

Important Announcement
(Verbally stated at all the weekend Masses June 24-25, 2017)

New Evangelization
Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Plan
“Disciples in Mission”

The Archdiocese of Boston seeks to renew the mission of the Church in Boston, by seeking to revitalize and reorganize its’ parishes. For the past several years, the Archdiocese has promoted the pastoral plan found in the document: *“Disciples in Mission.”* (See link in disciplesinmission.org)

Recently, the Archdiocese reaffirmed its earlier decision that Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish will remain a “Stand Alone” parish, a single parish under the direction of one pastor, rather than administratively/pastorally linked with another parish or parishes. Our “Stand Alone” status continues to call upon our parish to work together with other parishes, throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, by promoting the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, under the leadership of the Archbishop of Boston, together with the Catholic Church throughout the world.

In the past nine years, Our Lady’s Parish has had significant growth in Mass attendance, the number of registered families, and growth in the number of volunteers, tied together with great increase in school enrollment at Our Lady’s Academy. Through the donations of parishioners, the parish has become financially secure by addressing significant deferred maintenance and improvement projects throughout the parish property. Our Lady’s Academy has also built two building expansions and made other significant improvements in its’ physical structure, as well as in its curriculum. This summer a new playground, together with an extensive artificial playing field will be constructed, which will further build upon progress made by the school. Currently, we are seeking to raise further revenue in the *Restricted Parish Building Fund*, for resurfacing of the Church Parking Lot (Belmont side), in addition to other earlier stated projects.

In 2023, or earlier, if determined best by the parish, and the Archdiocese, the parish will further renew efforts in embracing the Gospel call found in *Disciples in Mission*. This will be accomplished by continuing what we currently do, reexamining our goals in fostering the Faith, and finding further ways in promoting the Gospel of Jesus, in a manner helpful to the local community of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish, and the wider Church.

God bless each one of you, and the good work conducted by each parish consultative committee, and by each member of our parish. I also wish to acknowledge Diane LeBlanc for her tremendous volunteer work with others in the initial consultative parish process in 2012. May the prayers of Mary, our mother, guide and protect us, and all our loved ones, as we also remember those who once worshipped and served at our parish, and by God’s Mercy are with Him in eternal happiness.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. James M. DiPerri
Pastor