

- Saturday March 31**  
**4:00 p.m.** Louis Gnerre, Sr., Clarice "Althea"  
 Gnerre and Michael A. Gnerre  
 Jerry and Catherine Paone Memorial
- Sunday April 1**  
**9:00 a.m.** Val Giorgianni 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
**11:00 a.m.** Michael J., Michael P and Mark  
 DiGregory
- Monday April 2**  
**9:00 a.m.** Yolanda Santolucito Memorial
- Wednesday April 4**  
**8:00 a.m.** Thomas Hedderson Memorial
- Thursday April 5 – Holy Thursday**  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Friday April 6 – Good Friday**  
**12:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross  
**7:00p.m.** Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
- Saturday April 7**  
**7:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil
- Sunday April 8**  
**9:00 a.m.** Easter Sunday  
**11:00 a.m.** Easter Sunday

The *Stained Glass Window* is illuminated this week in loving memory of Louis Gnerre, Sr., Clarice "Althea" Gnerre and Michael A. Gnerre at the request of their family.

The *Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lamp* is offered this week in loving memory of Val Giorgianni at the request of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Please remember the health intentions of Patricia Turino in your prayers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the first Friday in April being Good Friday, the 9:00am Mass will be this Monday, April 2 at 9:00am. There will be no 8am Mass on Monday 4/2.

**TRIDUUM AND EASTER SERVICES**  
 Holy Thursday – Mass at 7pm  
 Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at 12 noon  
 Good Friday – Service at 7pm  
 Easter Vigil at 7pm  
 Easter Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am

**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS**  
 The Resurrection of the Lord  
 Mass of Easter Sunday  
 First Reading: 1 Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
 Second Reading: 2 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
 Gospel: John 20:1-9

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Collection for March 24/25: \$5,933

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

- March 31/April 1: Regular and Monthly  
 Good Friday – Holy Land
- April 7/8: Easter – Clergy Benefit Trust
- April 14/15: Regular
- April 21/22: Regular
- April 28/29: Regular and Home Missions

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Our final Stations of the Cross will be held this Wednesday here at Our Lady's at 6:30pm and we will remember Deacon Bill Mackenzie this evening. As we prepare ourselves for the upcoming Triduum, this Lenten tradition reminds us of our Savior as he journeyed His Way of the Cross in Jerusalem.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**April 8: RAIN DATE: April 15**

We will have our annual Easter egg hunt Easter morning after the 9:00am Mass. If it rains, the rain date is the following weekend, April 15 after the 9am Mass.



**MEMORIAL CANDLE STANDS**

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.

**ROSARY**

Please remember that the Rosary is prayed the first Saturday of each month beginning at 3:15. All are welcome.



**PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING**

There will be a town hall meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Archdiocese proposed model to group parishes together under one Pastor and a single staff. **WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.** Please check the Pastoral Planning bulletin boards or visit [www.planning2012.com](http://www.planning2012.com) for more information. You may also email questions or concerns to the Pastoral Council at [parish@olca.org](mailto:parish@olca.org) or call Diane LeBlanc at 781-526-1285.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**ROSARY:** Please join us each month on the second Saturday to say the Rosary. The Rosary will start at approximately 3:40pm and will end prior to the 4:00pm Mass.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our membership is open to all Catholic men over the age of 18 years. As men of faith, Knights strive to make a difference by being part of the difference. So far over seventy men have joined our council. If you are interested in making a difference by joining our council, please contact any Knight after Masses in the main lobby of the church or call 781-209-0842.

**DIFFICULTY HEARING:** Bring any small FM portable radio with earphones to Mass, set your radio to 87.7 FM and you will hear everything! If you have any problem using this system, please ask any Knight to help you.

**1000 CLUB NEWS**

The next drawing is Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 in the school. Cafeteria...All are welcome!

During the renewal periods we always have some folks who drop their numbers for one reason or another, so we again ask that if you do not have a 1000 Club number, please consider purchasing one and if you already have a membership, thank you and please remember to renew. The cost is \$55/year or \$5/month. We want to thank you for your continued support.

**RCIA**

In April, Kathleen O'Shea as well as Angelica Pabon will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at regional Confirmation ceremonies in South Boston and Andover. Please pray for Kathleen and Angelica as they continue their faith journey.

Also pray for Zachary, Olivia and Patrick McCann as they receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

**JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING!**

Shop at Wagon Wheel between April 1-7 and 15% of sales will go back to Our Lady's Academy PTO. The PTO will use these funds to cover costs for student enrichment as well as other school initiatives. Make sure to mention Our Lady's at check-out and the cashier will take care of the rest! Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!!**

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. Registration 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.

**NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS****HAPPY SPRING!**

On Wednesday, May 16 Broadway Tonite at Luciano's in Wrentham, MA. An afternoon of song and dance from your favorite Broadway musicals. Price is \$69.00 per person and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, luncheon and show. If interested, please contact Diane Chagnon at 781-899-8197.

**GOOD FRIDAY'S COLLECTION**

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI, is not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

**EASTER COLLECTION**

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully service Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

**MERCY SUNDAY**

Mercy Sunday is April 15. Now is a great time to learn of the magnificent graces waiting for you on this day! There are pamphlets around the church, please take them home and share them with your family and friends.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

I arrived almost six years ago to assume the principalship of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted School. As I reflect on my time here, flashbacks of where the school was and where it is now race through my head. Our Lady's has come a long way! The saying, "A school on the Move" is one that we adopted to send the message that we had a lot to do to become a true 21<sup>st</sup> century Catholic academy. Now six years later and under a new name that reflects the school's Catholic and academic foci, Our Lady's Academy is flourishing. During the past six years, the academy has done a complete turnaround. With the addition of Father DiPerri, the Catholicity of the school is alive and well. With his help and guidance, the students are developing a true understanding of their faith. Conferences and adorations as well as having Mass on all Holy Days and on each First Friday have deepened the faith of the students. Besides the religious growth of the students, academics have taken a complete turn-around. Textbooks were updated, Pre-kindergarten classes were started, first a pre-kindergarten four class only to be followed by additional four and three year old classes. A choice of a second language, Italian or Spanish, was made part of the curriculum for the early childhood, primary, and elementary levels and the continuation of Spanish in the middle school. Coaching support was made available to the faculty to help them to develop their craft. The instructional Leadership and Student Support Teams were established to address the curriculum and learning needs of the students. Technology has taken a major role in our "School on the Move" and has placed our school in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. SMART Boards are now located in all classrooms from grade two through grade eight and in the science and computer labs and in the language room. The middle school utilizes SMART Response clickers. These devices individualize student responses to teacher's questions either during class or on test and quizzes. Parents can now log into the grade book of their child's teacher to check on how their child did on a test or a quiz. The facility upgrades are many with the replacement of floor tiles, upgrading the heating system in the school and air conditioning system in the hall and the addition of a new bathroom facility just to name a few. I have just highlighted some of the changes that are part of Our Lady's Academy and its metamorphosis to becoming a 21<sup>st</sup> century Catholic Academy. However, hold on to your hats. There is more to come! God bless all of you and have a wonderful Easter season!

Chandra Minor  
Principal

**FR. DIPERRI'S CONFERENCES AND  
CONFESSIONS WITH  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS**

April 29 – Confessions for grades 3-4

**FR. DIPERRI'S CONFERENCES AND  
CONFESSIONS WITH  
OUR LADY'S ACADEMY STUDENTS**

April 27 – Conference – Grades 5-8

May 7 – Conference – Grade K-4

May 25 – Conferences – Grade 8

June 11 – Conference – Grade K-4

**CONFIRMATION CROSS**

At the rear of the church during Lent stands the Confirmation Cross from the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade retreat held in February at the Espousal Center. Each student nailed an 'intention' to the cross. Each little personal message represents either a request to forgive a sin committed to another or asking forgiveness of someone who has committed unkindness to the person. We leave the cross in the church to remind students to continue to pray for forgiveness of these sins. The nails on the cross are a special order which more represent the kind of nails used in the crucifixion of Jesus. Also on the back of the cross the students put their initials each year. The cross was built by a volunteer carpenter.

**CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Waltham will conduct a prayer service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 15. The service will consist of the Litany of Reparation, Chaplet of Divine Mercy including St. Faustina's Meditations on the Passion, passages from the Diary of St. Faustina and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Divine Mercy materials will be available. All are welcome. For further information, call 781-893-0330.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

April 27-28

**Saturday Night Eucharistic Procession** through the streets of the North End. We are looking to get a group of people to go together from Our Lady's for the Adoration portion. If you would be interested in going, please contact Sharon in the parish office. For more information, visit [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org).

