

# *Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted*

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION- MARCH 29, 2026**

On Sunday March 22, 2026, 70 Confirmation Candidates had a wonderful Retreat at Our Lady's, placing our Baptismal faith into action including vocation to the priesthood and religious life. The day started with breakfast followed by presentations by Monet Souza, group discussions, lunch, a talk by Seminarian Nicolas Colon, and Adoration at the end of the day. In the morning Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik met at church with the CCD students grades 1st.-8th for Conference and Adoration with them.



At the Easter Masses bottles of Holy Water, Blessed Salt and medals of St. Benedict, that will be blessed at Easter by Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik, will be distributed at all the Masses. Find more details about these sacramentals in this week's Catechism Corner.



## 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.

**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](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 March 28, 2026

4:00 pm– Eleanor LeBlanc

### Sunday March 29, 2026

9:00 am - Gerald Fogg

11:00 am - Pietro Pizzi

### Monday March 30 at 8:30 am

Anthony DeStefano

Members of the Memorial Guild

### Tuesday March 31 at 8:30 am

Francesco and Florence Sacco

### Friday April 3 at 8:30 am

Good Friday

### Saturday April 4, 2026

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

### Sunday April 5, 2026

7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am – Easter Masses

**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 March 30**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS, AND SOUPS. WEDNESDAYS Feb.25 - April 1

**SOUPS 5:15—5:45 PM**

**CONFESSIONS 5:30—6:15 PM**

**STATIONS START AT 6:00 PM**

### HOLY WEEK TRIDIUM

#### MARCH 28 – 29 PALM SUNDAY MASSES

4:00 p.m. Saturday March 28

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday March 29

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 2 at 7:00p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3 (**No Mass**)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at NOON

7:00 p.m. VENERATION OF THE CROSS AND COMMUNION SERVICE.

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 4 (**No 4:00 p.m.**

**Mass**) - EASTER VIGIL at 7:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – APRIL 5 at

7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The **Stained Glass Window** will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Donald H. Wessling** at the request of his friend Karen Fairbrother.

The **Blessed Mother Statue** will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Dennis Callhan** at the request of his wife Marie.

The Sanctuary Candel will be illuminated for the week for Ann F. Fairbrother at the request of her family.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION for  
March 21-22 \$ 8,260**

### CLERGY TRUST EASTER COLLECTION

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

### BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS by

F R. Olejnik Saturday April 4 8:30 - 9:00. a.m.

### DIVINE MERCY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE

HELD SUNDAY APRIL 12 FROM 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

(INCLUDING RECITATION OF DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET)) WITH CONFESSIONS BEING OFFERED.

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

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

On Friday March 20 and Saturday March 21st., directed by Music Teacher Hollis Sullivan, the students of Our Lady's Academy presented a delightful "Charlie Brown" musical play. At the Friday performance the entire student body enjoyed watching their peers on stage. At the other two performances the parents, family and friends enjoyed the show as well.



On Monday March 23, with the help of volunteer parishioners, we finished filling the salt bottles and placing the St. Benedict medals in gift bags for the Easter Masses.



**Catechism Corner**

**Holy Water, Blessed Salt, Saint Benedict**

In our spiritual journey, the tools we use to strengthen and protect our souls are vital. Among the most powerful and time-honored sacramentals in our faith are holy water and blessed salt. These sacred items not only serve as reminders of God’s presence but also provide spiritual protection and grace.

**Holy Water** - Holy Water is more than just water that has been blessed. It reminds us of our Baptism - as we recall our baptismal promises and renew our commitment to Christ. It is a powerful sacramental that symbolizes purification, protection, and the grace of God. When used with faith Holy Water had been known to ward off evil. Sprinkling holy water can help protect your home and family from spiritual harm. Holy Water can be used to bless our homes, workplace, car, or any place where we seek God’s grace.

**Blessed Salt** has a rich history in Catholic tradition, dating back to the early Church and into the Old Testament time, especially by the prophet Elisha. Salt, a symbol of purity and preservation, takes on spiritual significance when blessed, Blessed Salt gives spiritual protection as it is a powerful weapon against the forces of darkness. Sprinkel Blessed Salt in the home, car, or around property to invoke God’s protection. Sanctification - Like Holy Water, Blessed Salt can purify spaces and protect them from evil influences. Blessed Salt/Holy Water are another tangible reminder of God’s grace and presence in our life. [romancatholicgear.com](http://romancatholicgear.com)

**Saint Benedict** of Nursia, Italy (c480-547) is the founder of Western Christian monasticism. Disgusted by the decadence of Rome, he established twelve monasteries, eventually building the famous Monte Cassino Monastery in Italy. He was a priest who championed a balanced life of prayer and work emphasizing stability and humility. He was one of the founders of Christian Europe as follower of God and the Church.

[franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

Weekend Masses



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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.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this finds you well during this Season of Lent. I am reaching out to let you know about our **Spring Cash Giveaway Fundraiser.** The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 26th after the 11:00 Mass.

You do not need to be present to win.

There will be (10) to (20) **\$500 winners** based on how many tickets are sold.

**The cost is \$50 per ticket.**

500-524 tickets sold, there will be (10) \$500 winners

525-549 tickets sold, there will be (12) \$500 winners

550-574 tickets sold, there will be (16) \$500 winners

\$600 tickets sold, there will be (20) \$500 winners

Enclosed are four tickets for you to keep or to pass on to family and friends. Tickets may be split with someone else. If you would like to purchase additional tickets, or would like to help sell tickets, please contact Brenda in the parish office. Please fill out the top portion of the ticket and return with payment to the Parish Office. You may mail or drop off to the to the Parish Office. You may also return the ticket and payment in the envelope provided and drop off in the offertory box in church. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady's Parish, Please know that you and your family continue to be in our prayers.

God bless,

***Elizabeth Pettine,***

Parish Fundraising Coordinator

You may SCAN the QR CODE to donate to the parish anytime



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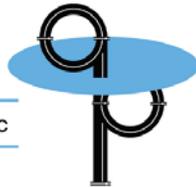
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