

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025



Celebrations of the 2024 Christmas Masses





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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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA): 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

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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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday and Sunday January 4 & 5

Elizabeth, James & John Kidd Memorial
 Thomas, Winifred & John Kilday Memorial

Monday January 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Kathleen & RJ Reed Memorial
 Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday January 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Deceased members of the Daly Family Memorial

Friday January 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Griffin Family Memorial

Saturday and Sunday January 11 & 12

John McKenna Memorial
 John Hoey Memorial
 Gary Lynch Memorial
 Edgar J. Leger Memorial
 Connie Sammartano Memorial

The Blessed Mother Statue will be illuminated in memory of **Jeremiah & Margaret Gorman & Edward Hurley** at the request Malouf Family.

COLLECTION INFORMATION for Christmas Masses Dec. 25 - 25 \$11,108

COLLECTION INFORMATION for weekend Dec. 28 - 29 \$5,795

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

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

Saturday January 11, 2025 - Prayer Groups

Come join us for prayer & camaraderie.

Men's Group at 7:30am Women's Group at 8:30am

We meet in the School Conference Room

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 School is closed, all event 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.

Please Note:

the 4pm Saturday and the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses will be celebrated. They will not be cancelled.

SCHOOL CONFERENCE AND ADORATION

with Father DiPerri

Mon. Jan 6 - (9:15 am) Gr. K-8

Tues. Jan.7 - (9:15 am) Pre K - K

Fri. Jan.17 - (9:15am) Gr. 5 - 8

Fri. Jan. 24 - (1:00pm) Gr. 1 - 4

Mon. Jan. 27 - (1:00pm) Gr. K-8

Mon. Feb.3 - (9:15am) Gr. 1-4 (1:00pm) Gr. 5 - 8

Mon. Feb. 10 - (9:15am) Gr. Pre K - K

Mon. March 17 - (9:15-11:15am) Gr. 5- 8 Confessions

Tues. March 18—(9:15—11:15 am) Gr. 2-4 Confessions

Fri. March 21 - (9:15 am) Gr. Pre K- K

Fri. April 11 - (9:15 am) Pre K-K

Mon. April 14 - (9:15 am) K - 8 Holy Week Adoration

Fri. May 2 - Grandparents/Special Person 1st. Fri. Mass

Sat. May 3 - (10:00am) First Holy Communion Mass

Mon. May 5 - (1:00pm) Gr. 5-8

Tues. May 6 - (9:15am) Gr. Pre K - K

Fr. May 9 - (9:15am) Gr. 1-4

CCD CONFERENCE AND ADORATION

with Father DiPerri

Sun. Jan. 5 - (10 - 11 am) Gr. 1-8 Confession & Adoration

Sun. Jan. 12 - (10 11 am) Gr. 9-10 Conference & Adoration

Sat. Feb. 1 - (9:00 am) Gr. 2 First Penance

Sun. Feb. 2 - (10-11am) Gr. 1- 8 Conference & Adoration

Sun. Feb. 9 - (10-11am) Gr. 9 &10 Conference & Adoration

Sun. March 2- Confirmation Retreat Gr. 9 & 10

Sun. March 9 - (10-11 am) Gr. 1-8 Conference & Adoration

Sun. April 6 - (10—11am) Gr. 1-8 Conference & Adoration

Sat. May 3 - (10:00am) First Holy Communion Mass

Fri. May 9 - (6:00pm) Confirmation (Bishop Robert Reed)

Blessed Carlo Acutis—Soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis.

Pope recognizes miracle for Church's First Millennial Saint.



Thank you to the Gardening Angels for decorating our Church so beautifully.



Accompanied on the piano by Greg Castano, members of the Activities Committee as well as students from our CCD Program entertained the residents of the local Waltham Nursing Facilities.



The children enjoyed greeting Baby Jesus.



CATECHISM CORNER

THE ANGELS

The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. St. Augustine says: "Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel'; from what they are, 'spirit' from from what they do 'angel.'"

Angels are spiritual creatures who glorify God without ceasing and who serve his saving plans for other creatures. They have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness. They belong to Christ because they were created through and for him: "for in him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him."

The angels surround Christ their Lord. They serve him especially in the accomplishment of his saving mission to men. The Church venerates the angels who help her on her earthly pilgrimage and protect every human being. From its' beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel protector and shepherd leading him to life."

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

Pictures of some families at Christmas Masses - please view our Parish Website for many more.



Bible Study for the Parish

You are invited to join a 5-session Bible study starting on January 16. The group will meet every other Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. The program is called The Crux, an introductory Bible study that will lead the group through the *kerygma*, the basic proclamation of the Gospel, and culminates in an invitation to accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The group will meet on:

1. January 16
2. January 30
3. February 13
4. February 27
5. March 1

Please contact Deacon Jim Rice at jrice@mit.edu if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions. Deacon Jim will send additional information in preparation for the program. Come and see!

LOOKING TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR CONFIRMED AS AN ADULT?

Our Lady's Parish will soon begin the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - As well as an adult Confirmation Program.

What is RCIA? A program for adults seeking to be Baptized. Within the Program Adult Confirmation Sessions are also being offered at the same time.

Includes a foundational overview of the Catholic Faith:

- Creed
- Sacraments
- Ten Commandments
- Prayer

The Goal? To prepare candidates to receive their sacraments this Easter Season.

The Schedule? Classes will be one hour on Sundays after the 11am Mass at Our Lady's Academy Conference Room, beginning Introductory session February 9th – Then meeting every Sunday in March and parts of April. Books will be provided.

Interested? Please call the parish office at : 781-894-3481, extension 8, or speak with Fr. DiPerri or Fr. Olejnik



News from Our Lady's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you to all who contributed to our "Giving Tree" Campaign this year. We distributed 348 gift cards to clients and their families including 75 for Catholic Charities. It was a very successful collection. We are blessed with such support and generosity.



Bristol Lodge News

Our Lady's volunteers prepare a meal for Bristol Lodge's soup kitchen on the first Tuesday of every other month. We prepare the meals to feed some that are in need of a hot meal. The soup kitchen is located here in Waltham. We are having an information and sign up meeting on Saturday, Jan. 11th at 9 AM in the School meeting room. Members of our parish prepare these meals six times a year. Please come meet some of our current volunteers as they sign up and learn more about this ministry. If you can't make the meeting, please send an email to: parish @olca.org letting us know you are interested.

If you have volunteered with us in the past please reach out to Sue if you can not make the meeting & give her your availability.



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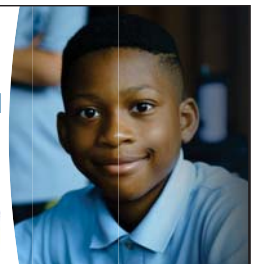
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