

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Servant of the Lord

January 11, 2015

*H*ere is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

Isaiah 42: 1-4



Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

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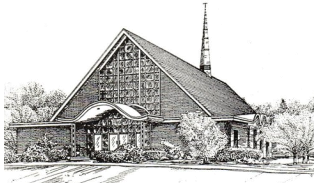
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MASS

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 January 10
 4:00 pm George Doherty 1st Anniversary

Sunday January 11
 9:00 am Julia Hoban 12th Anniversary
 All Members of Our Lady's—Living and Deceased
 11:00 am Vincent and Louise Whelan Memorial

Monday January 12
 8:00 am June Arnold Birthday Memorial

Wednesday January 14
 8:00am Deceased Members of our Parish

Friday January 16
 8:00 am Al Texeira, Jr. Memorial

Saturday January 17
 4:00 pm Deacon William MacKenzie Memorial

Sunday January 18
 9:00 am Frank Berinato Birthday Memorial
 All Members of Our Lady's—Living and Deceased
 11:00 am Florence and Joseph Mobilia Memorial

COLD AND FLU SEASON
EUCCHARISTIC PRACTICES

It appears from medical experts that we have entered the flu and cold season. It is prudent at this time to discontinue the use of the Precious Blood/Chalice until the conclusion of the flu season. Long-standing Catholic Doctrine teaches that the Real Presence of Christ is fully received even if one only receives either the Host or only the Precious Blood.

ELISABETH FAHRIG
NEW PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that we announce Elisabeth Fahrige, who has assisted us these past few months as organist, has accepted the position to serve as the parish music director effective January 31. We would like to sincerely thank all of the organists who have also assisted these past few months: Mary Kantor, Steve Sussman, Paul Huberdeau, Kiko Drzymalski, Dan Drzymalski and Monika Drzymalski. Your help and support has been most appreciated. We would also like to thank Elizabeth Smith, who currently serves as co-director of the children's choir and has temporarily assisted the adult choir over the past few months.

Elisabeth Fahrige comes to us with many years of experience as a church musician, having served as music director at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine in Boston and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Waltham and as a member of the liturgical music team at St. Francis Chapel in Boston. She has also worked for many years as a piano instructor and music teacher, instructing many students through private lessons and also working as a music teacher for the St. Gregory Academy, a home schooling conservatory. Elisabeth earned her undergraduate degree in piano performance from Longy School of Music at Bard College in Cambridge, MA, where she is currently finishing her Master's in Musical Arts degree. After graduation she hopes to build her private piano studio in Arlington, MA and to give further glory to God and serve the edification of his people through her service to Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MEMORIALS

The **STAINED GLASS WINDOW** is illuminated this week in loving memory of Andrew Berner at the request of Kathleen Regan.

The **BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND BLESSED MOTHER STATUE** are offered this week in loving memory of Deacon Bill MacKenzie at the request of his wife, Elaine and family.

COLLECTIONS

January 10/11: Regular and Special Monthly
 January 17/18: Regular
 January 24/25: Regular and Latin America

COLLECTION INFO

Christmas Collection: \$10,821
 December 27/28: \$5,256
 Online Giving for December: \$3,412.67
 January 3/4: \$5,241



CATECHISM CORNER**Respect for the Integrity of Creation**

The seventh commandment forbids acts or enterprises that for any reason—selfish or ideological, commercial or totalitarian—lead to the enslavement of human beings, to their being bought, sold and exchanged like merchandise, in disregard for their personal dignity. It is a sin against the dignity of persons and their fundamental rights to reduce them by violence to their productive value or a source of profit. The dominion granted by the Creator over the mineral, vegetable and animal resources of the universe cannot be separated from respect for moral obligations, including those toward generations to come. Animals are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. Thus men owe them kindness. God entrusted animals to the stewardship of those whom he created in his own image. Hence it is legitimate to use animals for food and clothing. They may be domesticated to help man in his work and leisure. Medical and scientific experimentation on animals is a morally acceptable practice if it remains within reasonable limits and contributes to caring for or saving human lives. It is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly. It is likewise unworthy to spend money on them that should as a priority go to the relief of human misery. One can love animals; one should not direct to them affection due only to persons.

To find more information see:

Catechism of the Catholic Church—Official Teaching

To view the online version visit: United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops,
www.usccb.org/catechism

**COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM**

Our parish Knights of Columbus council participated for the second year in the “Coats for Kids” program run by the Knights. This year we were able to raise enough money to buy four dozen coats and in addition the State Council gave us an addition THREE DOZEN coats. All 84 coats are for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 10. They have been distributed to one shelter, four elementary schools and two St. Vincent DePaul Societies (the one here at Our Lady's and the one at St. Mary's). Thanks to all who donated, and all who worked to make this happen.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, March 21, 2015 after the 4pm Mass for the Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner.

Entertainment: Mel Simons—Everything Irish!

BRISTOL LODGE

Thank you to all the volunteers who came and participated. If you missed the first year, we are continuing for 2015. There will be a meeting on **Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm** in Our Lady's Academy cafeteria. At this meeting you can sign up for the upcoming year to go to Bristol Lodge on the first Tuesday every other month to feed the group of men and women who need our help. The 2015 dates for Our Lady's at Bristol Lodge are February 3, April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6 and December 1. Please join us on Thursday, January 15 to learn more about this most fulfilling experience. You won't regret it. See you there!

MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER

It's that time of year again. For several years the parish has had the policy of not having weekday 8am Mass when Waltham Public Schools close due to extreme weather conditions and public safety issues such as improperly cleared roads and sidewalks. To keep matters simple, when the Waltham Public Schools are announced as closed **OR** delayed, it is presumed the 8am weekday Mass has been canceled, due to the uncertainty of the conditions of the parish property. The timing of the storm and its intensity makes it prudent to take these precautions for the safety of those considering attending Mass. During school vacation week, if a Mass is canceled due to weather, it will be put on our answering machine and on WBZ-TV.

OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

Happy New Year! Advent was a very special time for the children in Pre-K4B. The teachers created an Advent Chain to help the children visualize the time period of Advent. Each day as part of our Morning Meeting we sang an Advent song and attached a picture to our chain representing a part of the Christmas story for that day. Their excitement grew as we approached the white at the end of the chain for Jesus's birth on Christmas.

As the month of December began our friends the bears decided it was time to escape the cold and hibernate for the winter. Our Housekeeping Area became a bear cave complete with sleeping teddy bears!

We read Baby Polar Bears' Snow-Day by Michael Teitelbaum to introduce the children to the cold and snowy world of the polar bear. Did you know you can create a polar bear by using circle and oval shapes? The children in Pre-K4B discovered this recently. As a fun math activity the children were given circle and oval shape tracers and were asked to create a polar bear. They used more ovals and two semi-circles for the legs and ears. The children then set to work deciding how their polar bears would look. White oil pastels were used to create an Arctic landscape, with a sprinkling of glitter for snowflakes.

"Why is a polar bear white?" This was a question on everyone's mind as the children learned all about the importance of camouflage for polar bears and other animals. To demonstrate the concept of camouflage, the children were given a piece of white paper and a cut-out of a white bear. Using a small amount of glue they decided where they wanted their bears to hide. The children discovered that it is hard to see a white bear on white paper. To reinforce the concept further we used a sponge to apply green or brown paint to our papers. The teachers then carefully removed the cut-out bear to reveal a white bear in a green or brown cave. This Pre-K science lesson is a hands-on activity that helps to teach a very advanced concept: camouflage.

No unit about bears would be complete without a fun math activity. The teachers used the song, "Ten in the Bed" to teach the children about subtraction. Each child was given a picture of a bed and 10 Teddy Graham cookies. We lined-up our bears and counted them. As we sang the song, each time "One fell out" we ate a teddy graham bear and re-counted. Laughter and singing could be heard coming from our Pre-K classroom! The children love doing math activities, especially when they can eat teddy bears!

As a fun way to end our bear unit we focused on the author/illustrator Frank Asch and his Moonbear stories. After listening to the book Moondance and visiting the author's web-site, the children used oil pastels to create their own Moonbear pictures. The teachers then asked them to create original stories to accompany their artwork. The writing prompt for this activity was, "Once upon a time there was a bear..." which gave the children a starting point for their story. For the Pre-K level this is one of many writing/composition activities we will be doing throughout the year. These types of activities help the children to understand story structure and increases print awareness.

January is finally here and we are starting one of the teachers' favorite themes...weather! Over the next few weeks we will be learning all about wind, clouds, rain and snow.

COLLECTION FOR THE TROOPS

What a wonderful response so far on the collection for our troops. We have four full bins in front of the parish office and more keeps coming in! We are collecting until the end of January. If anyone in their generosity would like to make a cash donation to help cover some of the cost to send these items, that would be greatly appreciated as well-every dollar helps. You can drop off with Sharon in the parish office.



OUR LADY’S CCD CONFERENCES/ADORATION
WITH Fr. DiPerri

Sunday, January 11—Grades 9-10

Sunday, March 1—Grades 1-8

Sunday, March 8—Grades 9-10

Sunday, May 17—Grades 1-8

CONFESSIONS

Sunday, January 25—Grades 7-8

OUR LADY’S ACADEMY CONFERENCES/
ADORATION WITH Fr. DiPerri

CONFERENCES/ADORATION

Monday, January 12—Grades 5-8

Tuesday, January 13—Pre K

Monday, January 26—K-Grade 8

Monday, February 2—Grades 5-8

Tuesday, February 3—Pre K

Friday, February 13—K-Grade 4

Monday, March 30—K-Grade 8

Monday, April 6—K-Grade 4

Tuesday, April 7—Pre K

Friday, April 10—Grades 5-8

Monday, May 4—Grades 5-8

Friday, May 8—K-Grade 4

Friday, May 19—Pre K4

Tuesday, June 2—Pre K4

Monday, June 8—Grades 1-7

CONFESSIONS

Monday, February 23—Grade 6

Tuesday, February 24—Grade 3

Wednesday, February 25—Grade 5

Friday, February 27—Grade 8

Monday, March 16—Grade 4

Tuesday, March 31—Grade 7

Sunday, March 8—Grades 9-10

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Many people feel that because they live in our parish area and attend Our Lady’s Church regularly, that they are a “registered” parishioner. That is not the case. If you have not filled out a parish registration form, then we don’t have you as a parishioner. The forms can be found on all the tables around the church. It is very important for these forms to be filled out as this is the only way we have to get an accurate number of our parishioners. If you can’t remember if you have filled one out, you can either call Sharon in the parish office to check or simply fill it out and return it just to be sure.

MEMORIALS FOR OUR LOVED ONES

Remember a deceased loved one or a special intention by donating any of the items listed below.

Bread and Wine - \$50 for the week

Sanctuary Lamp - \$50 for the week

Stained Glass Windows - \$50 for the week

Lighting of Bl. Mother Statue - \$50 for the week

Memorial Candle - \$250 for the year

Tree of Life Leaf - \$1,000 forever

PERFECT GIFT—1000 CLUB

The perfect gift for that hard to buy for person. A year membership in Our Lady’s 1000 Club. Memberships are \$55 per year. **Our next drawing is THIS Sunday, January 11 at 12:30pm. TO JOIN: Fill out and return this portion to Sharon in the parish office.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

GIFT FOR: _____

One year membership only \$55