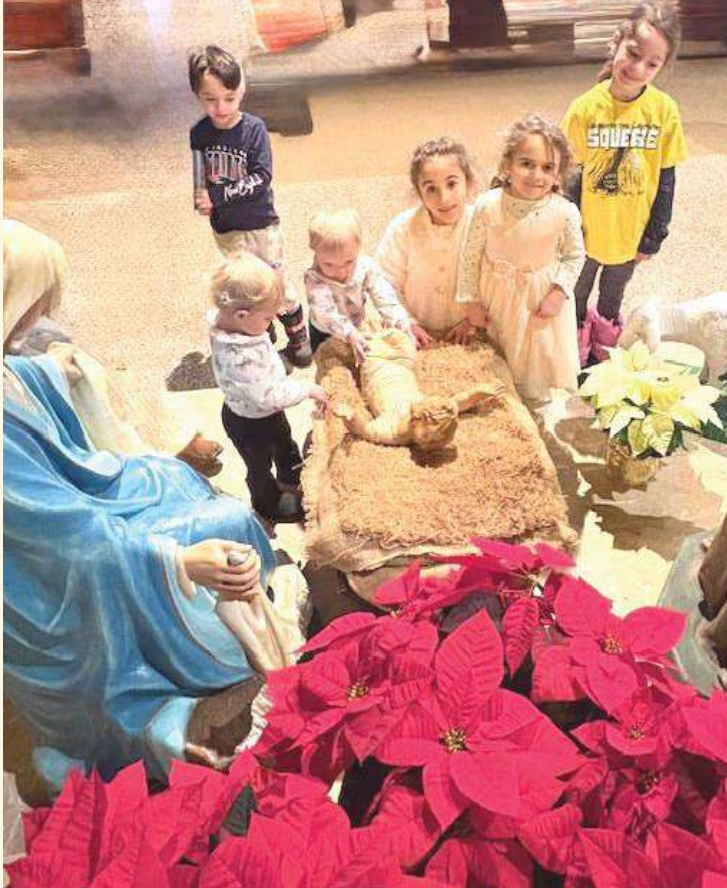


Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

First Sunday in Ordinary Time - The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2026

Some of our younger parishioner wished Baby Jesus a Happy New Year.



Last Sunday Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik had Conference and Adoration with the Religious Education Students to welcome them back after their Christmas vacation.



On Monday January 5, 2026 Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik had Conference and Adoration with all of Our Lady's Academy students on their first day back to School in the New Year.





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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 & by appointment

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.

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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.

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 10, 2026

4:00 pm– Susie and Stephen Giardina

Sunday January 11, 2026

9:00 am - Isabel Camara Guillen

11:00 am - Deborah Kavey

Monday January 12 at 8:30 am

Richard Leard

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday January 13 at 8:30 am

Cpl. Allan Zukowsky & Leanne McMenimen

Friday January 16 at 8:30 am

John Connor

Saturday January 17, 2026

4:00 pm Florence and Joseph Mobilia

Sunday January 18, 2025

9:00 am – Deacon William MacKenzie

11:00 am - Christopher Gaffney

The Stained Glass Window will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Cesare Pietrangelo** at the request of his wife Yvette.

The Blessed Mother Statue will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Joseph T. Maguire** at the request of his family.

The Bible Study - Our next session is on January 14, 2026. If interested, parishioners should contact Deacon James Rice at: jrice@mit.edu
Thank You.

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR
January 3 & 4 \$9,317.

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

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

Conferences and Adoration - with students from Our Lady's Academy and our Religious Education Program with Father DiPerri and Father Olejnik resumed on Sept. 8, 2025 for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Upcoming ones will take place on January 9, 11, 16, 25 and 30.

On December 29, 2025 Fr. Olejnik celebrated Mass for the residents of Waltham Crossing.



The beautiful Christmas ornaments made of olive wood in Bethlehem, and other items are still on sale at the Parish Office during the week.

Inclement Weather -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.



The Baptism of the Lord is a feast day that concludes the Christmas Season, commemorating Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, revealing Him as God's Son and inaugurates His public ministry. It's significant because Jesus, sinless, accepted Baptism to show solidarity with sinners, transform the ritual into a Sacrament, and accept His mission, signifying His coming death. The celebration occurs on the Sunday after Epiphany, marking the manifestation of Christ and connecting to Christian Baptism as entry into the Church and new life in Christ.

More photos from Christmas, New Year, Weekend Masses.



Catechism Corner - The Sacrament of Baptism - "The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ. Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated or undone." The Lord himself commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament."

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

Congratulations to the Furtado Family on the Baptism of their daughter Zoe Natalia



Congratulations to the Ciaramaglia Family on the Baptism of their son John Harris by family member Fr. Kevin Leaver



January 11, 2026



Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our Society has had a successful year due to our parishioners' and Our Lady's Academy generous support. You have kept **The Food Pantry** well stocked throughout the year and especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Society provided grocery gift cards and groceries to 50 families who benefit from your donations. Almost all our financial support comes from your monetary gifts which support our food voucher program, utility payments and aid to families in need. **The Coats for Kids Program** is done in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus who provide the costs and St. Vincent de Paul facilitates the distribution to our families. **The Christmas Giving Tree Program** was successful due to the overwhelming support of the parishioners who purchased gift cards to fulfill our families' requests. Our Lady's Academy provided toys for the children we serve. We would like to acknowledge all our benefactors. **THANK YOU**



Beautiful Photo taken by parishioner Ron Bousquet.



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Any gift cards or donations made to the Parish for given Parish events are always asked to be delivered to the Parish Office or placed in a donation box at the Church. On-line donations to the Parish continue to be a safe way to contribute as our system was not compromised.



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