

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Waltham-Lexington

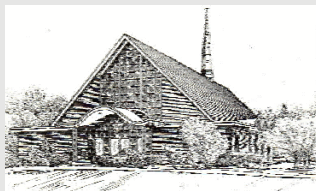
December 15, 2013



Rejoice
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your way before you.
~Matthew 11:10

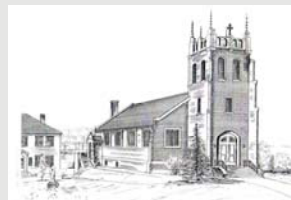
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Parish Office Hours—Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM
Academy Office Hours—Monday-Friday 7:45AM-2:45PM

Knights of Columbus - Parish Council #14710
New Members Welcomed - olkofc@olca.org or call 781-209-0842

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. DiPerri, Pastor
Rev. James F. Hawker, Senior Priest Assisting
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MASS

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

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.

BAPTISM

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

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.

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.

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 December 14

4:00 pm Rose and Harry Monks Memorial

Sunday December 15

9:00 am Susan Pedro & Manuel Cabral Memorial

11:00 am John Cianci 13th Anniversary

Monday December 16

8:00 am Deceased Members of Our Lady's Parish

Wednesday December 18

8:00 am Peace in our World

Friday December 20

8:00 am Michael and Mary Hurley Memorial

Saturday December 21

4:00 pm Alfred J. Poirier Memorial

Sunday December 22

9:00 am Catherine, Francis & James Kennedy

11:00 am Paul Morabito Memorial

The *Stained Glass Window* is illuminated this week in loving memory of John & Josephine Stagliano, Joseph Stagliano, C. Mario Cavallaro, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cavallaro at the request of the Cavallaro and Stagliano Families.

The *Blessed Mother Statue* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Anne Orsini Venesi at the request of Marie Callahan.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

December 7/8: \$5,488

Philippines Collection: \$2,034

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

December 14/15: Regular and Utilities/Energy

December 21/22: Regular

December 25: Clergy Benefit Trust

December 28/29: Regular

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.

1000 CLUB DATE CHANGE

Our next drawing is this Sunday, January 12 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.

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.

OUR LADY'S UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15 - St. Vincent dePaul Collection of Gifts

December 17 - Our Lady's Academy Christmas Show

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

Our Grand Annual follow up reminder has been sent out. If you have made your donation already and are receiving the mailing, please disregard it. Thank you to those who have already made their donation. To date the total collected is \$98,596. Aside from returning the envelopes with cash or checks, you can also pay via credit card through our electronic funds program. If you should have any questions, please contact Sharon or Denise in the parish office. As always, we thank you for your kindness and support.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, December 26 from noon to 5:00pm in the parish hall. To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to www.redcrossblood.org. Those with no appointments are also welcome, but will be taken after those with appointments.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank parishioners for their support of the Christmas wreath sales. Thanks to you we were able to provide wreaths free of charge for the decoration of our Church as well as provide families with inexpensive wreaths for their homes. The Knights wish a very Merry Christmas to everyone in the parish.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Please come enjoy our adult choir and string orchestra on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm. They will give a half hour prelude of Christmas music before the 6:30pm Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - 4:00pm
Children's Choir
 Christmas Eve - 6:30pm
Adult Choir
 Christmas Day - 10:00am

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve - 4:00pm
 New Year's Day - 10:00am



2013 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Every Christmas, we join together with family and friends to honor and celebrate our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in the Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Christmas collection, which will directly benefit the 638 active and senior diocesan priests whose health and well-being are cared for through the Clergy Funds. Thank you in advance for your support of this critical effort.





MASS CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

We will continue our policy of NOT having weekday 8am Mass when Waltham Public Schools are delayed or closed due to extreme weather conditions and public safety issues such as improperly cleared roads and sidewalks. 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 weekday Mass. During school vacation week, if a Mass is canceled due to weather, it will be put on our parish answering machine. Again, if Waltham Public Schools are delayed or closed, there is NO WEEKDAY 8AM MASS.



CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

The mailing has gone out for our calendar fundraiser, "Winter Wonderland" to help raise funds for the replacement of our church roof and other building improvements. Hopefully you have received it, if not, you will soon. The cost of each calendar is \$20. A name is picked each day in January BY ONE OF OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS (different teacher each day) WITH MANY WITNESS' PRESENT. Saturday and Sunday's will be drawn on Monday mornings. The winner receives 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 sent (2) calendars home to every family in our parish. We hope you can purchase one and hopefully sell the other. If you would like to buy or sell more calendars, please contact Sharon or Denise in the parish office. We will also have tables set up after all weekend Masses in December. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity. God Bless You. Below is what the calendars 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

Our Lady's fifth graders have been very busy this month!

In our reading class, each month the students read a different genre of literature. We finished historical fiction, and in December we began learning about Fantasy/Science Fiction. For the class read aloud book, we are reading the Newberry Award winner - *A Wrinkle in Time*. The students are all thoroughly enjoying this classic tale!

If you stopped by our fifth grade math class, you would see students busy at work solving complex math problems. The fifth grade is a math-minded group that appreciates being challenged and working hard. KenKen puzzles are very popular among the fifth graders. They enjoy challenging themselves to see if they can figure out the complex arithmetic and logic puzzles.

In writing, the students just completed a unit on persuasive writing. The skills they acquired should be very beneficial when they are composing their letters to Santa.

Science and social studies are hands-on engaging classes in OLA's fifth grade. In social studies, the students are studying about the different Native American tribes that populated Early America. The class was enthralled when we learned about all the different uses the Great Plains Indians had for the buffalo! In science, the kids have been doing hands-on experiments learning about the properties of magnetism. Last week they all had the opportunity to build an electromagnet!

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

Finally, the students have been very busy practicing for their Christmas Show! We hope you all can come see the students of Our Lady's perform on Tuesday the 17th!

OUR LADY'S CONFERENCES WITH FR. DIPERRI

8:30AM IN CHURCH—Unless otherwise noted

December 20—Eucharistic Adoration K-8

OUR LADY'S CONFESSIONS - SCHOOL CHAPEL

December 17—Grade 8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCES WITH

FR. DIPERRI

10:15AM IN CHURCH

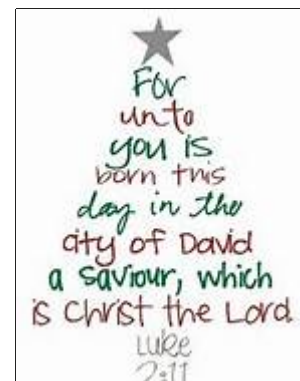
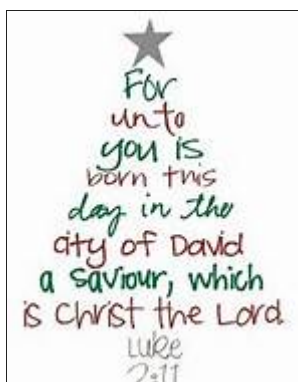
January 5—Grades 5-8

January 12—Grades 9-10

February 2—Grades 1-4

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFESSIONS

March 9—Grades 3-4



NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS

NOTE: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

Our Holiday Luncheon is Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at the Elks Lodge, Lexington. The doors open at 12 noon. Cocktail hour from 12 noon until 1:00pm then a sit down turkey lunch will be served. \$15.00 for members, \$20 for non-members. Buddy Bergeron of Waltham will entertain us. **NO TICKETS** will be sold at the door. **Reservations and payment must be made by the end of December.** If interested, please contact Isabel at 781-893-5568. Come join us for a delicious meal and lots of fun.

