

Saturday	December 24	
4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve	
6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve	
Sunday	December 25	
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day	
Monday	December 26	
8 a.m.	Maddy Navin	Memorial
Wednesday	December 28	
8 a.m.	Annette Finamore	10 th Anniversary
Friday	December 30	
8 a.m.	John Sullivan	Birthday Memorial
Saturday	December 31	
4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Damoiseau and Flannery Families	
Sunday	January 1	
9 a.m.	John Caezza	Memorial
11 a.m.	Fred Wright	Memorial

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.

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

The *Stained Glass Window* is illuminated this week in loving memory of Tony Nigro at the request of his wife, Doris.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 First Reading: Nm 6:22-27
 Resp. Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
 Second Reading: Gal 4:4-7
 Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekend of December 17/18: \$6,139

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Dec. 24/25 – Clergy Benefit Trust

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 Sunday

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.**



ON BEHALF OF OUR LADY'S PARISH AND SCHOOL STAFF, WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.

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.

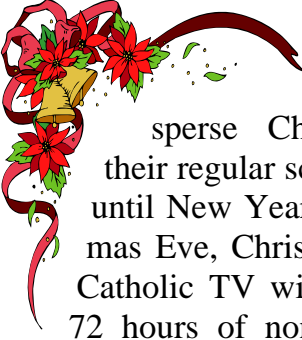
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston.

This weekend's Christmas collection is for our priests. The 715 active and senior priests in our Archdiocese have served us faithfully and have been a constant source of grace and blessing over the years. They are the reason we are able to celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist today and every day. Without them, we could not fully live our Catholic faith. Please remember all the priests who have made a meaningful impact in your life. Please consider honoring these good and holy men through next week's collection and giving them a gift of Christmas that shows them you truly care. Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support.



CATHOLIC TV CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING



Catholic TV will intersperse Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December until New Year's Eve. Then, all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, Catholic TV will become Christmas TV for 72 hours of nonstop specials. Comcast Ch. 268: Verizon Ch. 296 or watch LIVE online at www.CatholicTV.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BLOOD DRIVE: On Wednesday, December 28 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. To make an appointment please contact The American Red Cross Blood Drive at 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Walk ins always welcome.

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

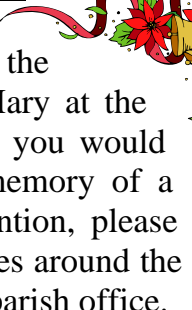
HEARING DIFFICULTIES: Do you wish you could hear the Mass better? Now you can! Bring any FM portable radio with earphones to Mass, set your radio to 87.7 FM and you will hear every word said from the altar over your radio through your earphones! This system is always on whenever the speaker system is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

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.

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.

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.

PRAYERS FOR...

Please remember in your prayers Roberta Monahan who is very ill.

**OUR LADY'S 1000 CLUB****THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THAT HARD TO BUY FOR PERSON**

The next drawing is 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, Christmas, 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 will be sent out next week 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.

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

Our Lady's Academy Grade 5A has been very busy this month.

In November our reading class completed two Avi books, *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* and *Don't You Know There's a War On*. Avi is a popular author for young adult readers and he writes fiction about many of his own experiences. Students were allowed to choose the novel that interested them. The entire class is now reading *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by R. O'Brien. It is a Newbery Award winning book about superior rats and their neighbors.

Students continue to complete a good deal of writing in Ms. Lovelette's class. They have been working on persuasive writing pieces and learning to write book reviews. The students are writing book reviews on the Avi books mentioned in the first paragraph.

Math class is always exciting. This month we have spent a good deal of time working with fractions. We have been adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions. After Christmas break we will learn how to divide fractions. We are also working with fraction word problems. This year all fifth grade math students have an IXL account and some nights their homework is on-line math problems. Check out the IXL website and see the very colorful and interesting variety of problems. Soon we will see how fractions and decimals are similar.

In social studies we are studying about European explorers who came to North and South America. We have been discussing the many English, French, Dutch, Italian, and Spanish explorers they made history. We are keeping track of important dates on the class time line.

In science class students are studying about plant and animal cells. They are learning the different parts of the cells and their functions. Last week they created edible models with Jell-O. This week they started learning about the scientific classification system.

In religion class we are discussing advent and the importance of the Christmas season. We have been talking about Reconciliation and students had the chance to go to Confession last week.

The CHRISTMAS SHOW was a huge success. The fifth grade performed one song alone and the second song with the sixth grade. Some of our fifth graders had speaking parts in the show. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.