

Saturday	December 31	
4:00 p.m.	Deceased Mem bers of the Damoiseau and Flannery Families	
Sunday	January 1	
9 a.m.	John Caezza	Memorial
11 a.m.	Fred Wright	Memorial
	Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish	
Monday	January 2	
8 a.m.	Dolores MacDonnell-Birthday Memorial	
Wednesday	January 4	
8 a.m.	Charlotte O'Connell	Memorial
Friday	January 6	
9 a.m.	Kathleen Reed	Memorial
Saturday	January 7	
4:00 p.m.	Julia Hoban	Memorial
	Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish	
Sunday	January 8	
9 a.m.	Frank, Rosalie and Angelina Giuliano	
11 a.m.	Walter Walsh	11 th Anniversary

The *Bread and Wine* are offered this week in loving memory of Frederick Anthony Meagher at the request of Maureen Rielly Ross, Kate Rielly and Katherine Rielly Currier.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord
 First Reading: Is 60:1-6
 Resp. Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

COLLECTION INFORMATION

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Dec. 31/Jan 1 – Regular and Solemnity of Mary
 Jan. 7/8 – Regular and Monthly
 Jan. 14/15 – Regular
 Jan. 21/22 – Regular and ***Special Collection
 Jan. 28/29 – Regular and Church in Latin America
*****Please note that the Special Collection Sunday has been changed from Jan. 15 to Jan. 22.**

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

There will be a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 3:00pm in Our Lady's Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Please join us for this special hour to celebrate life together.

GRAND ANNUAL

Our Grand Annual Collection continues until the end of January. To date we have collected \$100,040. Thank you to those who have already responded generously. At the conclusion of last year's Grand Annual we raised \$111,383. It is our hope to reach or surpass this amount in order to help complete repayment of our church debt. Grand Annual envelopes are available on the tables around the church for those of you who have yet to contribute. If you would like to make your Grand Annual donation via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), those forms are on the tables as well. Please fill out the EFT form and return it to the parish office either by mail or you can simply put your Grand Annual envelope or EFT form in the collection baskets in an envelope marked to the parish office, attention Sharon.



HAPPY NEW YEAR SAVE THE DATES

January 31 – Our Lady's Academy Open House
 February 11 – Our Lady's Middle School Dance
 February 18 – Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner
 February 22 – Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
 March 3 – Activities Club Pot Luck Dinner
 March 17 – Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner
 March 25 – Our Lady's Academy Open House
 March 31 – Ham-a-Rama
 April 28 – Indoor Yard Sale

ARE YOU REGISTERED...?

Many people feel that because they live in our parish area and attend Our Lady's Church regularly, that they are a registered parishioner. That is not the case. If you have not filled out a parish census form, then you are not "registered." The forms can be found on the tables at all the entrances of the church. It is very important for these forms to be filled out as this is the only way we have to get an accurate number of our parishioners. If you can't remember if you filled one out or not, you can either call Sharon in the parish office or simply fill it out just to be sure.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ADORATION AND PRAYER SERVICE: New time/date/location. Following the 8:00 am Mass for on the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of each month.

HEARING DIFFICULTIES: Do you wish you could hear the Mass better? Now you can! Bring any FM portable radio with earphones to Mass, set your radio to 87.7 FM and you will hear every word said from the altar over your radio through your earphones! This system is always on whenever the speaker system is in use. If you have any problem using this system, please ask any Knight to help you.

MEMBERSHIP: If you would like information about the Knights of Columbus or would like to join our Council, see any Knight after Mass or call 781-209-0842. Any Catholic man 18 years old or older is welcome to join. If you are a Brother Knight and do not wish to transfer into our Council, but would like to attend our meetings or help out, you are always welcome.

BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

Thank you to those who have kindly donated towards our missal fund. Donations of any amount are welcome and greatly appreciated. Put your donations in an envelope and mark it attention parish office and please write on the envelope and your check memo "missal donation. Thank you.

MEMORIAL CANDLE STANDS

There are still candles available on the candle stands in the alcove of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the front entrance of the church. If you would like to purchase a candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please fill out the brochures on the tables around the church or contact Sharon in the parish office.

NEW ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS...?

Please remember if you have moved or changed your email address, let the parish office know so that we can make the necessary changes in our computer system.



OUR LADY'S 1000 CLUB

***THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THAT
HARD TO BUY FOR PERSON***

The next drawing is NEXT Sunday, January 8 and the cost is \$55/year or \$5 per month. Find the blue cards on the tables of the church. These make great gifts for birthdays, Easter or just a simple Thank You gift. Please consider joining and help support our parish.

1000 CLUB NEWS

As we approach the completion of the third year of Our Lady's 1000 Club, we want to thank you for your continued support. The renewal letters have been sent out for our February renewals. If you would kindly send them back with your payment as soon as possible as this is our biggest renewal month and I want to make sure everyone is all set and ready to go when we have our February drawing. Over the past three years, our 1000 Club has raised between \$8,800 and \$11,000 annually for our parish, depending on the amount of numbers purchased and/or renewed. So please, if you do not have a 1000 Club number, consider purchasing one this year and if you already have a membership, thank you and please remember to renew.

MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER

It's that time again. For several years the parish has had the policy of not having weekday 8am Mass when Waltham Public Schools close due to extreme weather conditions and public safety issues such as improperly cleared roads and sidewalks. To keep matters simple, when the Waltham Public Schools are announced as closed **OR** delayed, it is presumed the 8am weekday Mass has been canceled, due to the uncertainty of the conditions of the parish property. While great effort is made to clear parish property, the timing of the storm and its intensity makes it prudent to take these precautions for the safety of those considering attending Mass. During school vacation week, if a Mass is canceled due to weather, it will be put on our answering machine and on WBZ-TV.



A YEAR FOR PEACE

We here at Our Lady’s Parish and Academy wish you and your families a blessed, happy, healthy and safe New Year.



THIS NEW YEAR...

This new year, mend a quarrel.

Seek out a forgotten friend.

Write a letter or call a friend.

Be grateful for the many blessings you have.

Share some treasures.

Give a soft answer.

Encourage youth.

Forgive an enemy.

Listen.

Apologize if you are wrong.

Think first of someone else.

Be kind and gentle.

Laugh a little.

Laugh a little more.

Express your gratitude.

Gladden the heart of a child.

Speak your love.

Speak it again.

Speak it once again.

Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.



A NEW BEGINNING

How often we wish for another chance to make a fresh beginning.

A chance to blot out our mistakes and change failure to winning.

It does not take a special time to make a brand new start.

It only takes a deep desire to try with all our heart.

To try and live a little better and always be forgiving.

To add a little sunshine to the world in which we’re living.

So never give up in despair and think that you are through.

For there is always a tomorrow and a chance to start anew.

OUR LADY’S ACADEMY NEWS

This November the students from Our Lady’s Academy who had been placed in the advanced math classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade took part in a national mathematics competition. The American Mathematics Competition has been taking place in classrooms across the country for over 60 years now. The AMC 8 is an eighth grade test which covers the entire middle school mathematics curriculum. Topics include estimation, percentages, probability, spatial reasoning, interpreting graphs, and everyday applications of mathematics.

The AMC results include a school team with a gold, silver, and bronze medal winner from the students who took part in the competition. Along with the school results, the AMC8 committee awards national recognition to those students whose scores are the highest in the country. Our Lady’s Academy school team includes the bronze medal winner, Lukas Marmaris. Our Silver Medalist was John Lee. These students are current members of the seventh grade class. The school’s gold medal was JunHo Park.

In addition to our school results, we had several students who were recognized for their national achievement. The first national award was received by Nicholas Wilson. Nicholas was recognized for his high achievement as a sixth grade student taking part in the competition. The next two awards were received by Lukas Marmaris and John Lee. Lukas and John were recognized for finishing in the top 5% of the country in the competition. Lastly, JunHo Park was awarded for his distinction of placing in the top 1% of the country. Congratulations are due for Nicholas, Lukas, John, and JunHo’s national distinction, and for all of our students who took part in the competition!

FYI

2012 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

May 17 – Ascension Thursday

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 25 – Solemnity of the Lord (Christmas)

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