

Saturday	December 15	
4:00 p.m.	Rose and Harry Monks	Memorial
Sunday	December 16	
9:00 a.m.	Mickey DiGregory	Memorial
	Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish	
11:00 a.m.	Louis, Sr., Susan and Louis, Jr.	
	Caporiccio, Lucy and Carmen	
	Quintiliani and Ellie Liebman	
Monday	December 17	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Our Lady's Parish	
Wednesday	December 19	
8:00 a.m.	Susan Pedro and Manuel Cabral	
Friday	December 21	
8:00 a.m.	Mariann Cahill and Maddy Navin	
Saturday	December 22	
4:00 p.m.	Vincent Lopez	10 th Anniversary
Sunday	December 23	
9:00 a.m.	Catherine, Francis and James Kennedy	
11:00 a.m.	Paul Morabito	
	Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish	

Please remember in your prayers Carmen J. Stella, (brother of parishioner and choir member John Stella) and Jean A. Dee who have recently passed away.

The *Stained Glass Window* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of John, Josephine and Joseph Stagliano at the request of Joan and Maryann and the grandchildren.

The *Blessed Mother Statue* is lit this week in loving memory of Joseph Stanowicz at the request of his wife, Mary.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Monday, December 24 at 4:00pm
 Monday, December 24 at 6:30pm
 Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00am
 Monday, December 31 at 6:30pm
 Tuesday, January 1 at 10:00am

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 First Reading: Mi 5:1-4a
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10
 Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 8/9: \$5,850
 Monthly Collection: \$2,988

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

December 15/16: Regular
 December 22/23: Regular
 December 25 – Christmas – Clergy Benefit Trust
 December 29/30: Regular

GRAND ANNUAL

Our Grand Annual collection continues. Thank you to those who have already responded. To date we have collected \$83,778.50. 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.

YEAR OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday to remind us that the Lord is near! Additionally we are reminded, through St. John the Baptist's words that we have an even greater reason to be filled with joy: Baptism. Through Baptism we are called to live a life of holiness and to be willing to share the joy we find in Christ with those around us. In this Year of Faith we are called to be ready to give witness of the gift of faith to our family, friends and neighbors. What will you do this week to witness the joy that is ours through Jesus Christ? Consider inviting a friend or family member to attend Mass or another activity that is happening at a nearby parish. Visit www.yearoffaithboston.org.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

We are fortunate to have 4 candidates in our RCIA Program this year. Anna Leger, Danielle Wagoner, and Kim Hughes are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Julie Toole is preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, as well as Confirmation. Please remember them in your prayers assisting them along their faith journey. Thanks and prayers to our RCIA team of Iona Pasqual, Joe Deneen, Jackie Zuppe, Brother Leonard Haley, and Page Vandewater.



UPCOMING SEMINARS – YEAR OF FAITH

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)
- 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

**MEMORIAL CANDLE STANDS**

Remember your loved ones or intentions this Christmas Season with an annual memorial candle. The cost is \$250 per year. We have a few left.

If interested, contact Sharon in the parish office.

OUR LADY'S MEMORIALS

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

This Christmas Season, remember a deceased or living loved one or a special intention by donating any of the above items. The donation for each memorial is \$50 for a week. If you are interested, contact Sharon in the parish office.

ITALIAN CHRISTMAS

Our Music Director, Kevin Galié will be directing his Coro-Dante Italian chorus this Sunday, December 16 at 5:00pm for their successful annual Italian Christmas concert. Will be held at Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire Street, Kendall Square. Validated parking available at Kendall Square Cinema. Free admission. All are welcome. For more information visit www.dantemass.org/html/coro-dante.html

NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS

Our **Holiday Luncheon** is Wednesday, January 9, 2013 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. Price is \$15.00. Reservations and payment must be made by the end of December. **NO TICKETS** will be sold at the door. If interested, please contact Isabel at 781-893-5568.

Florida Trip: Final payment by the first week in January. We wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Christmas Season.

SAVE THE DATES – PLANNING AHEAD

Please mark your calendars for the following two very exciting and important events.

Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 2pm Mass with Fr. Hawker as he celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination with reception to follow in the parish hall.

Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 2pm Mass with Fr. DiPerri as he celebrates the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination with reception to follow in the parish hall.

OUR LADY'S 1000 CLUB

The next drawing is Sunday, January 13 at 12:30 in the school cafeteria...All are welcome! These make **GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS** for those hard-to-buy-for people. If you would like to join, please call Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2.

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY

5A has been having a great year. Although the transition from fourth to fifth grade can be a daunting one, the fifth graders have handled it wonderfully!

In Religion, the kids have been learning about the sacraments. As part of learning about Baptism, the kids had talks with their families about their own baptism. They were eager to share with one another, how their parents picked their god parents and how important their spiritual upbringing was to their parents. The onset of the Advent season has been an exciting one in religion class as it lends itself to many wonderful discussions.

In Reading, the kids have been discovering how poets choose their words to inspire thought. Although initially skeptical of their ability, over the past couple of weeks, the kids of 5A have proven to themselves that they are all poets. Their poetry decorates the walls and during free time the kids can often be found reading and commenting on one another's poetry.

In Science, the fifth graders are practicing inquiry-based learning. This past week the entire fifth grade built electromagnets. The budding scientists proved through their hands-on experiment that the strength of the magnet increased with the number of coils they made with their copper wire. The creation of this controllable magnetism inspired many great ideas for inventions!

The students are busy getting ready for their annual Christmas Show. If you walk the halls of Our Lady's Academy before classes start, you will hear the voices of the fifth graders practicing their musical numbers! They are sure to be a hit!

The fifth graders wish everyone at Our Lady's a Merry Christmas season.

**OUR LADY'S ACADEMY CHRISTMAS SHOW**

Please join the children and families of Our Lady's Academy for our annual Christmas Show this Tuesday, December 18 beginning at 6:00pm. We hope to see you there!

CONFERENCES AND CONFESSIONS FOR THE WINTER/SPRING WITH SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS**Conference**

1/13/13 – Grades 1-8 Religious Education

Confessions

2/10 – Grades 3/4 Religious Ed

3/3 – Grades 7/8 Religious Ed

3/10 – Grades 9/10 Religious Ed

4/28 – Grades 5/6 Religious Ed

**MASS CANCELLATIONS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER SITUATIONS**

From what the forecasters are saying on the news, it looks like this coming week is going to be wintery! Please remember that 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.

**OUR LADY'S ACADEMY WILDCATS BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

The 1st/2nd grade and 3rd/4th grade teams had a strong start to the season last weekend when they played St. Theresa's from West Roxbury. The next game is this Sunday, Dec 16th vs. St. Mary's.

The 7-8th's OLA Boys basketball team has gotten off to a fast start to the season. Strong play by Jarod Edouard and Mike DiVito has led the way to a 4-1 record to date. Next up an away game at St. Patrick's, Stoneham on 12/15.

The OLA 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team is off to a great start this season! They currently have a 4-0 record and are first place in their league division. The girls are working very hard in practice and have come a long way in learning to work as a team. We look forward to a successful rest of the season.