weekend of December 14/15. If you are not going to be here that weekend, please bring your gift to the parish office and leave it there ahead of time. Late gifts will not be delivered.

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**

Just a reminder that we recite the Rosary every first Saturday at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm Mass. We also use the meditations found in the Fr. Peyton Rosary book. All are welcome.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 26 from noon to 5:00pm in the parish hall. To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Those with no appointments are also welcome, but will be taken after those with appointments.

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

Please come enjoy our adult choir and string orchestra on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm. They will give a half hour prelude of Christmas music before the 6:30pm Mass.



**CHRISTMAS  
MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve - 4:00pm  
*Children's Choir*  
Christmas Eve - 6:30pm  
*Adult Choir*  
Christmas Day - 10:00am

**NEW YEAR'S  
MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Eve - 4:00pm  
New Year's Day - 10:00am

**CHURCH PARKING REMINDER**

We wish to remind everyone that there is no parking in front of the church. There is ample parking to the left and to the right of the church. We need to keep the middle open in case of emergency. Thank you for understanding and your cooperation.



**RCIA**

Amy Bedrosian will receive the “Gift of the Holy Spirit” through adult Confirmation on December 7, 2013 at St. Jerome’s Church in Weymouth (regional Confirmation). Amy began classes last year. Please pray for her as she continues her faith journey. Congratulations Amy!

**REGISTER - REGISTER - REGISTER**

So many folks in our pews attend week after week but are not registered parishioners. Simply fill out the registration form and return it to the parish office to make sure. Parish registration forms are available on the tables at the entrances of the church as well as on our website: [www.olca.org](http://www.olca.org). Any questions, contact Sharon in the parish office.

**CARDS FOR THE TROOPS**





This is the final week to drop a card in the blue boxes at the doors of the church. These cards will be sent to active duty soldiers away from home this holiday season. If someone knows of someone they want a packet of cards sent to, please contact Sharon in the parish office with the address. Please keep all of our men and women in your prayers not only during the holiday season, but always.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

We will again be going to Waltham Crossings on Thursday, December 12 to sing Christmas Carols. We will meet for practice in the school cafeteria at 6:00pm and will be at Waltham Crossings at 6:30 to begin singing. All are welcome.

**CALENDAR FUNDRAISER**

The mailing has gone out for our calendar fundraiser, “Winter Wonderland” to help raise funds for the replacement of our church roof and other building improvements. The drawing month is January 2014. The cost of each calendar is \$20. A name is picked each day in January with the winnings of minimum \$50 and maximum \$100 and yes, the names are put back in the drawing so you have more than one chance to win. **These would make great Christmas gifts!** We sent (2) calendars home to every family in our parish. We hope you can purchase one and hopefully sell the other. If you would like to buy or sell more calendars, please contact Sharon or Denise in the parish office. We will also have tables set up after all weekend Masses in December. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity. God Bless You. Below is what the calendar will look like. If you have already purchased a calendar and have received the mailing, you can either sell those tickets or you can return them to the parish office. All and any help in selling these is truly appreciated.

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish Calendar Fundraiser <b>\$20 per Calendar</b> Funds raised will help to replace our church roof & other building improvements NAME ADDRESS PHONE Thank you & God Bless	<h2 style="color: red;">WINTER WONDERLAND</h2> <h3 style="color: red;">Drawing in January 2014</h3>						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$100	4 \$50
	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50
	12 \$50	13 \$100	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$100	18 \$50
	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50
	26 \$50	27 \$100	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$100	

**OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS****What's Third Grade Been Up To?**

Third grade has been busily working on a variety of projects this month such as learning about the Wampanoag, the Native American Tribe who assisted the Pilgrims when they arrived in America. The students researched information about the Wampanoag with partners. Each student then created their very own Wampanoag Brochure which provided a brief intro to who the Wampanoag are, info about the daily life of a Wampanoag, and a variety of fun facts. The students also drew colorful pictures depicting the Wampanoag way of life and language including mishoons (canoes), wetus (houses), and a sachem (chief). The students are also been discussing the Pilgrims and why they chose to move to a new land. Students will be taking a virtual field trip to Plymouth Plantation through the Scholastic website and our classroom SMARTBoard. They will also be discussing the Mayflower Compact.

The third grade also recently finished up their "Most Disgusting Pumpkin Project". The students were asked to create a piece of writing that included all of their five senses when trying to explain why their pumpkin should not be chosen for a Halloween Jack-O-Lantern. (Their pumpkins didn't want to be carved up!) These writing pieces were very original and students were asked to incorporate expository words such as first, second, lastly, therefore, and in conclusion. The students were then asked to draw a descriptive visual of their gross pumpkin. Both were hung in the school hallway where students from every class in the school could vote on their favorite, or Most Disgusting Pumpkin. The students had a blast being both creative and kind of gross! On behalf of our entire third grade class, we hope you had a fabulous Thanksgiving!

**OUR LADY'S CONFERENCES WITH FR. DIPERRI**  
**8:30AM IN CHURCH—Unless otherwise noted**

December 20—Eucharistic Adoration K-8

**OUR LADY'S CONFESSIONS - SCHOOL CHAPEL**

December 11—Grade 6

December 17—Grade 8

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCES WITH**  
**FR. DIPERRI****10:15AM IN CHURCH**

January 5—Grades 5-8

January 12—Grades 9-10

February 2—Grades 1-4

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFESSIONS**

March 9—Grades 3-4

**WALTHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

This Sunday, December 8 at 3:00pm, the Waltham Symphony Orchestra, led by Maestro Patrick Botti, celebrates the holidays with its ever-popular community holiday pops concert blending world class music with seasonal cheer. This special holiday show continues its tradition of special holiday performances by two local children's choirs, as well as the arrival of a special "surprise" Christmas guest who is sure to delight one and all, particularly the children in the audience.

Joining the orchestra in leading the audience in a seasonal sing-along will be members of the Arlington Children's Chorus and Our Lady's Academy Chorus in Waltham. The concert takes place at the Kennedy Middle School on Lexington Street. Admission is free, although donations will, of course, be gratefully accepted at the door.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY**

The Cenacle of Divine Mercy will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30am in St. Joseph Chapel. Please park behind the school building and enter through the parish center. All are welcome.

**NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS**

NOTE: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

Our Holiday Luncheon is Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at the Elks Lodge. The doors open at 12 noon. Cocktail hour from 12 noon until 1:00pm then a sit down turkey lunch will be served. \$15.00 for members, \$20 for non-members. Buddy Bergeron of Waltham will entertain us. NO TICKETS will be sold at the door. Reservations and payment must be made by the end of December. If interested, please contact Isabel at 781-893-5568. Come join us for a delicious meal and lots of fun.

