

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Waltham-Lexington

December 22, 2013



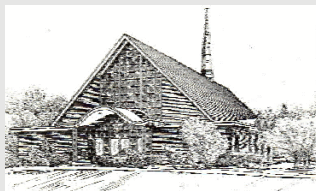
Emmanuel

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.

~Matthew 1:21

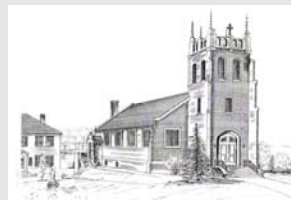
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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
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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 Intentions for the Week

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

Monday December 23
 8:00 am Mariann Cahill 28th Anniversary

Tuesday December 24
 4:00 pm Christmas Eve - Children's Choir
 6:30 pm Christmas Eve - Adult Choir

Wednesday December 25
 10:00 am Christmas Day

Friday December 27
 8:00 am Annette Finamore & Leonard Finamore, Sr.

Saturday December 28
 4:00 pm Frank Leeber 19th Anniversary

Sunday December 29
 9:00 am Bertrand Belanger 1st Anniversary
 11:00 am Deceased Members of the Flannery and Damoiseau Families

The *Stained Glass Window* is illuminated this week in loving memory of Tony Nigro at the request of his wife, Doris.

The *Blessed Mother Statue* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Marie Shaughnessy at the request of her husband, Jack and Family.

The *Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory of Vincent and Gladys DiSilva.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
 December 21/22: Regular
 December 25: Clergy Benefit Trust
 December 28/29: Regular



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.

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.

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.

PRELUDE MUSIC

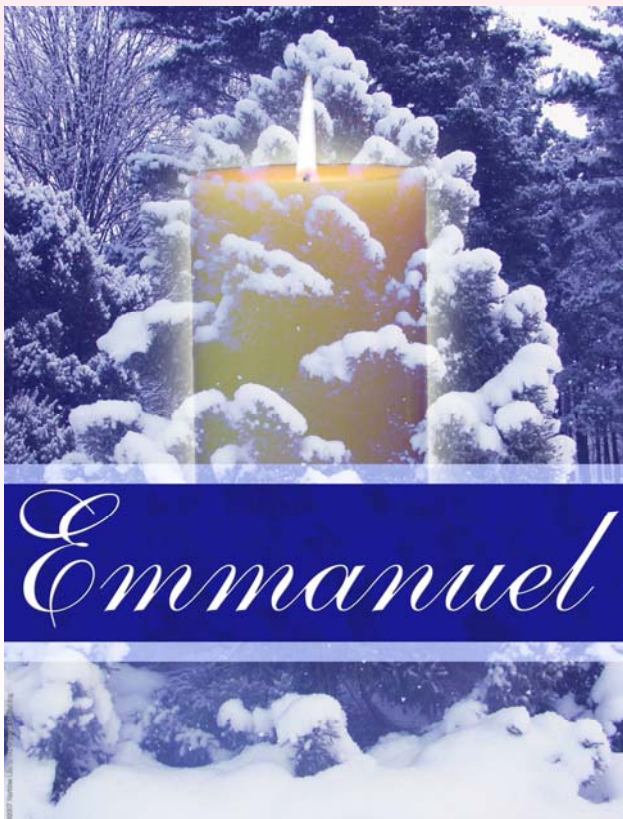
Please come enjoy our adult choir and string orchestra on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm. They will give a half hour prelude of Christmas music before the 6:30pm Mass.

**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



On behalf of Fr. DiPerri, Fr. Hawker,
Fr. English and
our Parish and School Staff

We wish you and your families a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy,
Healthy and Safe New Year.

**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.

ENVELOPES

We are two months now using the new envelope company and things seem to be going well. A few glitches but nothing drastic. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, please fill out a registration form and send it to the parish office or just call and let me know and I will get them sent out to you. When you request envelopes, you will receive a “starter packet” with the weekly envelopes only, not the second collection envelopes. We ask that until you receive your full packets, please use a white envelope for the second collections with your name and envelope number written on the front. Thank you.

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

Fourth grade is always busy, but never as much as it is this time of year!

For Advent we are focusing on what we appreciate, so I asked the students what they thought were the most positive things we do in class. Here are some of their responses:

Math

"I like making our own math problems and having to figure them out as a group."

"I like doing math. Why? because I used to struggle, and to make my mind work hard I would say, 'Work hard and you will get to play math games.'"

"We are doing long division in math. I like it because it is a challenge."

Reading

"I like when we do reading because we put music on and it is really quiet."

Writing

"We just finished instructional writing which was fun because everyone had a different talent they wrote about how to do."

"We are doing persuasive writing to our parents...and Santa."

Science

"We are studying plants and I like science experiments!"

General

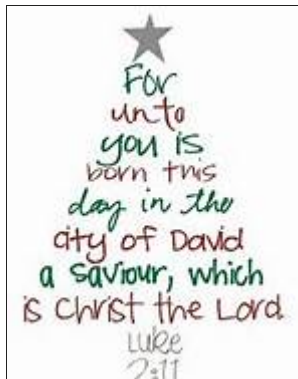
"I like having fun while learning. It makes us learn a lot."

"This is the best class ever because everyone is kind friendly and shows respect!"

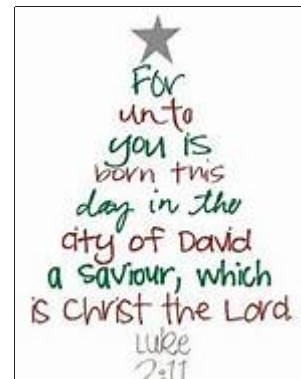
"Compliments are the highlight of my day because I make someone feel good."

"I like that we are being a class team." ...so that's fourth grade in a nutshell!

We wish everyone in the parish love joy and peace this Advent!



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.

