

# Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025

The Vatican announced that for the 2025 Jubilee Year-**The Jubilee of Hope** - five “Holy Doors” would be opened. From Dec. 24, 2024 - Jan. 6, 2025. “In Catholic tradition a “Holy Door” symbolically represents the passage to salvation-the path to a new eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus.” (EWTN-VATICAN)



The Holy Doors will be located at: (1) The Basilica of St. Peter. (2) The Archbasilica of St. John the Lateran (3) The Basilica of St. Mary Major (4) The Basilica of St. Paul. (5) The Rebibbia Prison in Rome.

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the **faith** you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of **charity** enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed **hope** for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

## Archbishop Richard G. Henning has designated the following locations as Pilgrimage sites throughout the Archdiocese.

### **Holy Cross Cathedral**

1400 Washington St.  
Boston, MA. 02118

### **St. Paul's Parish**

147 North St.  
Hingham, MA. 02043

### **Divine Mercy Shrine**

30 St. Peter St.  
Salem, MA. 01970

### **Immaculate Conception**

11 Prospect St.  
Marlborough, MA. 01752

### **St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine**

1105 Boylston St.  
Boston Ma. 02215

### **St. Joseph the Worker Shrine**

37 Lee St.  
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### **Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima**

101 Summer St.  
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### **Most Holy Redeemer**

65 London St.  
Boston MA. 02128

### **Holy Rosary Shrine**

28 Union St.  
Lawrence, MA. 01840

### **Blessed Andrew Phu Yen**

64 Warner St.  
Medford, MA. 02155

### **St. Patrick's Parish**

335 Main St.  
Brockton, MA. 02302



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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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**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 January 25 & 26**

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

**Monday January 27 at 8:30 a.m.**

Ed Fitzgerald	Memorial
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*Members of the Memorial Guild*

**Tuesday January 28 at 8:30 a.m.**

Flora DeGuglielmo	Memorial
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**Friday January 31 at 8:30 a.m.**

Miriam MacNair	Living Intention
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**Saturday and Sunday February 1 & 2**

John McKenna	Memorial
Elizabeth Conrad	Memorial
Caramazza Family	Memorial

The **Stained Glass Window** will be illuminated in memory of **Donald H. Wessling** at the request of Karen Fairbrother.

The Blessed Mother Statue will be illuminated in memory of **Dorothy Saltalamacchia** at the request of her daughter Susan.

The Bread and Wine will be offered for **Sally and Colin Rooney** at the request of their family.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION for  
Jan. 18 & 19, 2025 \$ 6,405**

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

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

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  
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Weekend Masses



**CATECHISM CORNER**

**HOPE**

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity.

Through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the "hope that does not disappoint." Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...that enters...where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf." Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation." Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

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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## **Thursday 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**. 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:

- January 30
- 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!

**Retired Men's Club of Arlington**-Come join our 200 members, from all of our local cities and towns for a social experience of fellowship and activity.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month in St. Camillus lower church hall (Arlington, off Route 2, exit 132, Dow Ave.. Doors open at 9:00 am with free coffee and donuts. Meetings end approximately at 11:00 am. In addition to our meetings there are many other activities to enjoy. Please visit: [www.rmcarlington.org](http://www.rmcarlington.org) and click tabs to learn more about the RMCA. For further information contact: Pete Galluzzo at [pjgtaxes@yahoo.com](mailto:pjgtaxes@yahoo.com).

## **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:**

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