

March 16, 2014

Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration



After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Matthew 17:1-5

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Waltham/Lexington

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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 March 15

4:00 pm Margaret, Harry and Mildred Deneault

Sunday March 169:00 am Nancy Rando Memorial
11:00 am Marco and Ernesto Randolfi Memorial*****Please pray for the soul of Irma DeJulio*******Monday March 17**

8:00 am Katherine L. Landry Birthday Memorial

Wednesday March 19

8:00 am Thomas Keefe—Living-Happy Birthday

Friday March 218:00 am Special Intentions of Joseph and Rose
Blake, Jr.**Saturday March 22**4:00 pm Louis Gnerre, Sr., Clarice "Althea" Gnerre
and Michael Gnerre**Sunday March 23**9:00 am Lorraine Drive Birthday Memorial
11:00 am Barbara Kizik, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kizik
and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bubluski**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

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

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

March 15/16: Regular

March 22/23: Regular

COLLECTION INFORMATION

March 8/9: \$5,439

Monthly Collection: \$2,752

MESSAGE FROM OUR BUSINESS MANAGER
DENISE MORONEY

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. DiPerri, Fr. Hawker and all of the Staff at Our Lady's, as well as all of the parishioners and school families, for having had the pleasure of working as the Business Manager at Our Lady's for the past seven years. God blessed me with the opportunity to contribute my talents here in the parish during this time and He is now directing me to a new opportunity as the Director of Facilities for the Town of Dedham. While I will be leaving the full time position of Business Manager, I will remain very much involved in our parish as a parishioner, volunteer and school parent. I will miss interacting on a daily basis with many of you, but will still see you on Sunday at the celebration of the Mass and at school events as a parent. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM FR. DIPERRI

On behalf of the parish, I am grateful to Denise Moroney for her seven years of service as Business Manager. She has ably served both the church and school with great skill. It is a tribute to Denise's professional expertise that she was selected to serve in a very responsible position as Director of Facilities for the Town of Dedham. I am also grateful for her willingness to serve in an oversight capacity here during this time of transition. God bless you Denise, and all your future endeavors.

CONFESSION

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent beginning March 12 at 6:30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be said every Wednesday during Lent beginning March 12 at 6:30pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We will again have our annual Easter egg gathering after the 9am Mass on Easter morning. If you would like to help by donating eggs and candy, that would be truly appreciated. To ensure all children leave happy, we ask that everyone participating have a lunch bag size bag to fill. All donations can be brought to the parish office by April 17. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

John J. Giles has been enrolled in Our Lady's Memorial Guild.

LENTEN GUIDELINES

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th 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 or 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 and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

HAM-R-RAMA

The Ham-a-Rama is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 12 at 5:00pm**. **DONATIONS ARE NEEDED**, please bring your donations to the parish office. The raffle prizes are the biggest part of our Ham-a-Rama and Turkey-Rama thanks to your continued generosity. You should have received your tickets at home already, please return the stubs with your payment. As always, your kindness and support of Our Lady's Parish is truly appreciated. **BAKE SALE:** If you would like to bake for our bake sale at the Ham-a-rama, please call Ruby Leeber at 781-893-1131. Please make sure what you make is individually wrapped.

REGIONAL CLUSTER RETREAT IN OUR LADY'S PARISH HALL

Next **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. 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. 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.

DOMINICAN SISTERS BAKE SALE

The Dominican Sisters will be selling bread, brownies and apple and blueberry pies after all the Masses THIS weekend, March 15/16. These are all baked accordingly to the Dominican Sisters recipes. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Thank you in advance for your support.

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY CONFESSIONS

March 13 - Grade 7
 March 18 - Grade 6
 March 20 - Grade 5
 March 31 - Grade 4
 April 11 - Grade 3

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFESSIONS

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**FR. DIPERRI**

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

NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS

Our **first meeting** for 2014 is **Thursday, March 20** at 1:30pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. Join us for coffee and refreshments. **The New Bostonian Barbershop Quartet** will entertain us. All are welcome!

LENTEN MOVIE OPPORTUNITY

Join us for a private showing of the movie "Son of God" at the Woburn Showcase Cinema on Saturday, April 19 at 12:30pm. This powerful and inspirational newly released film is rated PG-13. Share the story of the life of Jesus Christ with your family and friends this Lenten Season.

We have reserved a **new** school bus and are able to take up to 50 people. The cost is only \$10 per person. The bus will leave Our Lady's parking lot at 11:30am.

Please call Sharon in the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2 or Lou Alvarez at 617-489-0670 to reserve your seats.

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended the Pasta Dinner a couple weeks ago. A fun time was had by all. Thank you for your continued support.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are seeking a volunteer to conduct a short service and bring Communion to residents one week end per month at Meadow Green Rehab from 10:15 until 11:15am. We will provide training. If interested please contact John Barry, Coordinator of Religious Education at 781-894-3481 x3

SIGN OF PEACE

Please remember that during flu season, a "symbol" of peace is acceptable during the sign of peace instead of a handshake; a wave, a nod etc. Please be aware and respectful if someone does not extend their hand. Thank you.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Our Lady's Middle School Dance for grades 6-8 will be held on Saturday, March 29th from 7:00-9:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall, 920 Trapelo Rd., Waltham. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door. This includes pizza, drink and prizes. All those in grades 6, 7 and 8 are welcome to attend.

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

Here at Our Lady's Academy we are always looking for ways to leverage technology so as to give our students the best educational opportunities. We have installed SmartBoards in the classrooms—these have allowed our faculty to engage in several teaching modalities that would have been nearly impossible for a small, private school such as ours only a few years before. An example of this is taking place in our Middle School reading program; by combining a SmartBoard and a webcam, we have begun exploring collaborative lesson planning with our small, local schools.

We are fortunate to have small class sized at Our Lady's. Our average middle school class is under 15 students. Small class sizes have distinct advantages on a day to day basis, ranging from higher student engagement and higher student achievement to lower long term dropout rates and improved physical health. However, small class sizes can also introduce new hurdles, particularly in terms of generating new and unexpected points of view for the students. As suggested by Mr. Robert DeCoste, Reading and Social Studies teacher, "most of my students have known each other for their entire educational careers—I was looking for a way to introduce them to new ideas that came from their peers, not by me." DeCoste reached out to several other schools across eastern Massachusetts that he felt might be likely to have encountered a similar plateau.

A veteran reading teacher at Innovation Academy in Tyngsboro,, Mrs. Mairead Orpen, was one of the first to respond. "She has been fantastic," said DeCoste, "very intelligent and super enthusiastic; I couldn't have asked for a better colleague to collaborate with!" Under Orpen's suggestion, both schools opted to read the same book Ties that Bind, Ties that Break by Lensey Namoiika a piece of historical fiction surrounding a young women's resistance to the tradition of Chinese foot binding. While the schools primarily operate independently,, on Friday afternoons each classroom turns on their SmartBoard and webcam and the two classrooms come together for a rollicking discussion over the most recent chapters. "What is really fantastic about this is that my students have an opportunity to collaborate with students their own age and in an environment where they feel comfortable; but without the familiarity of knowing the people on the other side" said DeCoste. Students have commented how it is very interesting to hear how new students respond to their questions and how this has been the most innovative use of the SmartBoard technology they have encountered in the school so far. Behind the scenes, the teachers also share lesson plans, essential questions, and other teaching techniques so that the two classes are usually on common footing before the students reengage with each other at the end of the week.

1000 CLUB

Our next drawing is Sunday, April 6. 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. 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. 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