

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025



Our Confirmation Retreat was held on Sunday, March 2nd for our 9th and 10th grade Religious Education students. The Retreat was led by speaker Monet Souza, who provided a day long dynamic and engaging program. The program concluded with Adoration led by Father Olejnik.



In addition to our volunteer Confirmation teachers, priests, and Elizabeth Pettine, Religious Education Coordinator, Evelyn Jelloe, Lou Alvarez, Pat Aubin, Deacon Jim Rice, John Barry, and several members of the Knights of Columbus volunteered their time to help support the Retreat.





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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 months-one 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 8

4 pm - Lorraine Babineau Memorial

Sunday March 9

9 am - Assuntina Reitano Memorial

11 am - Marie O'Brien Memorial

Monday March 10 at 8:30 am

Madeline Navin Memorial

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday March 11 at 8:30 am

Ghislaine Roche Memorial

Friday March 14 at 8:30 am

Mr. & Mrs. Alex & Maria Sym Memorial

Saturday March 15

4 pm - John McKenna Memorial

Sunday March 16

9 am - Frances Martin Memorial

11 am - Angelo DiCicco 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 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)

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE. GO TO: WWW.OLCA.ORG

The Stained Glass Window will be illuminated in memory of **John McKenna** at the request of his wife Yvonne.

COLLECTION INFORMATION for March 2-3, 2025 \$ 8,546

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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS AND SOUPS
Wednesdays - March 12 - April 16
 Soups 5:15pm - 5:45pm
 Confessions 5:30pm - 6:15pm
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Weekend Masses



Father Olejnik celebrates Mass at Waltham Crossings Senior Living Facility.



LENTEN GUIDELINES

FASTING - 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.

ABSTINENCE- 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 the 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.



Congratulations to Kaitlin Ambrogio and Michael Francis Aube on the celebration of their marriage.



OUR GRAND ANNUAL

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR. IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT YEARLY FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR PARISH.

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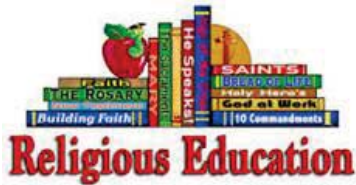
You may scan the QR CODE to donate to the Parish anytime.

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.

Thursday Parish Bible Study

March 13, March 27

Please contact Deacon Jim Rice at jrice@mit.edu (617) 258-858 / (516) 627-7062 if 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!



Our Religious Education Confirmation students will be joining Father DiPerri, Father Olejnik, their volunteer teachers, and myself on a pilgrimage to Boston on April 12th. We will be taking a trip to the New England Aquarium, followed by lunch at Faneuil Hall, as well as prayer and Eucharistic Adoration at one of the Boston churches. We have been blessed to have a school parent and parishioner, Jason Sweeney, cover the cost of the Aquarium tickets, as well as providing us with ice cream after lunch at his Faneuil Hall Ben and Jerry’s franchise location. At this time, we are seeking donations to help deter the cost of the rental bus which is approximately \$1000.00. These yearly pilgrimages to Boston are an important tradition that supplement our program and are so well received by our students. If you would like to contribute you may do so by sending in payment to my attention in the parish office. Thank you for any and all donations.

Elizabeth Pettine

Religious Education Coordinator

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33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY
SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY

Parishioners are welcome to join a Zoom small group to discuss their journey with the 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. We will work with the accompanying study guide and meet on consecutive Mondays at 7pm beginning March 10th. Please email Lisa Cimino at: lisacimino26@gmail.com to receive the link to join the small groups.

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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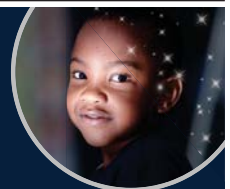
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