

Saturday	December 1		
4:00 p.m.	Lionel, Bridget and James Sadler and Parishioners of Our Lady's		
Sunday	December 2		
9:00 a.m.	Marguerite Dagle		Memorial
11:00 a.m.	Fred Wright		Memorial
Monday	December 3		
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Rosario Casella Family		
Wednesday	December 5		
8:00 a.m.	Charles McGrath	40 th Anniversary	
Friday	December 7		
9:00 a.m.	Charles James		Memorial
Saturday	December 8		
4:00 p.m.	Alfred J. Poirier		Memorial
Sunday	December 9		
9:00 a.m.	Patrick and Mary Gacquin		Memorial
	Parishioners of Our Lady's		
11:00 a.m.	Frances Damoiseau		Memorial

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

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

**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

Second Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Bar 5:1-9
Resp. Psalm: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

COLLECTION INFORMATION

November 24/25: \$5,348
Hurricane Sandy: \$3,047

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

December 1/2: Regular
December 8/9: Regular and Special Monthly
December 15/16: Regular
December 22/23: Regular
December 29/30: Regular

OUR LADY'S 1000 CLUB

The next drawing is NEXT Sunday, December 9 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.

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.

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.

YEAR OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

This week we are reminded by Christ to be vigilant, to watch for and be aware of the signs of the times. Jesus offers a simple plan for us to grow in vigilance and to avoid our hearts from becoming drowsy: prayer. In a special way during this Year of Faith we have been asked to encounter Christ by participating in the Sacraments and setting aside more time to listen to God. What will you do this week to be vigilant? Consider praying with Holy Scripture or setting aside extra time each day to be silent and listen to God. Visit www.yearoffaithboston.org for more Year of Faith updates.

OUR LADY'S MEMORIALS

Stained Glass Window Lighting, Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles, Blessed Mother Statue... Remember a deceased or living loved one or a special intention by donating for 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.

UPCOMING SEMINARS with FR. DIPERRI

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. See www.olca.org/year_of_faith_seminars.aspx

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

Consider purchasing a candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention this holiday season. There are a few left on our November stand. The cost is \$250 per year. If interested, contact Sharon in the parish office.

COLLECTION OF FOOD

By now, everyone is aware of the devastation left behind by Hurricane Sandy. One of the areas impacted were local food pantries. Our Lady's Food Pantry will be organizing a food drive. All non-perishable food items dropped off at the church between 12/8 and 12/14 in the collection boxes at the doors of the church will be driven to New York on 12/15 and donated to a food pantry run by Catholic Charities. The boxes will be at the doors of the church from 12/8 to 12/14.

We understand times are tough and we are entering into the Christmas Season. Money can be tight, but please consider donating some nonperishable food items to help. While you are out shopping this coming week, can you add to your order one OR some of the following: cans of soup, peanut butter, tuna, canned goods, pasta, jelly, tomato sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayo, relish, pickles, salsa or anything you can think of that is non-perishable.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email Sue Casey at smbc2767@yahoo.com or call Sharon in the parish office. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

SAVE THE DATE

Bring some joy into the lives of some Senior Citizens. The Activities Club is sponsoring a "Caroling Evening" up at Waltham Crossings (corner of Trapelo Road and Smith Street) on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**. We will meet in the cafeteria of the school at 6:00pm for those interested in warming up their vocal cords and we will be at the Crossings at 6:30pm for the sing along of all the Christmas Classics. If you can't make it for warm up, feel free to just meet us there at 6:30pm. Please know that being able to sing IS NOT A REQUIREMENT! There is no age limit, so young and old are welcome, families or individuals are welcome. If you want to come but don't like driving at night, call Sharon in the parish office and we'll make arrangements to pick you up and bring you home. Don't want to sing? How about just coming and sitting with some of the residents and let them feel the Christmas spirit and love. Any questions at all, call Sharon in the parish office or email her at parish@olca.org.



OUR LADY'S ACADEMY

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 have 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 just 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 could vote on their favorite, or Most Disgusting Pumpkin. The students had a blast being both creative and kind of gross!

In regards to Math, we are finishing up Subtraction and will be moving on to Multiplication! The students will be given, on a daily basis, a 30 second speed test to increase their memorization and speed of these facts.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL

St. Vincent dePaul Giving Tree: Most of the cards have been taken and we thank everyone for doing so. If anyone missed out getting a card, we would welcome a gift card to perhaps Shaws, TJ Maxx or CVS which we can use to replace a gift that doesn't get returned. Please remember we need all the gifts returned to the church or parish office by the end of the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 9 since everything is distributed that afternoon.

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

11/30 – Grade 4 School	12/3 – Grade 5 School
12/5 – Grade 3 School	12/10 – Grade 6 School
12/12 – Grade 7 School	12/14 – Grade 8 School

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

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.

MESSAGE ON COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

As you know, Cardinal Seán has now accepted *Disciples in Mission* as the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston. Many Parishes around the Archdiocese are now receiving letters about their Collaboratives, and about the process going forward.

While most of our Collaboratives are now settled, Our Lady's is not yet. There are many reasons why Collaboratives are still being worked out. We want to find the right solutions rather than the quick solutions and sometimes those solutions take a long time to find.

Thank you for your patience with this. May God continue to bless you for the good work you are doing.

Rev. Paul R. Soper
Director, Office of Pastoral Planning