

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

February 7, 2016



*Do not be afraid;
from now on you
will be catching
men."*

~ Luke 5:10

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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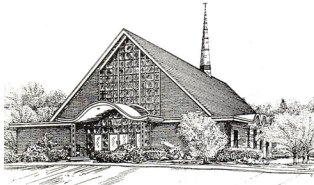
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MASS

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 3:15 - 3:45 PM in the new Confessional located just inside the back of the church on the school side entrance. 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.

BAPTISM—12:15PM

During Mass or on selected Sunday each month. To schedule a Baptism, call 781-894-3481 x7 and leave your information.

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 Intentions for the Week

- Saturday February 6**
4:00 pm James, Francis, Margaret, Ruth, Frank and Helen Sullivan and James and Patricia Colleran
- Sunday February 7**
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Giuliano and Colella Family
- **Please pray for the soul of Peter Donovan****
11:00 am Deceased Members of the McIsaac and Sullivan Family
- Monday February 8**
8:00 am Deceased Members of Our Lady's Parish
- Wednesday February 10**
8:00 am Peace in our World
- Friday February 12**
9:00am Connie Bergeron Memorial
- Saturday February 13**
4:00 pm Frances Martin Memorial
- Sunday February 14**
9:00 am Richard Cameron Memorial
- **All Members of Our Lady's—Living and Deceased****
11:00 am Cam Casella Memorial

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

If you would like a candle in memory of a loved one who passed away, the cost is \$250 for the year. The candle will burn for one year. Contact Sharon in the parish office for details.

1000 CLUB

Thank you to all the members who belong and who have purchased gifts for others. A 1000 Club number is the PERFECT GIFT for that hard to buy for person, it only costs \$55 per year. **Our next drawing is NEXT Sunday, February 14 at 12:30pm in the school cafeteria. To join, fill out the information below and return to Sharon in the parish office.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Proceeds help pay the expenses that a parish our size incurs while bringing people together to socialize once a month. Come join us.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

January 30/31: \$6,344 ~ Cath. Schools: \$1,541

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- February 6/7: Regular
- February 10: Ash Wednesday
- February 13/14: Regular and Special Monthly
- February 20/21: Regular
- February 27/28: Regular

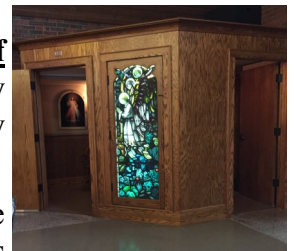
MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER

When 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. During school vacation week, if a Mass is canceled due to weather, it will be put on our answering machine and channel 7 WBZ-TV.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/CONFESSIONS

Joins us for **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday during Lent beginning Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30pm.

We will have the **Sacrament of Confession** every Wednesday during Lent beginning February 17 at 6:30pm.



The Activities Committee will be serving soup prior to the Stations of the Cross beginning February 17 from 5:45-6:15pm.

If you would like to be part of the soup cookers, please contact Sue Casey at smbc2767@yahoo.com to sign up.



HAM-A-RAMA DATE CHANGE

Please make note that this year's Ham-a-Rama date has been changed. This decision has been made due to the uncertainty of the weather and the fear that Mother Nature will dump snow on us in March as in the past. The new date is **SUNDAY, APRIL 10 BEGINNING AT 3:00PM**. Please help spread the word to your friends from outside our parish who join us. I will put this notification in surrounding parish bulletins and I will try and contact those folks who attended Turkey-Rama and filled out their reservation form. Donations are needed. Please bring your donations to Sharon in the parish office. Use the main entrance of the school to enter the building as construction still has our parish entrance closed. Gift cards are also needed again. You are still invited to bring in donations and gift cards early. Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to seeing you all in April.

ADORATION, PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Patrick Fiorillo will offer a brief reflection and lead adoration prior to the 4:00pm Masses on the following dates from 3:15-3:45pm, please mark your calendars: February 13, February 27, March 12, April 16, April 23. All are welcome.

ROSARY

Join us on the 1st SATURDAY of each month at 3:15pm for the recitation of the Rosary and the meditations.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS****Membership Drive**

We invite you to consider joining the Knights

“The man who stands with us never stands alone.”

There are answers to the questions many of you are thinking...

Why should I become a knight?

But I don't have any time?

I don't want to abandon my family.

What are the benefits to my family and me?

Stop by our membership table and find out.

Hear what our wives are saying.

Pasta Dinner

Saturday, February 27th at 5:00PM (Snow date: March 5th)

Tickets are available in advance at the membership table

CHURCH “CLEANING” MINISTRY

Our next cleaning will be Monday, February 8 at 6:00pm. **MANY** hands make light work, join us if you are free. I want to thank all those who have been coming every other week to help keep our church clean. With the winter months here, lots of sand and grit is on the church floors. We appreciate those who will be coming in on Monday's to help maintain the floors. If you would like to be part of this ministry to help clean God's home, come and join us. For more information, call Sharon in the parish office 781-894-3481 x2.

2016
Catholic Appeal
Living Our Faith Together

This past week, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2016 Catholic Appeal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. Our parish directly benefits from the 50 ministries supported by the Appeal and your gift will help us reach our 2016 goal. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!



OUR LADY'S ACADEMY NEWS

Greetings from Pre-K3!

We are hard at work learning the fundamentals of communication and interaction. January has been a busy and productive month. Our theme this past month was: Our Neighborhood. We focused on learning what kinds of places we visit in our neighborhood, who are our neighborhood helpers, maps and navigation, and how to be good neighbors. We connected our theme across different subject areas. For Social Studies we looked at maps, discussed what a “neighborhood” is, and what makes a good neighbor. For Science we looked at trees in our area on a nature walk (around the school and church); in class we looked at insect flash cards, books about all kinds of bugs, and tried to match the plastic bugs to the flash cards and pictures in the books. We read a book and listened to our teacher do a “retelling” of the story of: The Three Little Pigs. We talked with our classroom teacher and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) teacher about wind: how it's made and what it does. Then we made houses out of Legos, building blocks, and paper – we used our own 'wind maker' to try to blow down the houses. Our prediction was right! The Lego house did not fall down! For vocabulary, we learned about some neighborhood words, including “community”, “neighborhood”, “mayor”, “librarian”, “merchant”, “firefighter”, “police officer”, “chef”, and “doctor”.

We wrapped up our theme with a visit from a Cambridge police officer and a Waltham police officer. Both of these dedicated officers are parents of our classmates and we love connecting parents with our classroom and our theme. The officers discussed personal safety, stranger safety, and description of their job, showed components of his uniform, to put a friendly and familiar face on some of our neighborhood helpers.

As part of our regular curriculum, we continue to work on letter of the week. For each, we make a list of words starting with that letter, learn the sound the letter makes, and learn its shape. We also have a number of the week, practice counting, one to one correspondence, and writing the number. It's important that they learn both the letters and numbers out of order, so they know them in any sequence. We've also started to write our names! In our classroom, we have made collages with the letters we learned and made snowflakes by painting doilies. The children experience daily experiential learning as they enjoy playing with Legos, trains, puzzles, matching, sorting, Unifix Cubes, pattern bears.

FAITH IN THE PUB

Sacred Heart Church in Waltham Young Adult Ministry will host another installment of Faith in the Pub. These informal gatherings are open to young adults over the age of 21 and feature a presentation by notable presenters who share insight into the Catholic Faith and how to live it out in their daily lives. The event will take place on Thursday, February 25th at 6:45PM at Donohue's Bar and Grille, 87 Bigelow Ave. Watertown. Admission is free of charge, however those who attend may purchase their own dinner, apps and/or beverages. This month's guest presenter will be Rev. John Capuci, Pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Burlington MA. Ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Boston in 1990, Father Capuci has been involved with youth ministry, marriage preparation, parish ministry, and Catholic high school chaplaincy. For seven years he served in the Diocese of New Orleans as the director of The Center of Jesus the Lord, New Orleans, a Spiritual Retreat Center with focus of ministry to the poor. A dynamic conference speaker and author of "Opening the Gates of Praise" Father Capuci has traveled throughout the United States sharing the love of God. He captures his audiences with his own love of God and his powerful teachings on the transforming truth of Jesus' love. Join us for this engaging presentation: One Body in Christ; Our role in Christian Community. Seating is limited, please RSVP by contacting Kathy Bridge at (617) 232-0835 or via E-Mail at Kathy_Bridge@comcast.net. In the event of inclement weather please stay tuned to the broadcast news for storm cancelation updates.

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DO IT ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.

(adaption of a text from Kent. M. Keith that Mother Teresa put on the wall of her children's home in Calcutta)

WILL OR BEQUEST GIFTS

When considering gifts to a charity in your Will or Trust, please remember Our Lady's.



Our Lady's Academy Conferences/Confessions with Fr. DiPerri

K-4 and 5-8 Conferences at 8:30 a.m. Church

Pre-K Conferences at 9:15 Church

Monday, February 8	Grades K-4
Friday, February 12	Grades 5-8
Monday, February 29	Pre-K
Friday, April 8	Grades K-4
Monday, April 11	Grades 5-8
Tuesday, April 12	Pre-K
Tuesday, May 3	Pre-K
Monday, May 16	5-8
Monday, June 13	K-4

Confession (School Chapel – Gather 8:30am)
Grades to be determined by School Office

Monday March 7
Tuesday March 8
Friday March 11
Monday March 14
Tuesday March 15
Friday March 18

Eucharistic Adoration for School

Monday February 1	Grades K-8
Monday March 21	Grades K-8

**ESPOUSAL RETREAT HOUSE
RETREATS AND PROGRAMS 2016**

Day Retreats Presented by Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS

February 14—Experience Healing of Our Inner Self

February 21—Year of Mercy – Pope Francis – Receiving God's Mercy. A Day of Blessing and Healing

March 20—A Day of Joy, Growth and Healing for Married Couples: True Love—Deeper Communication/Quality Time- Real Intimacy

April 24—Experience Deeper Happiness and Joy Rediscover your Faith through Spiritual Practice and Positive Psychology

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF
CONFERENCE/ADORATION/CONFESSIONS
WITH FR. DIPERRI**

Sunday, Feb. 7—Grades 9-10
Sunday, Apr. 10—Grades 1-8
Sunday, May 15—Grades 1-8

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES AT THE ESPOUSAL RETREAT CENTER

April 2-3, April 30-May 1, May 21-22, June 4-5, July 9-10, Aug 6-7, Sept 10-11, Oct 1-2, Nov 5-6, Dec 3-4

*Attendance on both days is required. The program runs from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm Saturday and 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday. The cost of the program is \$140/per couple