

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Waltham-Lexington

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herefore, stay awake!

For you do not know on which day

your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

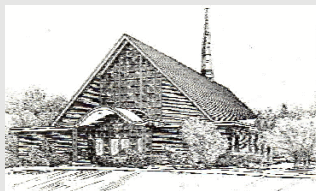


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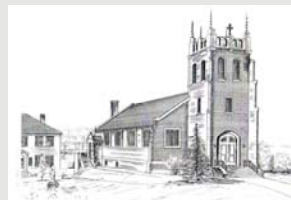
December 1, 2013

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PARISH STAFF

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MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM
First Friday Mass 9AM (only)
Saturday (Vigil) 4PM
Sunday 9AM, 11AM
Holy Day As Announced

BAPTISM

During Mass or on selected Sunday each month at 12:15 PM . Please contact parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements six months-one year in advance by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Anyone interested in journeying in faith to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 PM in the Reconciliation Room located just inside the front of the church at the handicap entrance, baptismal font side of church. Other scheduled opportunities throughout the year, as well as by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of The Sick will be administered on the last weekend of each month after the 4PM and 11AM Masses. Who can receive this sacrament? Those who are aged, chronically ill, are having treatments or will be having surgery. We invite you to come receive the Sacrament of the Sick, a source of strength, healing and grace.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

For more information on the Catholic Faith visit www.usccb.org

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday November 30

4:00 pm Florence Avery Memorial

Sunday December 1

9:00 am Arthur St. Germain, Jr. Memorial

11:00 am Thomas, Marie and Henry LeBlanc

Also please pray for the soul of Samuel Arbeely

Monday December 2

8:00 am Thomas Murphy Memorial

Wednesday December 4

8:00 am Armand Gaudet Memorial

Friday December 6

9:00 am

Saturday December 7

4:00 pm Edward Foster Memorial

Sunday December 8

9:00 am Michael Hanley Memorial

11:00 am Frances Damoiseau Memorial

1000 CLUB DATE CHANGE

Our drawing is this Sunday, December 1 at 12:30pm in the school cafeteria 1000 Club memberships are \$55 for the year and make great gifts, please consider purchasing one. The odds of winning are better than the lottery! You have 12 chances to win monthly. Prizes are (8) \$50, (1) \$100, (1) \$200, (1) \$300 and (1) \$1,000. If you would like to join, contact Sharon in the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support of Our Lady's Parish Fundraisers.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

We have updated our Memorial Candles to burn from November 2013 to November 2014. We have a few candles remaining if you would like to remember a loved one. The renewal cost of the candles are \$250 for the year and they will burn from November 2013 to November 2014. If interested in reserving a candle, fill out the brochures on the tables around the church or contact Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION UPDATE

Next weekend, December 7/8, the second collection will be for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The Immaculate Conception Holy Day envelopes will be collected at the first collection with our regular weekly collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Let us continue to pray for the victims and their families.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS (EFT) UPDATE

Beginning January 2014 we will be going to an Online Giving Program. All existing EFT parishioners will be transferred to the new Online Giving Program automatically, maintaining your current contribution amounts and withdrawal dates. Once this is set up, you will receive email notification in advance of and after the automatic withdrawal. Please be assured that this change will not compromise your private banking information as safety requirements are expanded. We will update you in the coming weeks with more details.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses
Monday, December 9 at 9AM and 6:30PM

COLLECTION INFORMATION

November 23/24: \$6,060

Retired Religious Sisters: \$3,492

OUR LADY'S UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6—First Friday School Mass, 9:00am

December 8—Breakfast with Santa, 9:00am

December 9—Holy Day Masses, 9:00am & 6:30pm

December 15 - St. Vincent dePaul Collection of Gifts

December 17 - Our Lady's Academy Christmas Show

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

November 30/December 1: Regular and Monthly

December 7/8: Regular/Holy Day & Philippines

December 14/15: Regular and Utilities/Energy

December 21/22: Regular

December 25: Clergy Benefit Trust

December 28/29: Regular

BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join us. Dec. 4 and 11 8:45am to 10:15am in the conference room located across from the parish office. Use the driveway behind the school to park and then enter through the parish center.

STOP & SHOP A+ REWARDS PROGRAM

Through March 2014, you can earn A+ Rewards points every time you use your registered Stop & Shop card. Our Lady's Academy can turn these points into cash when you sign up for the FREE 2013-2014 A+ Rewards Program. This is an annual program so if you've participated before, you have to sign up again. To register, have your 13-digit Stop & Shop card number ready and visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus or call 877-275-2758. Our Lady's Academy code is 06581.

GRAND ANNUAL

Thank you to those who have already made their donation towards our Grand Annual. To date the total collected is \$89,536. As stated before, after the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual is our most important collection of the year to help us pay our bills. Aside from returning the envelopes with cash or checks, you will also be able to pay via credit card through our electronic funds program. If you should have any questions, please contact Sharon in the parish office. As always, we thank you for your kindness and support.



ST VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree will begin this weekend. Cards are placed on Christmas trees. These cards represent suggested gifts for our many clients and children, Catholic Charities and for Fernald patients, some of whom are in group homes as well as the remaining ones in Fernald. **The gifts need to be returned on the weekend of December 14/15.** If you are not going to be here that weekend, please bring your gift to the parish office and leave it there ahead of time. Late gifts will not be delivered.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Just a reminder that we recite the Rosary every first Saturday at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm Mass. We also use the meditations found in the Fr. Peyton Rosary book. All are welcome.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The next faith-based cancer support group will meet on Monday, December 2 at 6:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Newton. Fr. Bob Blaney (Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Parishes in Newton) will give a beautiful "Transformation & Healing through Music" piano program after the Mass in the upper church.

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

A NOTE FROM SHARON IN THE PARISH OFFICE

We wish to thank all who came out and supported our Turkey-Rama fundraiser last Saturday evening. Each year, our hope is to do better than the year before and we most certainly did that this year. The words "thank you" don't seem to be enough when expressing the gratitude to all those involved for helping make this a successful event. As I've said before, I cannot do what I do without YOU. Thank you to those who donated items for our raffle table, those who baked for our bake sale, those who set up, sold tickets that night, helped clean up, the youth of our CCD and Academy who worked their tails off, those who donated cases of water and soda and those who made everything "look pretty". Your dedication and commitment to Our Lady's is truly appreciated. God Bless all of you.



CHURCH PARKING REMINDER

We wish to remind everyone that there is no parking in front of the church. There is ample parking to the left and to the right of the church. We need to keep the middle open in case of emergency. Thank you for understanding and your cooperation.

RCIA

Amy Bedrosian will receive the "Gift of the Holy Spirit" through adult Confirmation on December 7, 2013 at St. Jerome's Church in Weymouth (regional Confirmation). Amy began classes last year. Please pray for her as she continues her faith journey. Congratulations Amy!

REGISTER - REGISTER - REGISTER

So many folks in our pews attend week after week but are not registered parishioners. Simply fill out the registration form and return it to the parish office to make sure. Parish registration forms are available on the tables at the entrances of the church as well as on our website: www.olca.org. Any questions, contact Sharon in the parish office.

CARDS FOR THE TROOPS





This is the final week to drop a card in the blue boxes at the doors of the church. These cards will be sent to active duty soldiers away from home this holiday season. If someone knows of someone they want a packet of cards sent to, please contact Sharon in the parish office with the address. Please keep all of our men and women in your prayers not only during the holiday season, but always.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We will again be going to Waltham Crossings on Thursday, December 12 to sing Christmas Carols. We will meet for practice in the school cafeteria at 6:00pm and will be at Waltham Crossings at 6:30 to begin singing. All are welcome.

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

We will be mailing out next week our calendar fundraiser, "Winter Wonderland" to help raise funds for the replacement of our church roof and other building improvements. The drawing month is January 2014. The cost of each calendar is \$20. A name is picked each day in January with the winnings of minimum \$50 and maximum \$100 and yes, the names are put back in the drawing so you have more than one chance to win. **These would make great Christmas gifts!** We will send home (2) calendars to every family in our parish. We hope you can at least purchase one and hopefully sell the other. If you would like to buy or sell more calendars, please contact Sharon in the parish office. We will also have tables set up after certain Masses, those dates have not yet been set. Please watch the parish bulletin for more information. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity. God Bless You. Below is what the calendar will look like. If you have already purchased a calendar and have received the mailing, you can either sell those tickets or you can return them to the parish office. All and any help in selling these is truly appreciated.

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish Calendar Fundraiser \$20 per Calendar Funds raised will help to replace our church roof & other building improvements NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____ Thank you & God Bless	<h2 style="color: red;">WINTER WONDERLAND</h2> <h3 style="color: red;">Drawing in January 2014</h3>						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$100	4 \$50
	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50
	12 \$50	13 \$100	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$100	18 \$50
	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50
	26 \$50	27 \$100	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$100	

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

Things are busy in 3rd grade this month! After relaxing over Thanksgiving break, 3B students have been working hard since we got back to school. We are in the middle of writing our second big writing assignment, "Our Gifts to the World." For this assignment students chose a problem that they would like to fix in this world. The problems they have chosen range from helping endangered animals, to cleaning up litter, to finding cures for cancer. After choosing a problem, the students have then been formulating a plan to fix it. They have had to think very critically about the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHY and WHERE of their solution. Their creativity is really shining through as they come up with ways to raise money, clean up trash and promote awareness. After completing the writing process of first draft, editing, and second draft, students will create a finished product. The finished product will be a six paragraph essay and will be wrapped up like an actual gift! This project has helped 3rd grade to reflect on helping others this Christmas season.

3B continues to work with Guided Reading Groups in reading and each group is happily engrossed in a different book. So far we have read fiction chapter books, non-fiction books, and even plays! Also, 3rd graders have been learning their cursive letters and will continue to do so.

In math, we are now in the middle of multiplication! Every day each student takes a 30 second speed test on their multiplication facts. They love racing against the clock! We will soon be making the switch to division, and 3B is very excited.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY

The Cenacle of Divine Mercy will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30am in St. Joseph Chapel. Please park behind the school building and enter through the parish center. All are welcome.

OUR LADY'S CONFERENCES WITH FR. DIPERRI**8:30AM IN CHURCH—Unless otherwise noted**

November 25—Eucharistic Adoration K-8

December 20—Eucharistic Adoration K-8

OUR LADY'S CONFESSIONS - SCHOOL CHAPEL

December 2—Grade 5 December 4—Grade 3

December 5 – Grade 4 December 11—Grade 6

December 17—Grade 8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCES WITH**FR. DIPERRI****10:15AM IN CHURCH**

December 1—Grades 9-10

January 5—Grades 5-8

January 12—Grades 9-10

February 2—Grades 1-4

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFESSIONS

November 24—Grades 7-8

March 9—Grades 3-4

WALTHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Sunday, December 8 at 3:00pm, the Waltham Symphony Orchestra, led by Maestro Patrick Botti, celebrates the holidays with its ever-popular community holiday pops concert blending world class music with seasonal cheer. This special holiday show continues its tradition of special holiday performances by two local children's choirs, as well as the arrival of a special "surprise" Christmas guest who is sure to delight one and all, particularly the children in the audience.

Joining the orchestra in leading the audience in a seasonal sing-along will be members of the Arlington Children's Chorus and Our Lady's Academy Chorus in Waltham. The concert takes place at the Kennedy Middle School on Lexington Street. Admission is free, although donations will, of course, be gratefully accepted at the door.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come celebrate the holidays at the Our Lady's Academy annual Breakfast with Santa NEXT Sunday, December 8 from 9am to noon. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, meet Santa, hear a Christmas story, make a craft, see a magic show and browse our raffle basket table. Also this year, bid on fabulous silent auction items such as a night away and dinner for two at Mohegan Sun, dinner for four at Legal Sea Foods and a Boston Harbor Whale Watch and autographed sports memorabilia! Tickets for Breakfast with Santa are \$10 each and children under 2 are free. All proceeds to benefit OLA PTO academic enrichment programs. Tickets will be on sale before and after all Masses the weekend of November 30/December 1 or online at www.ourladysacademy.org/store. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Please call the school office at 781-899-0353 with any questions.

