

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2025

Now that we have completed our Advent and Christmas Seasons - let us join together in praying for the people of California as they struggle in the fight of the wild fires in their state. We pray for all the firefighters and first responders and their courageous efforts to help those in need.

Fr. DiPerri led the Confirmation candidates in prayers for California during Conference and Adoration with the group. At all weekend Masses we prayed for all those suffering through the fires. On Monday January 13, 2025 Fr, DiPerri and Fr. Olejnik led parishioners in a Rosary for the people and the state of California and at 3:00pm Fr. Olejnik led the parishioners in a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for them.



Tomorrow January 20, 2025
We will celebrate Martin Luther King Day,
as we remember him and also pray for
peace and racial harmony in our 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.

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 18 & 19

Florence & Joseph Mobilia	Memorial
Christina Giordano Pulselli	Memorial
David Van Boxlaere	Memorial
Richard, Linda & Kayla Powers	Memorial
Cesare Pietrangelo	Memorial

Monday January 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Linda Favreau	Memorial
<i>Members of the Memorial Guild</i>	

Tuesday January 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Mark Eugene Reading	Memorial
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Friday January 24 at 8:30 a.m.

Florence Avery	Memorial
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Saturday and Sunday January 25 & 26

Richard Casey	Memorial
Rita George	Memorial
Mary Alice & William Cronin	Memorial
Dorothy Saltalamacchia	Memorial

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

The **Stained Glass Window** will be illuminated in memory of **Gaetano ‘Guy’ Criscenzo** at the request of his family.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION for
Jan. 11-12, 2025 \$ 6,286**

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.

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)

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.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis—Soon to be
Saint Carlo Acutis.**

**Pope recognizes miracle for
Church's First Millennial Saint.**



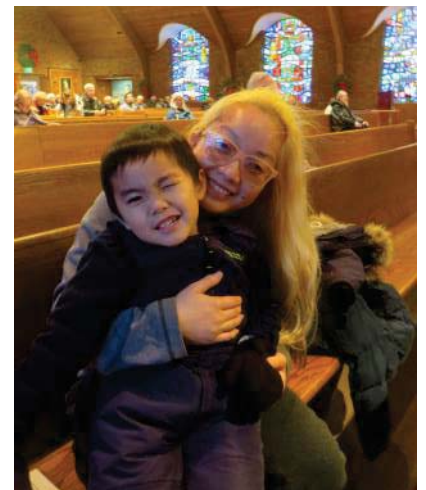
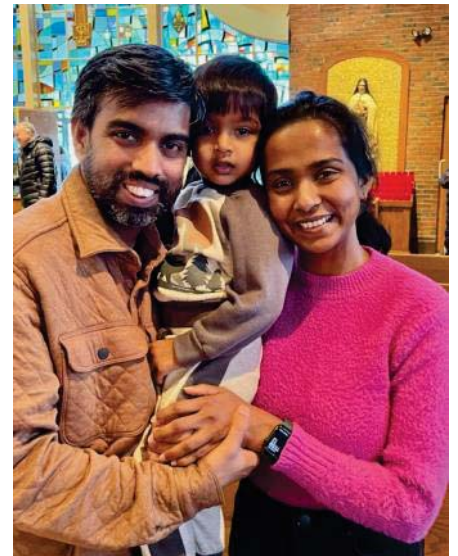
Congratulations to the Lanzo Family on the Baptism of their daughter Giuliana Marie.



Congratulations to the Carr Family on the Baptism of their daughter Hanna Marie.



Weekend Masses



CATECHISM CORNER**THE TRADITION OF PRAYER**

Prayer should accompany the reading as Sacred Scripture, so that a dialogue takes place between God and man. For "we speak to him when we pray; we listen to him when we read the divine oracles."

The Word of God, the liturgy of the Church, and the virtues of faith, hope, and charity are sources of prayer.

Prayer is primarily addressed to the Father, it can also be directed toward Jesus, particularly by the invocation of his holy name: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on us sinners."

The Church invites us to invoke the Holy Spirit as the interior Teacher of Christian prayer.

Because of Mary's singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and to entrust supplications and praises to her.

The most appropriate places for prayer are personal or family oratories, monasteries, places of pilgrimage, and above all the church, which is the proper place for liturgical prayer for the parish community and the privileged place for Eucharistic adoration.

To find more information see: [Catechism of the Catholic Church \(Official Teaching\)](#)

To view online visit: www.usccb.org/catechism



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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!

HOLY HOUR AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TO PRAY FOR THE UNBORN

JANUARY 25, 2025

2:00 -3:45 PM

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

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 Thank you for considering and stay tuned for the website link in late February.

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