

# *Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted*

**Presentation of the Lord - Sunday, February 2, 2025**



Opening Mass offered by Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Olenjnik to mark the start of Catholic Schools' Week. Mrs. Chandra Minor, Principal of Our Lady's Academy gave a warm welcome to all parishioners at the Sunday January 25th 9:00am Mass. Many members of our School Basketball Team and their coaches as well as our Parish Children's Choir participated at Mass.





## OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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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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**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](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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday and Sunday February 1 & 2**

John McKenna	Memorial
Elizabeth Conrad	Memorial
Caramazza Family	Memorial

**Monday February 3 at 8:30 a.m.**

Robert Stoki & Alexander DiSilva	Memorial
<i>Members of the Memorial Guild</i>	

**Tuesday February 4 at 8:30 a.m.**

Deborah Kavey	Memorial
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**Friday February 7 at 8:30 a.m.**

Thomas & Irene Rando	Memorial
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**Saturday and Sunday February 8 & 9**

Dick Trimble	Memorial
Kenneth & Thomas MacDonald	Memorial
Angela Baxter	Memorial

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week in living memory of **Richard J. Fairbrother** at the request of his family.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION for  
Jan. 25 & 26, 2025 \$ 5,277  
Online donations for the month \$14,160**

**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.

**Upcoming Events**

**St. Blaise - Blessing of the Throats. Feast Day -  
February 3rd.**

**Blessed Carlo Acutis—Soon to be  
canonized First Millennial Saint -Shrine at  
Our Lady's - to be completed with his  
picture in the near future..**



**SCHOOL CONFERENCE AND ADORATION**

with Father DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik

**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 and Fr. Olejnik

**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)**





Among many of the activities planned for the students at Our Lady's Academy during Catholic Schools' Week was a visit from Missionaries speaking about their work in Malawi, Africa caring for and teaching children there about the faith. The week will end with another Mass.



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**CATECHISM CORNER**

**THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task. "The Christian family can be called a domestic church." It is a community of faith, hope and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament. The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another. The family is a privileged community called to achieve a "sharing of thought and common deliberation by the spouses as well as their eager cooperation as parents in the children's upbringing."

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



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**Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima**

101 Summer St.  
Holliston, MA. 01746 (also printed in last week's bulletin)

**Most Holy Redeemer**

65 London St.  
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**Holy Rosary Shrine**

28 Union St.  
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64 Warner St.  
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**St. Patrick's Parish**

335 Main St.  
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**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](mailto: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!

**THE PTO AT OUR LADY'S ACADEMY WILL BE HOSTING ITS ONLINE SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER MARCH 1-8. To support the fundraiser we are seeking donations (items, services, gift certificates) from local businesses. If you own a business and/or are interested in donating, please contact Shelli Waetzig at: [swaetzi@gmail.com](mailto:swaetzi@gmail.com) Thank you for considering and stay tuned for the website link in late February.**

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