

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 22</b>	
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Vincent Lopez	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 23</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Catherine, Francis and James Kennedy	
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Paul Morabito	Memorial
	Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Christmas Eve with Children's Choir	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Christmas Eve with Adult Choir	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Christmas Day	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 26</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	John P. DiMattia	11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 28</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Annette Finamore and Leonard V. Finamore, Sr.	Memorial
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 29</b>	
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Edward W. Foster	Memorial
	Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 30</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Gerald Gray	Memorial
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Deceased Members of the Flannery and Damoiseau Families	

The *Stained Glass Window* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Marlana Culbert at the request of her daughter, Nicole.

The *Blessed Mother Statue* is lit this week in loving memory of Tony Nigro at the request of his wife, children and great grandchildren.

The *Sanctuary Lamp* burns this week in loving memory of Vincent and Gladys DiSilva.



### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES

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

### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
 First Reading: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
 Second Reading: Col 3:12-21 or Col 3: 12-17  
 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
 Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 15/16: \$6,185

### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

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 \$97,828.50. 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.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Christmas collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection. Please visit [www.careforseniorpriests.org](http://www.careforseniorpriests.org) for more information.

### 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**

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:

- 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**

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by our Knights of Columbus will be on Wednesday, December 26 from 12 noon until 8:30pm.

**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 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.

**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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination with reception to follow in the parish hall.

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

**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.

**CARDINAL SEAN'S STATEMENT ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 REGARDING THE NEWTOWN, CT TRAGEDY**

“As I returned from Rome this afternoon I learned of the tragic events that unfolded in Newtown, Connecticut today. There are no words that can adequately express what the children and families at Sandy Hook Elementary School experienced and the shock and grief that have befallen the Newtown community and our nation. As people of faith we denounce and abhor violence of any kind. There is no circumstance that justifies the taking of innocent life and it is incomprehensible that children were the victims of this heinous act. At a time of such great distress we turn to Jesus, who is with us always, even in our most difficult moments, and extends His healing graces in the midst of our pain. We pray for those who lost their lives today, trusting that they have been received into the presence of the Lord, for their families and for all who are impacted by this national tragedy. Coming together with genuine care and concern for all people, we will find the strength to support one another going forward, confident that there is no darkness that can overcome the light of Christ.”

**MASS CANCELLATIONS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER SITUATIONS**

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**

In the fifth grade, the focus of the religion curriculum is the Sacraments. Lately, the students have been learning about Advent. To get into the spirit of Christmas this week, the students have been learning about the Christmas Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." During the time that the song was written, people were not allowed to learn about the Catholic religion; it is said that the song was written to teach children about the Catholic faith.

In reading, our whole class finished When My Name Was Keoko. It is a historical fiction novel that takes place in occupied Korea during World War II. To emphasize the emotions the characters feel in the story, each student had to choose a Japanese name and only use Japanese names for an entire day. The students realized how difficult it must have been for the main characters to do the same. Now the students are working on mobile projects to show their understanding of the plot, characters, and setting of the story. They are hanging outside of our classroom!

The entire fifth grade has been learning about explorers around the world during the 1300's to the 1600's. This past week, we reached the spot in history where Massachusetts and Virginia colonies' people spread across the Thirteen Original Colonies. After the students return from break, we will spend some time studying all the different aspects of geography (continents, oceans, latitude, longitude, scale on a map, etc.).

In writing, each fifth grade student is creating an autobiography during our narrative writing unit. We are working chapter by chapter to complete a book about each student. The chapters cover topics from the day they were born to important events in their lives and end with what they would like for their future. The completed autobiographies will be a wonderful keepsake for each child!

**OLA WILDCATS BASKETBALL**

The OLA Wildcats basketball team Grades 1 and 2 had an excellent effort this past Sunday in their game against St. Mary's. Good team work and very good defense led to our victory. Player of the game was James Larranaga, who led the team in scoring. The Grade 3 and 4 Wildcats player of the game was Joey Cross, who led all scorers and played an all around good game. Emphasizing team defense and excellent passing, OLA was able to limit St. Mary's offensively.

**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

**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.

**THANK YOU**

The Activities Committee would like to thank all who took a few minutes out of their day to write a card or note to active duty soldiers this past November. We sent mail packages to 5 soldiers stationed abroad.

We also want to thank all those who came out last Wednesday to bring holiday cheer to the residents at Waltham Crossings. It was enjoyed by both the residents and the carolers. We were even serenaded by one of the residents who had an amazing voice!

Finally to everyone who donated food; St. Vincent dePaul for all their help; Joanne DeProfio, Janet Williams, Jane Leard and Barbara Compton for sorting all the food; to Sue Casey (Eileen and Steve MacKenzie for their van); Mike McNamara for driving and use of his pickup truck and to Jimmy, Joanne, Emily and Bernadette for traveling to NY to help with the delivery to St. Mary's Parish. We wish more could have traveled with us for this amazing experience. Pictures are on our website [www.olca.org](http://www.olca.org) if you would like to view them.

**ON BEHALF OF OUR LADY'S PARISH AND  
ACADEMY STAFF, WE WISH YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILIES A VERY BLESSED AND  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**