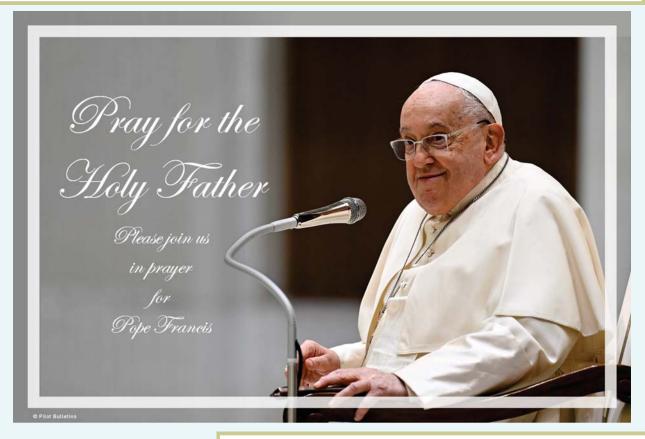
Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2, 2025





March 5, 2025 - Schedule Distribution of ashes at:

Distribution of ashes at:
8:30 am Mass
Noon Prayer Service (Liturgy of the Word)
5:30 pm Mass
Collections that day will be conducted by ushers using the baskets with long handles.

LENTEN GUIDELINES

<u>FASTING</u> - Is observed by all 18 years of age or 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 ones needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

<u>ABSTINENCE</u>—Is observed by all 14 years of age and older on Good Friday and Fridays during Lent. 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 fasting and abstinence, consult your parish priest.

FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER

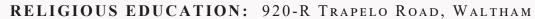
are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or the renewal of baptism at Easter.



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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

8:30am Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, (Wednesdays if previously announced on the Prior Tuesday), Friday

Weekend: Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Days: As Announced

BAPTISMS: Celebrated on Saturdays or Sundays. To schedule a Baptism, call 781-894-3481 x7

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements six monthsone year in advance by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS-(OCIA)

Anyone interested in journeying in faith to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:

Confessions - Saturday's from 2:45-3:15pm

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

For more information on the Catholic Faith visit www.usccb.org

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Mass for the Boston Mission celebrated on the third Sunday of each month here at Our Lady's.

HOMILIES ONLINE

The homilies are posted on our parish website at www.olca.org. Go to the home page and on the right side you will see Homilies, just click on that and choose the homily you would like to hear again.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 1

4 pm - Shirley Newfell Memorial

Sunday March 2

9 am - Rosie Joseph Memorial 11 am - Paul Maney Memorial

Monday March 3 at 8:30 am

Joan & Bill Brettas Memorial

Tuesday March 4 at 8:30 am

Dan Calnan Memorial

Friday March 7 at 8:30 am

Geary Family Memorial

Saturday March 8

4 pm - Lorraine Babineau Memorial

Sunday March 9

9 am - Assuntina Reitano Memorial

11 am - Marie O'Brien Memorial

SCHOOL CONFERENCE AND ADORATION

with Father DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik Mon. March 17 - (9:15-11:15am) Gr. 5-8 Confessions

Tues. March 18—(9:15—11:15 am) Gr. 2-4 Confessions

Fri. March 21 - (9:15 am) Gr. Pre K-K

Fri. April 11 - (9:15 am) Pre K-K

Mon. April 14 - (9:15 am) K - 8 Holy Week Adoration

Fri. May 2 - Grandparents/Special Person 1st. Fri.

Mass Sat. May 3 - (10:00am) First Holy Communion

Mass Mon. May 5 - (1:00pm) Gr. 5-8

Tues. May 6 - (9:15am) Gr. Pre K - K

Fr. May 9 - (9:15am) Gr. 1-4

CCD CONFERENCE AND ADORATION

with Father DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik

Sun. March 2- Confirmation Retreat Gr. 9 & 10

Sun. March 9 - (10-11 am) Gr. 1-8 Conference & Adoration

Sun. April 6 - (10—11am) Gr. 1-8 Conference & Adoration Sat. May 3 - (10:00am) First Holy Communion Mass

Fri. May 9 - (6:00pm) Confirmation (Bishop Robert Reed)

The Stained Glass Window will be illuminated for Mark Eugene Reading at the request of Terri Gigliotti

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COLLECTION INFORMATION for Feb. 15-16, 2025 \$ 6,689

Confessions-Saturdays 2:45-3:15pm & upon request.

Saturday Rosary Join us to pray the 1st. Sat. of the month at 3 p.m. in the Church - led by parishioners.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS AND SOUPS

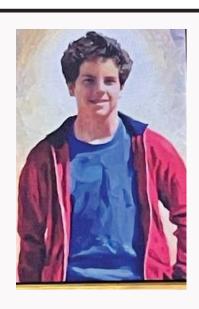
March 12 - April 16 Soups 5:15pm - 5:45pm Confessions 5:30pm - 6:15pm Stations start at 6:00pm

DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS (MON. - FRI.)

For everyone's safety, please remember that if Waltham Public Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, there will be NO 8:30am daily morning Mass. If Our Lady's Academy is closed, all events scheduled on all property, that day and evening will be cancelled. This will allow for the sidewalks and driveways to be cleared and prepared for the next day. If Our Lady's Academy is on vacation—please check the Parish Website or Office phone for daily Mass celebration.

Please Note:

The 4pm Saturday and the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses will be celebrated. They will not be cancelled due to inclement weather.

















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To find more information see: Catechism of the Catholic Church (Official Teaching) To view online visit: www.usccb.org/Catechism



Thursday Parish Bible Study

March 13, March 27

Please contact Deacon Jim Rice at jrice@mit.edu (617) 258-858 / (516) 627-7062if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions Deacon Jim will send additional information in preparation for the program. Come and see!

LOOKING TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR CONFIRMED AS AN ADULT? Our Lady's

Parish is offering (OCIA) formerly called (RCIA). As well as an adult Confirmation Program. Please call the Parish Office at: 781-894-3481, Ex.8 for more information.

The Our Lady's Academy online silent auction begins this week and runs from March 1st-8th. We have more than 100 generously donated items to bid on. Proceeds support student and faculty enrichment, field trips, and other PTO activities. The online auction site is: https://app.galabid.com/olasilentauction2025 or use the QR code below. Thank you for your support!



Red Cross Blood Drive—March 15, 2025 at Habernian Hall in Watertown from 9am - 2pm. Visit: https://www.redcrossblood.org and enter: AOH to schedule an appointment.

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Please make check payable to North Waltham Seniors and mail to: Pat Connor, 42 Gilman Rd. Waltham, MA 02452

Please book by March 24 - No Refunds

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHATEAU FUNDRAISER

On Tues. March 18th all day the Knights of Columbus #14710 Our Lady's will be holding their semi-annual fundraiser at the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham 195 School St. to benefit our "Coats for Kids" program. On that day, the Knights receive 20% of all monies spent in the restaurant as well as pick-up orders as long as you mention Knights of Columbus for all hours the restaurant is open. Home delivery is not accepted. We will also accept private donations if sent to parish office at 920R Trapelo Rd. Waltham 02452.As in past years all proceeds will be used to purchase new high quality boys and girls winter coats for families in need. Due to the Knights' national organization purchasing power, we are able to purchase new coats for approximately \$14.00 per coat. Your participation in this event is truly appreciated.

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