

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

PENTECOST SUNDAY – EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - May 24, 2026

The Spring Concerts this year were delightful. Directed by Music Teacher Hollis Sullivan, the children performed wonderfully. Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik blessed everyone at the start. The proud parents were as happy to be there as their children. Mrs. Minor, Principal of Our Lady's Academy, extended a warm welcome to all. Each class from PreK to 8th grade performed their own special songs. At the finale the entire school sang together.

Pictured here the Middle School students.



Congratulations to Our Lady's Academy student James Tiffney on receiving his First Holy Communion at the School's First Friday Mass. Pictured with Fr. Olejnik and his parents.





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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.

Pentecost Sunday - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - May 24, 2026

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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Catholic Eparchy in USA and Canada -

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 May 23, 2026

4:00 p.m. Peter Cianci

Sunday May 24, 2026

9:00 a.m. Carmine Caso

11:00 a.m. Marie McClallen and Nancy McClallen

Monday May 25 at 8:30 am

Stanley Halama

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday May 26 at 8:30 am

Kathleen and R.J. Reed

Friday May 29 at 8:30 am

Jose and Maria Araujo

Saturday May 30, 2026

4:00 p.m.—Williams and Bower Families

Sunday May 31, 2026

9:00 a.m. Kenneth and Thomas MacDonald

11:00 a.m. Gerald Ramsey

The Statue of Our Lady in the Garden will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Gloria Cercone** at the request of her family.

The Bread and Wine will be offered for the week in memory of **Patricia Brinson** at the request of Paul Michaels.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Week of May 16-17 \$6,504

Grand Annual Collection Report

Grateful for the generosity of parishioners for our Grand Annual Collection which has received **\$256,793**. This collection helps to provide approximately 25% of the Church's annual operating funds to run Our Lady's Parish in the way that all parishioners enjoy and expect.

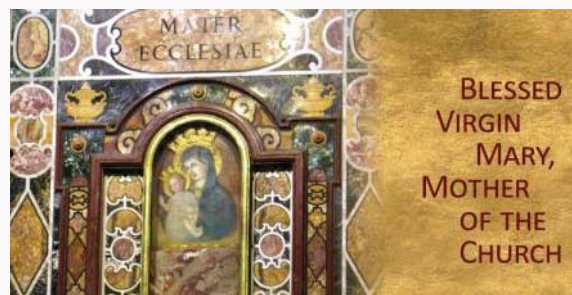
Confessions-Saturdays 2:45-3:15pm
& upon request.

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 this month.



PENTECOST SUNDAY - Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. It is an event that occurred 50 days after Easter and is considered the birth of the Christian Church. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth." The primary color worn and displayed in churches during the Pentecost service is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire and fiery zeal of the Holy Spirit.



May
25,
2026

Adult Summer Confirmation Program

Our Lady's Parish will have an accelerated Adult Confirmation Program this summer, beginning **Sunday May 31**. This Program is for adults who have already received Baptism and First Communion, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be for a total of for seven one hour long classes after the 11:00a.m. Sunday Mass. To sign up or for more information please call the Parish Office at: (781) 894-3481 x 2.

Congratulations to the Oliveri Family on the Baptism of their son Nico James.



Congratulations to the Thayer Family on the Baptism of their daughter McKenna Rae. Nico and McKenna are first cousins.



Congratulations to the Manning Family on the Baptism of their twin daughters Melody Doreen and Emmery Michelle, and the Bevis Family on the Baptism of their daughter Maven Michelle. The three girls are first cousins.



Catechism Corner - 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 visit: www.usccb.org/catechism

Weekend Masses





On Friday May 15, 2026, Fr. DiPerri hosted a nice pizza and ice cream party for the altar servers, youth choir members, and their parents. Fr. Olejnik, Deacons Tim Walsh and James Rice also joined the fun. Many thanks to Paul Loscocco for organizing the altar servers and Greg Castano for organizing the youth choir.



St. Vincent de Paul Upcoming Event “ Bundle Weekend”

On June 13 & 14 SVdP will be collecting donations of bagged or boxed clean, usable clothing, shoes, and books. Your donations will help support the efforts of SVdP in the weekend of June 13 & 14. So please save your donations for Bundle Weekend. More details to follow. Thank You.



On June 11, 2026 - 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Memorial Day Tribute: On Sunday May 24th we will honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country during our 11 a.m. City Wide Memorial Mass.

54th Year anniversary - All Night Eucharistic Vigil
PEACE ON EARTH—ONE NATION UNDER GOD
Sacrament of the Sick will be offered and Confessions will be available. We will begin with 9:00 p.m. Mass with Fr. Joseph Akilo and Deacon Fred O'Brien. More details to follow.

Scam Reminder—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.

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



The Activities Committee invites you to a special viewing of “Leo From Chicago” on Saturday June 13th. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will run approximately 90 minutes in the Parish Meeting Room. Please enter the school through the Holy Family doors. Leo from Chicago” is a Vatican-produced documentary that explores the early life and personal background of Robert Francis Prevost, the first U.S. born pope, now known as Pope Leo XIV. Seating is limited so we encourage you to reserve your spot in advance. To sign up please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

We are excited to announce the formation of a new **Cook Book Fundraising Committee!**

This committee will bring together the Our Lady's community members to create a unique cookbook featuring favorite family recipes, cultural dishes, and community specialties. Proceeds from cookbook sales will support our upcoming fundraising goals and help strengthen parish.

Watch the bulletin for the announcement of an upcoming meeting in late May/early June.

We are currently looking for volunteers who are interested in:

- Donating/Collecting and organizing recipes
- Editing and formatting cookbook content
- Designing layout and cover artwork
- Assisting with fundraising and sales planning

Promoting the cookbook.

No prior experience is required, just enthusiasm and a willingness to contribute!

If you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information, please contact **Brenda in the parish office.**



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