

- Saturday March 3**  
**4:00 p.m.** Shirley Newfell 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
**Blessing of Vows:** 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
 Edmond and Lorraine Boudreau
- Sunday March 4**  
**9:00 a.m.** Thomas Ferrick and Deceased Members  
 of the Ferrick Family  
**11:00 a.m.** Edmund and Pearl Mattes Memorial  
 Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish
- Monday March 5**  
**8:00 a.m.** Peg Farrell Memorial
- Wednesday March 7**  
**8:00 a.m.** Joanna Bezubka Memorial
- Friday March 9**  
**8:00 a.m.** Diane Kearins Birthday Memorial
- Saturday March 10**  
**4:00 p.m.** Harry, Margaret and Mildred Deneault  
 Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish
- Sunday March 11**  
**9:00 a.m.** OLCA Basketball Mass  
**11:00 a.m.** Irma DeJulio 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 Girl Scout Sunday

Congratulations to Edmond and Lorraine Boudreau as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. The *Stained Glass Window* will be illuminated this week in their honor.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers Barry Carr who recently passed away. Barry was the nephew of Sr. Marie Patrice Carr.

### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Resp. Psalm: Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

Collection for February 24/25: \$6,395

### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

March 3/4 - Regular

March 10/11 - Regular and Monthly

March 17/18 - Regular

March 24/25 - Regular



### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed every Wednesday during Lent beginning at 6:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

**Confessions** will be heard every Wednesday during Lent (3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28) beginning this Wednesday, February 29 from 6:30-7:30pm.

### LENTEN GUIDELINES

Good Friday, April 6, and Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

**FASTING** is observed by all 18 years of age or older, who have not yet celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health of ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and the renewal of baptism at Easter.

### OUR LADY'S ADULT CHOIR

Please consider joining our adult choir and cantors for Lent and Easter Season. We are now preparing for Easter and beyond. If interested, please see Kevin Galiè after any of the Masses.

### ROSARY

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our membership is open to all 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.

**NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS**

SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR our first day trip; Wednesday, March 14, **“Forever Irish”** luncheon and show; Venus De Milo, Swansea, MA. A celebration of Irish music and songs starring Andy Cooney and two additional acts, Liam O’Connor, renowned button accordionist and The Irish Sopranos. Price is \$69 per person which includes deluxe motor coach transportation, luncheon and show. If interested please contact Donna Reid at 781-899-3727. Our second trip is Wednesday, April 11 to Mohegan Sun Casino from 10am-4pm. Price is \$25 per person, includes deluxe motor coach leaving at 8am, food coupon and a free bet coupon. If interested, please contact Janet Johnson at 781-899-2392.

**1000 CLUB NEWS**

The next drawing is NEXT Sunday, March 11 We want to thank you for your continued support. The renewal letters have been sent out for our March renewals. If you haven’t already, would you kindly send your payment as soon as possible? February is our biggest turnover month for the 1000 Club. We have the most drops during this renewal period. Again, 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.

**“Strengthening Our Parishes as Primary Communities of Faith”****DRAFT Proposal**

In 2011, The Archdiocese of Boston created a Pastoral Planning Commission that was tasked with offering recommendations on Pastoral Planning to Cardinal Seán. The proposal they put forth, which is now going through a period of review and consultation, the creation of **“Pastoral Service Teams.”** The following is taken directly from the document titled **“Strengthening Our Parishes as Primary Communities of Faith – A Proposal”** which was prepared by the Pastoral Planning Commission.

“The proposal is to create a new structure called a **Pastoral Service Team (PST)** to provide pastoral services to our parishes. The Pastoral Service Team is a group of priests, deacons, pastoral associates, lay ecclesial ministers, parish pastoral and finance councils who provide pastoral services to multiple parishes, which partner with one another to exercise more fully the mission of Evangelization. As opposed to a plan for merging parishes and closing church buildings, this plan adopts an approach that strengthens and enlivens our current parishes. By creating these teams, improved pastoral services can be provided to parishes without altering the parishes themselves. The members of each PST work together under the leadership of one pastor, serving and ministering to multiple parishes in a particular area. The PST’s have two primary goals: (1) meeting the specific pastoral and spiritual needs of Catholics in each parish that the PST serves in order to strengthen their communion in Christ and (2) drawing these parishes into a tighter and more effective bond for the work of the New Evangelization and the realization of the Archdiocese’s pastoral plan.”

**We encourage all parishioners to read the complete text of this proposal, as well as other documents related to this effort which are available in hard copy at the main entrance of the church (next to the Archdiocese Pastoral Planning bulletin boards). All documents are also available online at [www.planning2012.com](http://www.planning2012.com) and on our website at [www.olca.org](http://www.olca.org).**

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

**STUDENTS**

March 11 – Confessions for grades 7-8  
March 25 – Conference with grades 9-10  
April 29 – Confessions for grades 3-4

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

**STUDENTS**

March 9 – Confessions – Grade 8  
March 14 – Confessions – Grade 3  
March 16 – Confessions – Grade 4  
March 30 – Confessions – Grade 6  
April 27 – Conference – Grades 5-8  
May 7 – Conference – Grade K-4  
May 25 – Conferences – Grade 8  
June 11 – Conference – Grade K-4



**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. 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.

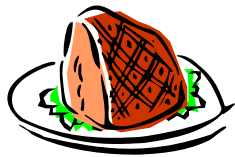
**HAM-A-RAMA**

Your support is appreciated!

Join us on **Saturday, March 31 at 5pm** in our parish hall.

Please return the orange tickets

you got in the mail. You can drop them in the offertory basket, mail them or drop them off in person at the parish office. **Donations are needed!** Homemade crafts, gift certificates, sporting events, even donations of services: i.e., plumbing, electrical, oil. Every little bit helps. If you would like to donate a case of water or soda (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sprite, Diet Coke, and Coke) that would also be greatly appreciated. You can drop donations off with Sharon in the parish office.



**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

The study of Catholic faith is an important part of the academic environment at Our Lady's Academy. Besides teaching the faith in all grades, we also teach love and respect for all people. Religion is taught by the classroom teachers in Pre-K through Grade 5. However, in the middle school, Mr. Harvey, a specialist in the Catholic faith, teaches all the middle school classes, Grades six through eight. The middle school Religion classes have all gained more familiarity with the Bible this year. In each class, the students read the same scripture passages that are read at daily mass. Thus, they stay connected with the Church and simultaneously gain insight into the life of Christ and the continuity of the Old and New Testaments. In the textbooks, the sixth grade has been concentrating so far on the Old Testament and the history of the chosen people; the seventh grade has been reviewing the Trinity and the seven sacraments and the eighth grade has been studying morality and the history of the Church from the time of Christ onwards. It is hoped that through the study of the faith, all the students will be reinforced in the morality they learn at home and become strong disciples of Christ.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU...**

In a day and age when all you hear is the negative about today's youth, we would like to let people know about our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD class and their teachers. A few of our parishioners volunteer at the VA Hospital in Bedford. The February dance at the hospital was going to be themed "let them feel the love." One of the volunteers came up with the idea. Usually at the dances there are 5 door prizes, (a small bag with a pen/pencil, writing paper etc.). The thought was it would be great if every patient who came to the dance was a winner that night. The idea was taken to the CCD program. A volunteer did the shopping and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, with some assistance from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, along with their teachers put together 100 gift bags for the Veterans. Sue Casey, a parishioner, has been volunteering at the VA hospital now for almost two years and has never experienced the emotions felt when all the vets realized they were "winners" that night. Every bag had a letter written by one of the students or their teachers along with a scarf, tissues, cards, a puzzle or puzzle book, a pair of socks and a t-shirt. There were tears in some of the patients' eyes knowing they were cared for and appreciated by total strangers. So thank you to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, teachers, CCD program and the parents of these great kids.