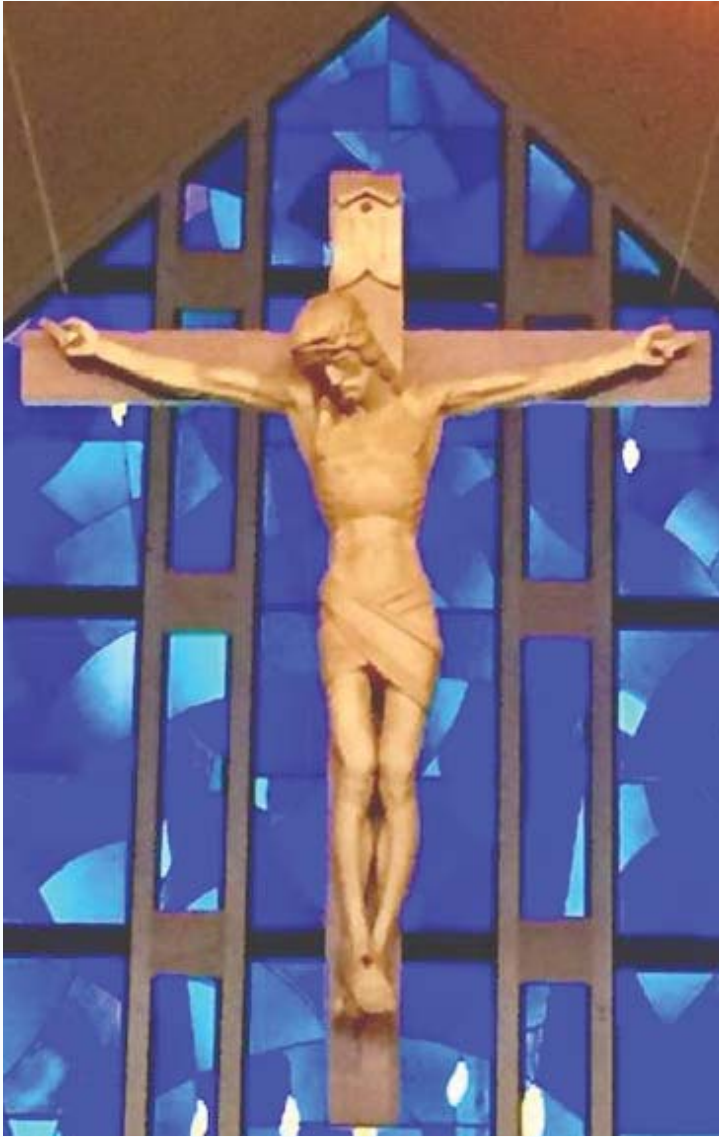


Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

On September 14 we celebrate The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
It is a day to celebrate the Cross itself as a symbol of victory, hope and eternal life.



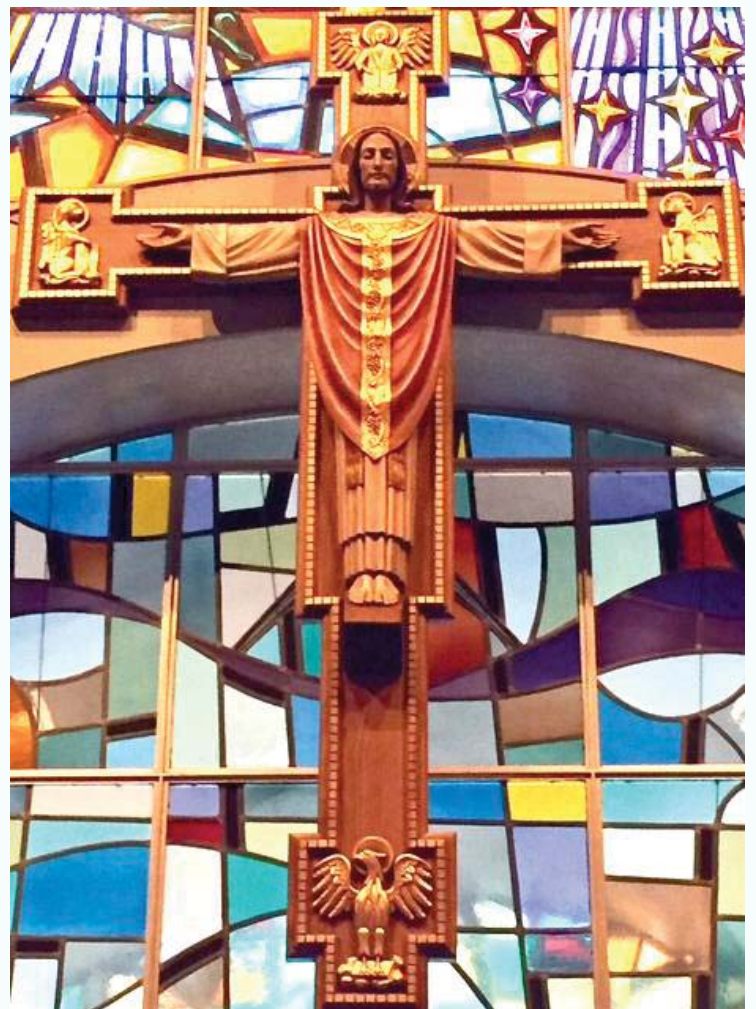
The Cross because of what it represents is the most solemn and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It is a reminder and witness of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

History of the True Cross:

Discovery: (326AD): The finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine.

Dedication: (355AD): Dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher built at Calvary, and the empty tomb. **Recovery:** (628/629 AD): The return of the Holy Cross to Jerusalem after it was captured by the Persians in 614.

From: Vatican News



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life."

[Jonh 3:16](#)

Prayer for Day of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Holy Cross you have
redeemed the world."



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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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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 September 12, 2026

4:00 p.m. Charles, Margaret & Gloria Lombard

Sunday September 13, 2026

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Keough Family

11:00 a.m. Thomas F. Murphy

Monday September 14 at 8:30 am

Humphry Lynch

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday September 15 at 8:30 am

Vincent and Dina Lopez

Friday September 18, at 8:30 am

Wendy Fournier

Saturday September 19, 2026

4:00 p.m.— Betty Carracini

Sunday September 20 2026

9:00 a.m. Ludger LeFort

11:00 a.m. Michael Young

The Stained Glass Window will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Thomas F. Murphy** at the request of his family.

The Garden Statue of the Blessed Mother will be illuminated for the week in memory of **Anna Massarotti** at the request of her family.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Week of September 5-6 \$ 9,799.



First day of class this Sunday September 13.

Women's Prayer Group will meet on Saturday September 19, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

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.

Adult Religious Education Classes

What is it? An accelerated program will be offered for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.

Where will it be? It will take place in the school conference room, the first room to the right as you enter the main entrance of the school.

When will it take place? The classes will be after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays from roughly 12:15 to 1:15 pm on: October 18, October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15, November 22, and December 6. There are additional meeting times which will be discussed in class.

How will it be accomplished? Because of the short time frame available, we'll use the yellow-colored YOUCAT book which is a summary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. You can either obtain a personal copy or purchase one for \$20 from the Parish Office. If you desire, optional reading materials can also be purchased at the office. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is \$10 and the Study Bible is \$30.

Why go? The purpose of the program is to help adults embrace the Catholic faith and receive the Sacraments of Initiation, giving them the tools they need to spend eternity with God in Heaven.

Join our Adult Choir—Sing, Serve and Share Worship! We warmly invite singers of all ages and skill levels to join our vibrant adult choir.

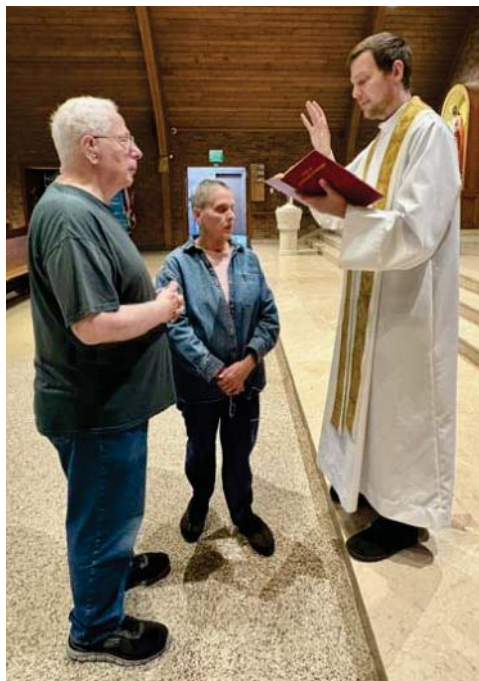
Our Lady's Bible Study—This past year Our Lady's hosted a very active Bible Study. We will start this up again in late Sept. Please contact Deacon Jim Rice at parish@olca.org if you are interested in joining.

Men's Monthly Prayer Group—The men's Prayer group will reconvene this fall and invites men of all ages to join. The day and time has not yet been set, but it will usually be on a Sat. morning for about 60 minutes of fellowship, prayer, and scripture. Please contact Deacon Jim Rice at parish@olca.org if you are interested in joining.



Congratulations to Giselle and Richard Legault on their 49th wedding anniversary. Fr. Olejnik blessed them as they renewed their vows.

Weekend Masses





MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY — OF — SORROWS SEPT 15

Catechism Corner— The title Our Lady of Sorrows for the Virgin Mary focuses on her deep grief and suffering during the life and death of her son Jesus Christ. Her sorrows are traditionally split into seven key moments: 1. The Prophecy of Simeon, 2. The Flight into Egypt, 3. The loss of young Jesus in the Temple, 4. Meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, 5. The crucifixion and death of Jesus, 6. Taking Jesus down from the Cross, 7. The burial of Jesus.



Photos sent by Mrs. Samanthi Perera, volunteer teacher at Our Lady's Religious Education Program, of students in her home country of Sri Lanka enjoying working with Religious Education books/materials she brought to them on her visit this summer.



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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.

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



ALTAR SERVING at OUR LADY'S

Please consider the opportunity to become an altar server here at Our Lady's. Open to boys and girls in Grades 4 and above, the first of two raining sessions begins on **Saturday, September 26th at 9:00 a.m.** The final session will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd** also at **9:00 a.m.** Breakfast snacks and drink will be provided. Direct questions or inquiries to the Parish Office, or to **Paul Loscocco**, the coordinator of the Training Program at: (pfal@rcn.com or 781-820-2063).

Welcome Alana Cahill and Caroline Kavey, new volunteer teachers of our Religious Education Program.



A Day in the Big Apple—NYC, Here we come!

The Activities Committee is sponsoring a fun-filled day trip to New York City. **Sat. November 14, 2026. Depart OLCA Parking Lot at 6:00 am**—est. time of arrival in NYC 11:00am. **Depart NYC for home at 6:00pm**—est. time back at OLCA 11:00pm **Cost: \$120 per person** The best part? You make the day your own! Once we arrive you are free to do whatever you want! No itinerary, no group schedule. And no worries there are bathrooms on the bus! Call: Brenda in Parish Office to reserve a seat.

Knights of Columbus—Chateau Fundraiser - On Thursday

September 17th 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 will 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 made out to Knights of Columbus #14710 and sent to Our Lady's 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. Coats will be distributed to St. Vincent de Paul organizations as well as individuals in need. Due to the Knights' national organization purchasing power, we are able to purchase new coats for approximately \$22.00 per new coat. **Having any adults use face book or other social media has been an effective way of promoting to a larger audience.** **Your participation in this event is truly appreciated!**



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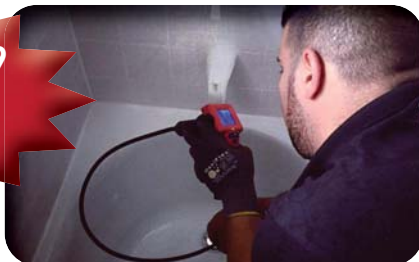
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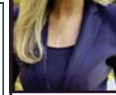


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