

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025

A Mass of Thanksgiving for a successful Catholic School's Week at Our Lady's Academy was celebrated at the conclusion of the week on Friday January 31, 2024.



At all weekend Masses Fr. DiPerri, Fr. Olejnik and Deacon Rice blessed parishioners' throats in honor of St. Blaise, Armenian Catholic Bishop and Martyr. Feast Day February 3.





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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

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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St. Mary Queen of Peace Syro Malankara

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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. 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 February 8 & 9

Dick Trimble	Memorial
Kenneth & Thomas MacDonald	Memorial
Angela Baxter	Memorial

Monday February 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Special Intention
Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday February 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Anthony Arico	Memorial
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Friday February 14 at 8:30 a.m.

David Loftus	Memorial
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Saturday and Sunday February 15 & 16

Mary T. Lombard	Memorial
Bob Williams	Memorial
Joe Burgoyne	Memorial

The **Blessed Mother statue** will be illuminated this week in memory of our mothers **Maureen Corey & Dotty Doherty** at the request of their loving families.

The **Stained Glass Window** will be illuminated this week in memory of **Gail St. Cyr** at the request of her sisters Linda and Janice.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION for
 Feb. 1-2, 2025 \$ 7,120**

Upcoming Collection

On the weekend of **February 15-16** we will have a special collection earmarked for aid to the **fire victims in California.**

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.

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 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.

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 and Fr. Olejnik

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 and Fr. Olejnik

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)



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"The forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism is conferred by a particular sacrament called the sacrament of conversion, confession, penance, or reconciliation.

It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession"-acknowledgment and praise-of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles."

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

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Feast Day February 11**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

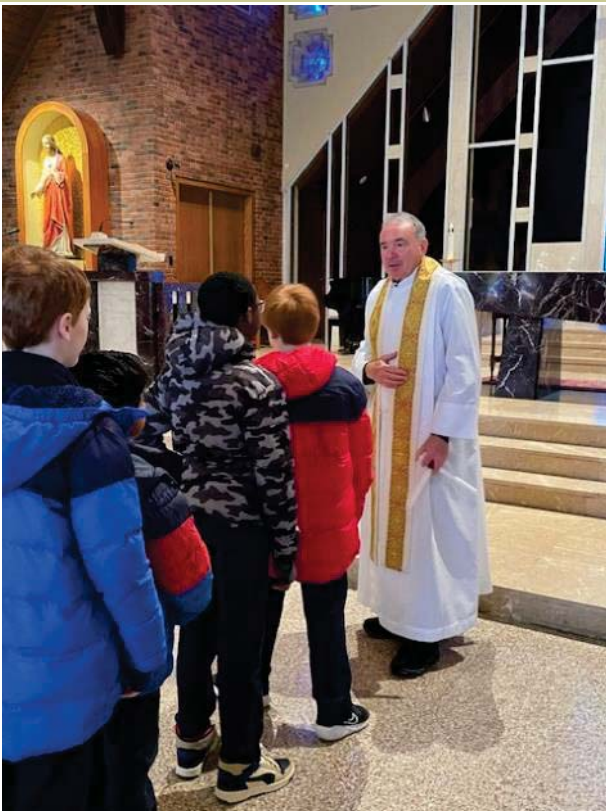
In thanks, we promise to follow in your virtues, that we may one day share your glory. Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your divine son while upon earth. You have the same influence now in Heaven.

Pray for us; obtain for us from your Divine Son our special requests if it be the Divine Will.

Amen

See: Hallow.com for more prayers & novena to Our Lady of Lourdes.

On Monday February 3, Feast Day of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik blessed the throats of all the students & teachers of Our Lady's Academy.



OUR GRAND ANNUAL

IS STILL UNDERWAY. THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED. A KIND REMINDER TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DONATION, THERE IS STILL TIME. OTHER THAN OUR SUNDAY OFFERTORY IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT YEARLY FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR PARISH.



SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE TO THE PARISH including the Grand Annual

LOOKING TO BECOME CATHOLIC OR CONFIRMED AS AN ADULT?

Our Lady’s Parish will soon begin Order of Christian Initiation For Adults (OCIA)/-(formerly called RCIA). As well as an adult Confirmation Program.

What is this Program? A program for adults seeking to be Baptized and receive Holy Communion. Within the Program are Adult Confirmation Sessions 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

Thursday Parish Bible Study

You are invited to join a 5-session Bible study starting on January 16. The group will meet every other **Thursday**. 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:

February 13, February 27, March 13, March 27

Please contact Deacon Jim Rice at jrice@mit.edu (617) 258-858 / (516) 627-7062 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!

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