

Saturday	December 3		
4:00 p.m.	Alfred J. Poirier	Christmas Memorial	
Sunday	December 4		
9 a.m.	Marguerite Dagle	Memorial	
11 a.m.	Dominic and Natalie Scalcione Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish		
Monday	December 5		
8 a.m.	Natale Onofaro	Memorial	
Wednesday	December 7		
8 a.m.	Celia Dion	Memorial	
6:30pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
Thursday	December 8		
9 a.m.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
6:30pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
Friday	December 9		
8 a.m.	Earl Corey	Birthday Memorial	
Saturday	December 10		
4:00 p.m.	Rose and Harry Monks	Memorial	
	Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish		
Sunday	December 11		
9 a.m.	Louis, Sr., Susan and Louis, Jr. Caporiccio and Lucy and Carmen Quintiliani		
11 a.m.	Frances Damoiseau	Memorial	

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses for the Holy Day will be Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30pm and Thursday, December 8 at 9:00am and 6:30pm.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASSES

Christmas Eve at 4:00pm and 6:30pm
 Christmas Day at 10:00am
 New Years Eve at 4:00pm
 New Year's Day at 9:00am and 11:00am

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent
 First Reading: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Resp. Psalm: Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
 Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:16-24
 Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekend of November 26/27: \$5,528

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Dec 3/4 – Regular
 Dec 10/11 – Regular and Monthly
 Dec 17/18 – Regular

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**CHURCH BELLS RINGING**

We would like to thank parishioner, Florence Morabito for her generous donation in loving memory of her husband, Paul which has allowed us to purchase a Chime Master System which gives us digital church bells. Their beauty can be heard daily at 12 noon and 6:00pm and 15 minutes before each weekend Mass.

GRAND ANNUAL

Our Grand Annual collection is underway and to date we have collected \$75,757. Thank you to those who have already responded generously. Our follow up letter was mailed out last week. If you had received it and had already sent in your donation last week or this weekend, we apologize for the crossing in the mail. 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 it out and return it to the parish office either by mail or you can simply put it in the collection baskets in an envelope marked to the parish office, attention Sharon.

OUR LADY'S ADULT CHOIR

Please consider joining and supporting our wonderful choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm and we usually meet Sunday morning's at 10:30am. Obviously everyone cannot make it every Sunday and we understand that. If you are unable to sing, please be sure to occasionally thank our wonderful choir members.

MEMORIAL CANDLE STANDS

There are still candles available for November 2011 to November 2012 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, please fill out the brochures on the tables around the church or contact Sharon in the parish office.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Advent on Wednesday, December 21 from 6:30-7:30pm Our Lady's and all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confessions. Please make plans to come on the 21st and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: We want to thank all of you who have purchased wreaths. We wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS: Our council wishes to welcome our new members: Stephen Conley, Richard Gullotti, John Iknaian and Justin Wylie. We also want to congratulate the following Knights who have advanced to Second Degree Knights, Stephen Conley, Joseph Devane, Joseph Cunningham, John Iknaian, John McKenna and Richard Gullotti.

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

We have received our Breaking Bread Missals with the new translation parts included. As in the past, we are asking for your help to defray the cost of the missals so that we can continue to have them in our pews. 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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is underway; there are still cards on the tree at the entrance of the church. Anyone wishing to participate can take card/cards, purchase the noted gift on the card and return them **NEXT SUNDAY**, Sunday, December 11 at the 11:00am Mass. If you know you are **NOT** going to be able to drop your gift off the weekend of December 11, you can drop them off at the parish office anytime before the 11th. Please note that the gifts must be back as noted since all the gifts are distributed that day, December 11. The St.

Vincent dePaul again thanks the parishioners who so generously support our endeavors.

OUR LADY'S 1000 CLUB

THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THAT HARD TO BUY FOR PERSON

Drawing **NEXT** Sunday, December 11.

\$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.



MIT WOMEN'S CHORALE

The MIT Women's Chorale, conducted by our own music director, Kevin Galiè, will perform a holiday concert on Sunday, December 11, at 4 pm at the Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire St., Kendall Square, Cambridge. The Chorale will perform Vivaldi's Gloria with chamber orchestra, music by Abbess Hildegard von Bingen, Bach, Vaughan Williams, and songs of the season. Admission is free and parking information is available on the Chorale website:

<http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale/>. In May of 2012, our children's chorus will join the MIT Women's Chorale in their spring concert, performing the Bell Chorus from Mahler's Symphony No. 3.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This Sunday, December 4 at 2:00pm in Our Lady's Parish center. Please enter the building through the parish office doors which are located behind the school building. Pull in the driveway behind the school, park and walk towards the back of the building.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Buy your Christmas tree at Wagon Wheel and receive \$5.00 of your purchase over \$30.00. Also, for every Christmas tree purchased at Wagon Wheel this season, Wagon Wheel will donate \$5.00 Cash to benefit the Parish Hall renovation project! (Must have coupon/flyer at time of purchase so Our Lady's will receive credit for your purchase. The flyers are enclosed in this weekend's bulletins.)

REMEMBERING OUR ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS

Say thank you this holiday season to all 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. This month we celebrate Thanksgiving and next month is 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 families and friends. This makes a great family activity, knitting group activity or personal quiet time activity. There is no maximum or minimum on the number of cards, notes or good wishes you can put in these boxes. The Activities Club will take care of the 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.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Waltham-Watertown-Belmont Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life is again chartering a bus for the 39th annual National March for Life in Washington D.C. January 23, 2012. Departure will be 8:00pm Sunday, January 22 and return in the early hours of Tuesday morning, January 24. If you would like to make the trip to Washington and be witness to the sanctity and dignity of life, please contact Maryanne at 617-489-4298 for information and registration. Cost for adults is \$35 and students \$25. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited, so sign up soon.

VIRTUS TRAINING

All staff and volunteers are required to attend the VIRTUS training session Protecting God's Children. If you missed our meetings here at Our Lady's in the fall, Sacred Heart/St. Brigid, Lexington is having a few upcoming sessions. December 7 from 7-9:30pm, December 8 from 3-5:30pm and December 10 from 9-11:30am. All sessions will be held in the Library in St. Brigid Parish Center. To register, please call 781-862-4646.

CONFESSIONS FOR OUR LADY'S STUDENTS

December 5, Grade 5 w/ Fr DiPerri

December 7, Grade 6 w/ Fr. Hawker

December 9, Grade 8 w/ Fr. DiPerri

December 12, Grade 7 w/ Fr. DiPerri

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

In 3B, the students have been thinking of the things in their daily life for which they are thankful as well as to live their faith by helping to make the lives of others better. We gave food for Genesis House to help make Thanksgiving an enjoyable holiday for the less fortunate.

The students have been working diligently in Writer's Workshop. They are nearing the end of their second unit on personal narratives. During the unit students have used mentor text to guide their stories, chosen seed topics and worked on telling stories in a step by step way. Students will be presenting their narratives at an author party which will be held in the classroom soon!

The entire third grade alternates between social studies and science units week by week. This week, students have been researching the classification of animals based on specific characteristics. Students are learning to decipher animals based on physical characteristics and place them into appropriate categories.

Our current science unit directly links to our current unit of study in Reading Workshop which is non-fiction. Students will be reading just-right, non-fiction texts and decipher main idea and supporting details. In culmination of this unit, students will conduct research projects on self-chosen, non-fiction topics. Third graders will present their projects to other classes at Our Lady's. It's been a busy year in third grade and we are learning lots!

PARISH MISSION AT ST. BRIGID'S, LEXINGTON

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

December 12, 13, 14 at 7:30pm

Brother Michael Moral of the Passionist Order will conduct the parish mission. This is an opportunity to STOP during the holiday season to REFLECT on our spiritual journey. Each evening will last about an hour and a time for sociability and to meet Brother Mike will take place the third evening.