

# *Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 25, 2026

At Conference and Adoration with students from Our Lady's Academy, Fr. DiPerri explained the symbolism of the poinsettia that makes it the Christmas flower of choice. The shape of the flower and leaves of the poinsettia are thought as a symbol of the star of Bethlehem, which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent His purity. Last weekend this year's poinsettia plants, that adorned our altar and church so beautifully, were happily "adopted" by parishioners.





## OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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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.

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**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**  
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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](http://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 24, 2026

4:00 pm– Richard P. Casey

### Sunday January 25, 2026

9:00 am - Gerald M. Curtin

11:00 am - Dorothy Saltalamacchia

### Monday January 26 at 8:30 am

Marie, Mihail and Michael Conneely

Members of the Memorial Guild

### Tuesday January 27 at 8:30 am

Sister Flora DeGuglielmo

### Friday January 30 at 8:30 am

Jose Gollayan

### Saturday January 31, 2026

4:00 pm Angela Baxter

### Sunday February 1, 2026

9:00 am – Bernadette and Blayne Rice

11:00 am - Elizabeth Conrad

The Stained Glass Window will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Carolena Ciampa** at the request of her family.

The Blessed Mother Statue will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Dorothy Saltalamacchia** at the request of her family.

The Bread and Wine Offering for the week will be in memory of **Sally Rooney and Colin Rooney** at the request of their family.

**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 25 and 30.**

### **Catechism Corner - The Beatitudes**

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching.

They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of Heaven:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven.

They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of His Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.

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

### **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.





Congratulations to the Boldt Family on the Baptism of their daughter Scottie Briann.

Congratulations to the Sacco Family on the Baptism of their son Robert Peter.



Congratulations to the Longeri Family on the Baptism of their daughter Eloise Helen.

Congratulations to the Penney Family on the Baptism of their daughter Aspen Jean.











Sue Casey, Activities Committee, was able to get Our Lady's a time to volunteer at the Greater Boston Food Bank this year. Photo above is from last year's volunteer group. Since COVID they only allow 15 volunteers per group. The date for us to go is Saturday September 12, 2026. Start time is 9:00 am until noon. The group would leave Our Lady's at 8:00am. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sue Casey or the Parish Office.

**Reminder of Scam**—Please stay aware of any fraudulent texts, emails, or letters claiming to be from any of the parish Priests, staff or general requests from the parish which urge you to contact an unknown phone number (texts or emails). These deceitful requests will most likely ask you to contact them or ask for gift cards or money orders to be sent electronically to these false people, presenting themselves as someone from Our Lady's Parish. **PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY SUCH REQUESTS.**

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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