

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Waltham-Lexington

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 16, 2014

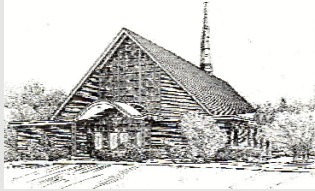
“Do not swear at all...

Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'
Anything more is from the evil one.”

Matthew 5:34, 37



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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

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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 February 15

4:00 pm Frances Martin Memorial

Sunday February 16

9:00 am Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr., and Catherine O'Reilly

11:00 am Anna, Edward and Sharon Walsh

Monday February 17

8:00 am Special Health Intention of Bob Williams

Wednesday February 19

8:00 am Vincent DiSilva Birthday Memorial

Friday February 21

8:00 am Robert Olsen Memorial

Saturday February 22

4:00 pm Delina and Nicholas Tambascio Memorial

Please pray for the soul of Kelly Anne Parisi

Sunday February 23

9:00 am Virginia Mailhot Morris Memorial

11:00 am John Brazil Memorial

The *Blessed Mother Statue* will be lit this week in loving memory of Catherine O'Reilly at the request of her family.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

February 15/16: Regular

February 22/23: Regular

March 1/2: Regular

COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 8/9: \$6,154

Special Monthly: \$3,012

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

March 5 at 9am, 12 noon and 6:30pm

- Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent beginning March 12 at 6:30pm
- Confessions every Wednesday during Lent beginning March 12 at 6:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD AT HOLY WEEK

- Holy Thursday Mass - 7:00pm
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon
- Good Friday Service - 7:00pm
- Easter Vigil - 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am

1000 CLUB

Thank you to all who have renewed their memberships. We did have a few who dropped their numbers, hopefully they will rejoin us in the future. Please spread the word of our 1000 Club. 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. Memberships are \$55 per year. If you would like to join, contact Sharon in the parish office.

The 2014 dates are: March 9, April 6, May 18, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 19, November 16 and December 14.

Thank you in advance for your support of Our Lady's Parish Fundraisers.

MEMORIALS FOR OUR LOVED ONES

Remember a deceased loved one or a special intention by donating any of the items listed below. The donation for each memorial is marked. If you are interested, contact Sharon in the parish office.

Bread and Wine - \$50 for the week

Sanctuary Lamp - \$50 for the week

Stained Glass Windows - \$50 for the week

Lighting of Blessed Mother Statue - \$50 for the week

Memorial Candle - \$250 for the year

Tree of Life Leaf - \$1,000 forever

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study has started a new session. This is a relaxed, informal group of women interested in sharing faith and friendship while learning more about the bible together. We will be offering two meeting times: 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning 8:30-10am in the parish center and 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings 7-8:30pm at the home of parishioner, Lori Pasto, 52 Kendall Park in Waltham. If interested in joining OR for cancellation of sessions, please call Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2.

CATHOLIC APPEAL*Living Our Faith Together*

In two weeks, March 1/2, Our Lady's will launch the 2014 Catholic Appeal parish campaign. With the support of the Catholic Appeal, the Archdiocese of Boston provides 50 pastoral, educational and charitable ministries that directly impact all 288 parishes in the Archdiocese including here at Our Lady's. Please be sure to take home a bulletin next week which will contain special information on the Catholic Appeal.

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.

MASS CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

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.

SAVE THE DATES

The Knights will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb 19th from 2 PM to 7 PM in the Auditorium of Our Lady's Academy.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 1 after the 4pm Mass. Entertainment will be "Tommy Smith - Songs for All Ages." See insert in this week's bulletin.

TAX STATEMENTS

There was a little confusion on the tax statements for 2013. If you haven't already, you will be receiving (2) statements. One from our prior envelope company, Fred Waltz from January 2013 to September 2013 and then one from Our Lady's for October 2013 through December 2013. Hopefully everyone has received them by now. If you have not, please call Sharon in the parish office on Monday and let her know. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. 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 us know and we 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.

Lord,

teach me the way of your laws; I shall observe them with care.

Give me insight to observe your teaching, to keep it with all my heart. - Psalm 119:33-34

SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday, March 23, 2014** from 1:00-4:00PM the West Region Cluster will hold a "Region-Wide" faith event for people of all ages. This gathering has been planned by catechetical leaders representing several parishes in Waltham, Watertown, Newton, Weston, Belmont, Cambridge and Arlington. The schedule of events will include; Keynote talks by Dr. Ernest Collamati, Vice-Chair Religious Studies, Regis College, Weston MA and Susie Collamati, Theology Department Faculty Member, Bishop Feehan High School, Attleboro MA. In addition to the keynote presentation attendees will also gain valuable insight on ways to grow in faith through the use of technology and social media in a presentation by the Daughters of St. Paul. We will also offer separate programs during the event for teenagers and for school aged children. The youth events will include a presentation by Jed Doherty, of Jedlies Magic Circus as well other activities for children and teens. Throughout the afternoon there will be opportunities to spend a few moments in Eucharistic Adoration, enjoy some refreshments or browse the resource tables. Each attendee will go home with a selection of faith based resources on prayer, spirituality, faith enrichment and social justice. This **FREE** event will take place at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish Hall with registration beginning at 12:30PM. Sunday Mass at Our Lady's is offered at 11:00AM for those who wish to attend prior to the start of the afternoon events. Pre-Registration will be required. Stay tuned to the bulletin for registration information.

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY CONFESSIONS

8:30AM IN CHURCH

March 10 - Grade 8

March 13 - Grade 7

March 18 - Grade 6

March 20 - Grade 5

March 31 - Grade 4

April 11 - Grade 3

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFESSIONS

March 9—Grades 3-4 at 10:15am in church

March 15 - First Penance for Grade 2 at 10am

March 16 - Confirmation Retreat at Espousal

Center for Grades 9-10

March 30 - 10th Grade Confirmation Confessions

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

February 24 - Grade Pre-K

April 1 - Grade Pre-K

April 28 - Grades K-4

May 9 - Grades 5-8

May 12 - Grade Pre-K

June 2 - Grades K-4

June 10 - Grades 5-7

ADORATION

April 14 - Grades K-8 at 8:30am in church



We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the Spirit of God.

St Vincent de Paul

**NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS**

Join the Waltham Seniors on Monday, April 14 for a visit to the *Currier Museum of Art* in beautiful Manchester, NH. Stroll through the different galleries to see American and European art ranging from the Renaissance to current day. Learn about the museum's origins in the Currier History Gallery and enjoy the Currier's extensive collections of paintings, sculpture, furniture, glass and ceramics throughout the museum. You will enjoy a guided 1 hour tour of the museum's collection highlights, architectural points and exploration of special exhibitions throughout the year. Following the museum visit you will enjoy a delicious meal at the *Common Man* in Merrimack. Cost is \$77.00 per person. Motor coach will depart from Our Lady's Church, Waltham at 9:45am and return 5:00pm. For reservations contact Diane Chagnon, 781-899-8197 or 781-888-0804. Mail to: 170 Clocktower Drive, Unit 5109, Waltham, MA 02452. Meal choice: Apple Walnut Chicken or Oven Baked Cod, both with mashed potato, vegetable and dessert. Full payment and meal choice due by 3/24/14. (No refunds if cancellation is received after 3/31/14). We hope you will join us!

**GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK**

Have you ever wanted to volunteer somewhere but didn't want to try it alone? On Saturday, March 22nd, the Activities Committee is organizing an Our Lady's Group to volunteer at the Greater Boston Food Bank. Our volunteer slot is from 1:00-3:30pm. Car pools are being organized with a departure time of 12:15 from the church parking lot. Most volunteers work in the warehouse, inspecting, sorting and packing food and grocery products. While a few tasks require the ability to lift a 30 pound box, most tasks require the ability to stand and inspect products. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2. There are limited spaces so please sign up early. You must be over 18 to volunteer at the Food Bank.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

The Relics in the altar of Our Lady's Church are that of St. Agatha and St. Victoriana.



OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

This past November the students from Our Lady's Academy who had been placed in the advanced math classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade took part in a national mathematics competition. The American Mathematics Competition has been taking place in classrooms across the country for over 60 years now. The AMC8 is an eighth grade test which covers the entire middle school mathematics curriculum. Topics include estimation, percentages, probability, spatial reasoning, interpreting graphs, and everyday applications of mathematics.

The AMC results include an Our Lady's Academy school team with a gold, silver, and bronze medal winners from the students who took part in the competition. Along with the school results, the AMC8 committee awards national recognition to those students whose scores are the highest in the country. Our Lady's Academy school team includes the bronze medal winners, Alex Campbell and Rebecca Zhang. Our Silver Medalist was Rica Jeong. The school's gold medal was awarded to Nicholas Wilson.

In addition to the individual school results, we had two students who were recognized for their national achievement. These two awards were received by Nicholas Wilson and Rica Jeong. Nicholas and Rica were recognized for finishing in the top 5% of the country in the competition. Congratulations are due for Nicholas and Rica's national distinction, for all of our students who took part in the competition and for Ms. Inzeo our middle school math teacher!

This year, for the first time, the school also received a special distinction. We were given a school-wide Merit award. This award is given to those schools with a team score above 50. This award shows that our scores placed us among the best and brightest in the country. Again, thank you to Ms. Inzeo and her students for representing Our Lady's Academy as one of the best schools in the country on this math exam.

All of us at Our Lady's are very excited about our new students visiting from Korea. Some are here for two weeks, some for four, and some will be staying longer. However long they are here, it's going to be a great experience for all involved.

The 6th grade is in the process of designing some very interesting fundraisers to help pay for their annual trip to Nature's Classroom. In May they will be headed to Nature's Classroom, a five day four night experience in Ocean Park, Maine. The student's will explore the beach, salt marsh, and old and new growth forests. There will be team building activities, special interest classes, evening activities, and so much more. Not only will they learn to appreciate nature, but also each other. It really is a unique experience and one they will remember for years to come. In 7th grade, colonial America is the current area of study. Students have discovered who founded each colony and what their motives were. Currently they are learning a little more about how each colony functioned and what it was like to live during the colonial period. Up next they will see how the European competition for more land in North America sometimes led to war, as they investigate the French and Indian War. 8th grade has just wrapped up examining the American Civil War and how truly horrific an event it was. They are now in the midst of learning how America was put back together in the aftermath of the war, during the challenging period of time known as Reconstruction. Pretty soon it will be time for everyone to start working on projects for the Social Studies Fair, and see if they can outdo last year's amazing fair.

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.

HAM-R-RAMA

I cannot believe I am writing this, but before we know it, the Ham-a-Rama will be here. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 12 at 5:00pm**. Donations are needed, so please start thinking of what you can donate for our raffle tables. The raffle prizes are the biggest part of our Ham-a-Rama and Turkey-Rama thanks to your continued generosity. The letters and the tickets will go out in a few weeks. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.