

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 24</b>	
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Vincent Chaisson	7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 25</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Jean Graceffa	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Thomas and Marie LeBlanc	Memorial
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 26</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Roy Milner	11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 28</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Gerard Sarno	Memorial
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 30</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Florence Avery	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 1</b>	
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Lionel, Bridget and James Sadler	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 2</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Marguerite Dagle	Memorial
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Fred Wright	Memorial

The *Stained Glass Window* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Albert Hoban at the request of the Parkers.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

Friday, December 7 at 6:30pm  
Saturday, December 8 at 9:00am

### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

First Sunday of Advent  
First Reading: Jer 33:14-16  
Resp. Psalm: Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12-4:2  
Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

November 17/18: \$6,111  
Retired Religious: \$2,986

### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 24/25: Regular and Hurricane Relief

### MEMORIAL CANDLE STANDS

Consider purchasing a candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$250 per year. If interested, contact Sharon in the parish office.

### GRAND ANNUAL

Our Grand Annual collection continues. Thank you to those who have already responded. There are extra letters and envelopes on the tables around the church. The Grand Annual continues until February, 2013. If you would like to make your Grand Annual donation via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), those forms are with the letters. Thank you in advance for your kindness and continued support of our parish.

### SAYING THANK YOU THIS HOLIDAY SEASON REMEMBERING OUR ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS

At all the doors of the church, there are blue boxes. Please take a moment and drop in a note, a card or a letter to an active duty service member. The boxes will be there until December. We celebrate Thanksgiving and then Christmas here at home or on the road with family and friends. Our service members are away from home during this time protecting us and keeping us safe so we can be with our friends and family. The Activities Club will take care of postage. We have a list of service people from the Waltham area but if you know of someone and have their full mailing address and would like for them to receive an envelope full of cards and notes for their platoon/troop/fellow soldiers please let Sharon know the information and we will get a package out to them the first few weeks of December. Thank you for your support.

### ADULT CHOIR

We are always welcoming new choir members – please consider joining our wonderful Adult Choir as we prepare for Christmas Eve with String Orchestra. We meet selected Thursdays 7-8:15pm throughout the year in our new choir rehearsal space, which is well heated and has a coffee machine. Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin after any Mass or email [olcamusic@gmail.com](mailto:olcamusic@gmail.com).

### OUR LADY'S 1000 CLUB

The next drawing is Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 in the school cafeteria...All are welcome! Tell your friends about the 1000 club, chances to win are better than playing the lottery and you help support your parish. If you would like to join, please call Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Our Lady's.

### A THANK YOU FROM SHARON MICCO

I would just like to thank everyone who helped make this year's **Turkey-Rama** the most successful. I've said it before and meant it; I cannot do what I do without your help. So to everyone involved I extend my gratitude and appreciation. THANK YOU. ☺

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:**

Please do not forget to pick up your Christmas Wreath's. Pick up will be this weekend, November 24/25 after all Masses. If you did not purchase a wreath and wished you had we may have a few extras for sale. Stop by and ask any Knight after Mass.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS**

We will have the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for sale this weekend after all the Masses in the rear lobby. The cost is \$3.00 each. As always thank you for your support.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We are looking for a few Catholic men over the age of 18 who have a couple extra hours a month who would be interested in helping us help our families, community and our parish. Just two hours a month can help us make a difference. Please consider becoming a Knight. For more information or to join us please see any Knight in the rear lobby of the church or call 781-209-0842.

**NEED HELP HEARING:** If you are hard of hearing, and wish to hear the entire mass, you can bring any small pocket FM Radio with earphones and set it to frequency 88.5. We do have a few small radios that can be borrowed but they go fast so you are better off bringing your own. This will allow you to hear everything that is said on the altar wherever you choose to sit.

**OUR LADY'S MEMORIALS**

- Stained Glass Window Lighting
- Bread and Wine
- Sanctuary Candle
- Altar Candles
- Blessed Mother Statue

Now you can remember a deceased or living loved one or a special intention by the lighting of the Blessed Mother Statue outside in our new garden. The donation is \$50 for the week. If you are interested, contact Sharon in the parish office.

**YEAR OF FAITH SEMINARS**

Six morning seminars will be conducted by Fr. DiPerri on *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*. These presentations of 45 minutes each will incorporate short discussion on specific topics addressed by the Catechism. This effort is part of the [Year of Faith](#), as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, in highlighting the anniversary of the current universal catechism. The seminars conducted will begin at the conclusion of the 8am Mass in the church's side conference room on the following dates: December 17 (Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church), December 21 (The Creed-Father, Son and Spirit/The Incarnation), January 7 (The Creed-The Church and The Communion of Saints), February 11 (Sacraments-Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick), March 15 (The Mass, Eucharist and Penance) and April 22 (Matrimony and Holy Orders). Coffee will be served. You may bring your Catechism with you or you may purchase one for \$10 at the seminar. All are invited.

**HURRICANE SANDY COLLECTION**

Cardinal O'Malley has authorized a special collection to be taken this weekend, November 24/25 in support of the relief efforts to those areas devastated by the recent Hurricane Sandy. All monies collected will be distributed from the Archdiocese of Boston to the church agencies involved in these relief efforts. Please address checks to "Our Lady's Parish" with "Hurricane Sandy Relief" in the memo on bottom left of check. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

**HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT**

Waltham Symphony Orchestra presents  
Holiday Pops Concert with conductor Patrick Botti  
Sunday, December 2 at 3:00pm  
Kennedy Middle School Auditorium  
655 Lexington Street, Waltham  
Free Admission:

Contributions collected at the door  
For more information call 781-642-1050 or visit  
website at [www.walthamsymphony.org](http://www.walthamsymphony.org)

**OUR LADY'S ACADEMY**

The second grade has been busy learning the parts of a story through writing their own fiction stories. The **main character** in their story was a scarecrow. The students had to create a setting for the scarecrow, a problem for the scarecrow to face and a solution to turn the problem around. The students also learned about the writing process through this lesson. They had to pre-write ideas on a graphic organizer, put their ideas into complete sentences with their rough drafts, edit and revise their stories through peer editing and teacher editing and finally writing their published copy which will be read aloud to the class by each student.

In social studies, the students have been learning about the government. They first learned about their local government; mayor and governor, and then they learned about the federal government; Congress, President, and Supreme Court. This also included learning about the Presidential election which coincided with an all school election for President and Senator (the student body elected Barack Obama and Scott Brown). All of this was paired nicely with a PTO sponsored production of *We the People*, an all new musical revue about American Civics. This production was performed by Theatreworks USA.

In religion the students have been studying the parts of the Mass and what is said during the Mass. The students have been learning about Jesus' first miracle in the bible story, Marriage at Cana. The students learned in this story how Jesus took water and turned it into wine much like is done during the Mass when we celebrate the Eucharist.

Second grade would like to welcome two new students, Ryan and Viviana. Both girls have been a welcomed addition to our class and have many talents to share. Ryan is an avid gymnast and can be seen most days at recess practicing her craft. Viviana is a strong reader with many stories to tell. Welcome to Our Lady's Academy, Ryan and Viviana.

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Dick Casey food closet is still collecting non perishable food every 3rd weekend of the month. Items such as spaghetti sauce, small canned ham, cans of hash or stew, toilet paper, bars of soap, cereal, children's lunch snacks, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jelly canned spaghettis, to name a few suggestions. This closet supplements the St. Vincent dePaul when we service those in our parish who ask for assistance. Thank you for your continued support.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Come celebrate the holidays at the Our Lady's annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 2 from 9am to Noon. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, meet Santa, hear a Christmas story, make a craft, see a magic show and browse our fabulous raffle table! Tickets are \$10 each and children under 2 are free. All proceeds to benefit OLA PTO academic enrichment programs. Tickets will be on sale before and after all Masses the weekend of November 24/25 or online at [www.ourladysacademy.org/store](http://www.ourladysacademy.org/store). Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Any questions, please call 781-899-0353.

**MASS CANCELLATIONS**

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 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.