

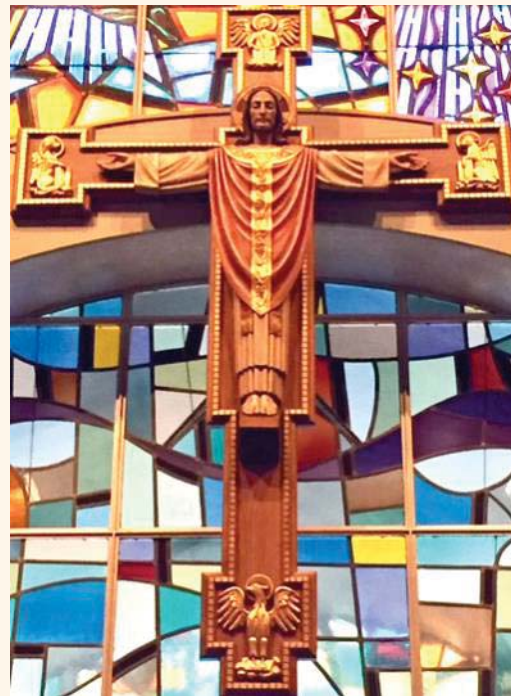
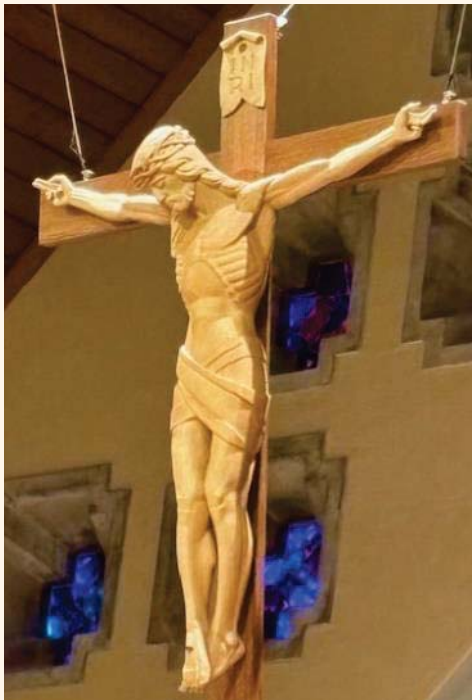
# *Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted*

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday September 21, 2025**

Last Sunday September 14, 2025 we celebrated The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Cross, originally a symbol of shameful form of execution for criminals became Christianity's most important symbol after Jesus' resurrection, with its veneration and the discovery of "The True Cross" by Saint Helena in the 4th century being central to its history. At all the Masses Father DiPerri blessed all those present with a relic of the True Cross.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”  
John 3:16





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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 September 20, 2025

**4:00 pm** - Charles, Margaret, and Gloria Lombard

### Sunday September 21, 2025

**9:00 am** - Deceased members of Keough Family

**11:00 am** - Michael Young

### Monday September 22 at 8:30 am

Joe Quirke

Members of the Memorial Guild

### Tuesday September 23 at 8:30 am

Josephine Nire

### Friday September 26 at 8:30 am

Marcelino Alapag

### Saturday September 27, 2025

**4:00 pm** John and Rita Kennedy

### Sunday September 28, 2025

**9:00 am** - Jeannette Leeb Travaline

**11:00 am** - Henry R. Jr. and Lucille Cotton

The **Stained Glass Window** will be illuminated in memory of **Michael Young** at the request of his family.

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Statue** will be illuminated in memory of **Gerry and Dorothy Fogg** at the request of their family.

The **Bread and Wine Offering** for the week is in memory of **Sally Rooney and Colin Rooney** donated by their family.

### COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR September 13-14, 2025 \$ 6,815

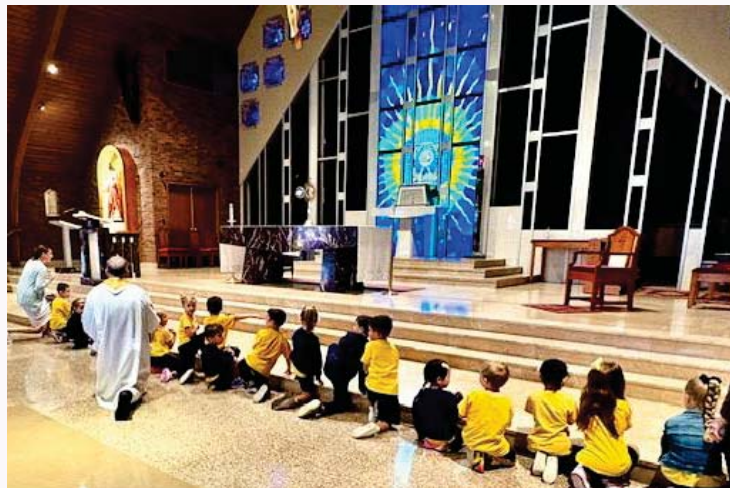
### From Greg Castano, our Music Director Adult and Children's Choirs -

We rehearse each Sunday before Mass. Youth Choir at 8:15 a.m. and Adult Choir at 10:15 a.m. We are always looking for new members. Please consider joining us. Remember that when we sing we are praying twice!

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

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

**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 September 29, October 19, 21, 25, 26.**



**The Bible Study** started up this past week, and we still have a few slots available if you wish to join us. The group will meet for 60 minutes, every other week on Wednesday evenings. All ages, all levels of Bible knowledge welcomed. Listen to the Holy Spirit moving you...Come and see! Please contact Deacon Jim Rice at [jrice@mit.edu](mailto:jrice@mit.edu) if you are interested in joining

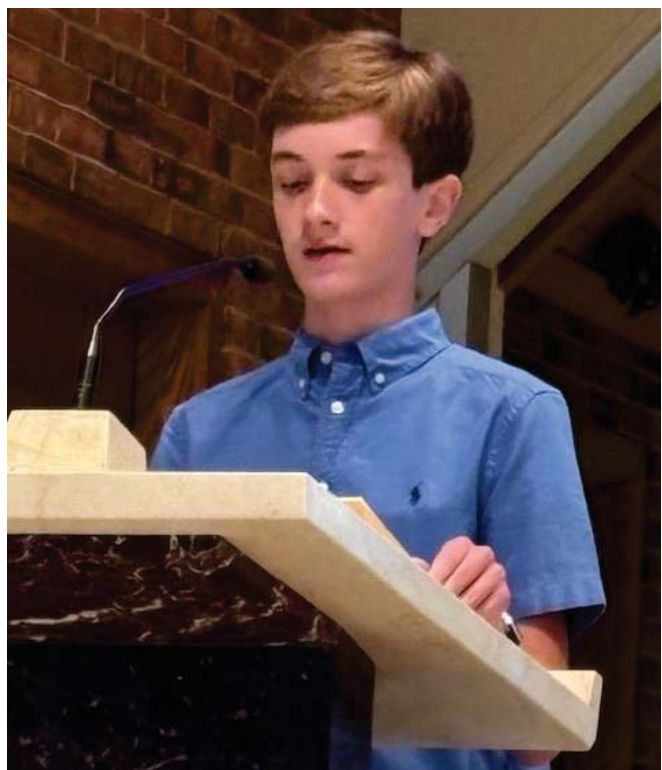
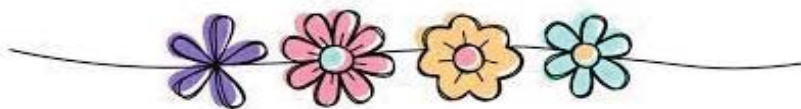
**The Monthly Prayer Groups** started again this September and meet the second Saturday of the month. The men's prayer group from 7:30-8:30am and the Women's group from 8:30-9:30 am. We welcome all ages. Contact Deacon Jim Rice or Ellen Rice for more details.



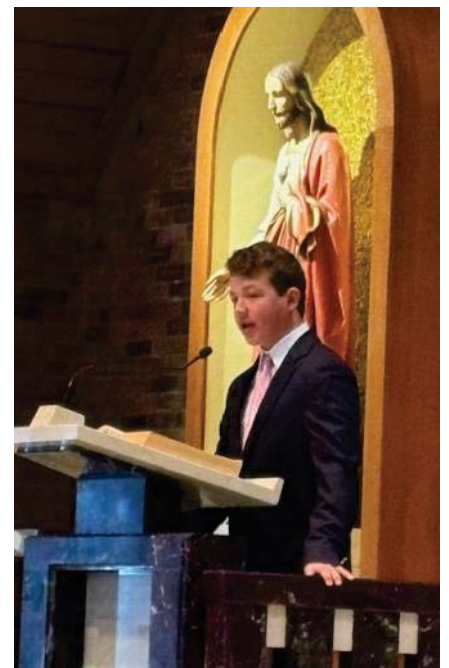
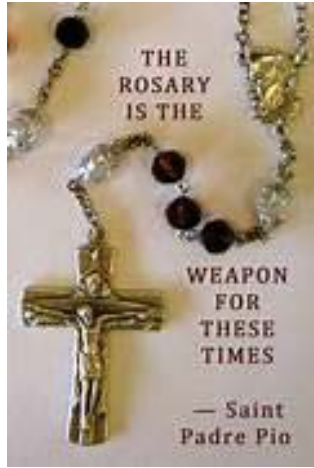
Congratulations to Piper Kelly on receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation on Saturday September 13, 2025 and her First Holy Communion at the 9:00am Mass September 14, 2025.



We were happy to welcome Brady Winkler, as our guest reader, at the Saturday 9/13 4pm Mass. Thank you Brady for a wonderful rendition of the weekend readings.











**MARIAN ROSARY SERVICE**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025**  
**5:30 P.M. at OUR LADY'S**

**We invite you to join us. The prayer service will include recitation of the Rosary, singing of hymns to Mary, and weather permitting, a procession to the outside Shrine of the Blessed Mother and child Jesus.**

Gather up your friends and family and join the parish at our **Pasta Dinner. Saturday, October 18th** from **5-7:30 pm** in the **parish hall**. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. We will be serving salad, pasta, meatballs, bread, butter, desserts and beverages. We will be playing a few rounds of Music Bingo.  
**\*\* Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses on 10/4 and 10/11\*\*** You can also purchase tickets at the Parish Office.



**Reminder of Scam**—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.

**Knights of Columbus - Chateau Fundraiser**

On Thursday September 25th 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 the 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 \$19.00 per coat. Having any adult use Facebook or other social media has been an effective way of promoting to a larger audience.  
 Your participation in this event is truly appreciated!

**Upcoming Catechism Class**

**What is it?** A six-week class will be offered for parishioners of Our Lady's Parish to foster understanding of the Catholic faith.

**Where will it be?** It will take place at 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 meetings will be after the 11am Mass on the Sundays of October 19 and 26, November 2, 9, 16 and 23. They will begin around 12:15 pm and end in an hour.

**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. Please obtain a personal copy of the YOUCAT. Limited supplies of books are also available for purchase from the parish office or on the first day of class. The first class on October 19 will focus on pages 1-49.

**Why go?** By increasing in our knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, we equip ourselves with the tools we need to spend eternity with God in Heaven.



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