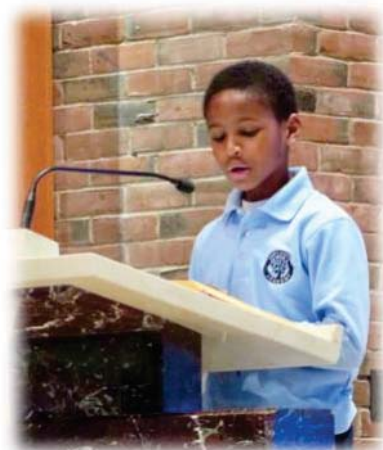


Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 5, 2023

Catholic Schools Week

***PHOTOS FROM MASS TO CELEBRATE OUR LADY'S ACADEMY WHICH BEGAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 29 - MORE PHOTOS INSIDE***



Opening message given from Principal,
Mrs. Minor





OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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MASSES

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30AM
First Friday Mass—8:30am until further notice

Weekend: Saturday 4:00pm and
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Day: As Announced

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: 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.

For more information on the Catholic Faith visit
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CATHOLIC RADIO 1060AM

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Syro Malandara Catholic Mass for the Boston Mission of the Syro Malandara Catholic Dioceses of USA and Canada held 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**Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4/5**

Maureen Corey	Memorial
Deborah Kavey	Memorial
Florence and Joseph Mobilia	Memorial
Feliciano DiMascio	Memorial
For the Recovery of Susan Migliaccio	

Monday February 6 at 8:30am

Thomas J. Rando	Memorial
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Tuesday January 7 at 8:30am

For the Special Intentions of Gabrielle and Sophia Conde

Friday February 10 at 8:30am

In Thanksgiving for Favors Received

Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11/12

Donna Deptula	Memorial
Frances Martin	Memorial
Joseph Burgoyne	Memorial
For the Special Intentions of William Conde and William Michael Conde	

COLLECTION INFORMATION

January 28/29: \$6,085
December Online Donations: \$11,621

CONFESSIONS

Saturday's from 2:45-3:15pm

SATURDAY ROSARY

Rosary prayed the first Saturday of each month at 3:00pm in the church led by parishioners.

IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDER

If anyone has any symptoms of the COVID virus, please avoid going to Church. It is ones own responsibility to keep ourselves as well as others around us safe.
Thank you.

MEMORIALS

The *Blessed Mother Statue* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Dot Doherty at the request of her family.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Mass at 8:30am

Prayer Service at 12:00Noon with Deacon Jim Rice

Confessions will be heard from 4:00-4:45pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSIONS

STATIONS: Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00pm during Lent for Stations of the Cross beginning March 1. Soup will again be served prior from 5:15-5:45pm by the Activities Committee. The dates for Stations are: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and will conclude on April 5.

CONFESSIONS: During the Stations of the Cross, confessions will be heard from 6:00-6:45pm. Please note, there will be NO CONFESSIONS ON MARCH 8.

DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS

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 morning Mass. If Our Lady's School is closed, all events scheduled on all property that day and evening will be canceled. This will allow for the sidewalks and driveways to be cleared and prepared for the next business day.

**OUR LADY'S MEMORIALS**

Our memorials are meant to remember a deceased loved one or a special intention. These memorials include the illumination of the Stained Glass Window, Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Candle, illumination of outdoor Blessed Mother Statue and illumination of the indoor Blessed Mother Statue and Sacred Heart Statue in Sanctuary. The donation for each memorial is \$50 for a week. Contact Sharon in the parish office to make arrangements.

HEARING IMPAIRED?

Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available at Our Lady's. Speak with an Usher or a Knight of Columbus to borrow a device and assure the system is turned on. You may also use your own FM Radio receiver equipped with ear buds or head phones and tune to 88.5 FM. This service is limited to the church and parking lots only. Radios with digital tuning work best. This service is provided by our parish based Knights of Columbus Council 14710.

WILL OR BEQUEST GIFTS

When considering gifts to a charity in your Will or Trust, please remember Our Lady's.

Family Bingo night for Catholic Schools Week last Saturday, January 28 organized by Our Lady's PTO



Our Lady's Academy celebrated Catholic Schools week with the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 29.



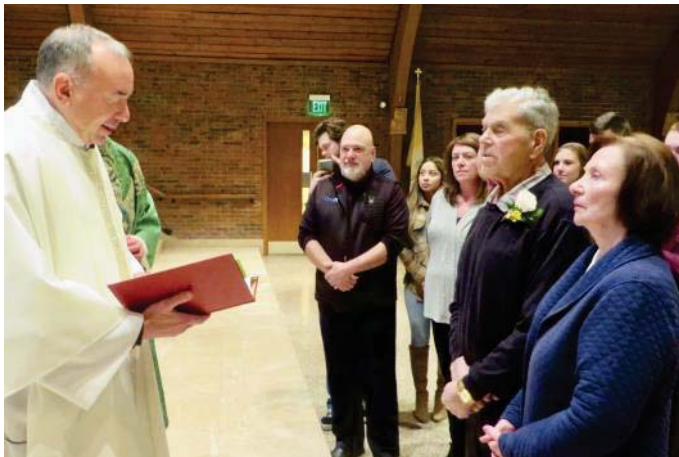
St. John Bosco Relic blessing was given at all weekend Masses - January 28-29, 2023 (anticipation of January 31 feast day)



Photos from January 28/29 Weekend Masses



60th Wedding
Renewal
Blessing of
RJ and Anne
MacDougall last
Saturday,
January 28
joined by
family.



GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

To date we have received \$213,224. Thank you to those who have already made their donations. Please continue to support this appeal as it goes on until the end of February. Our weekly collections continue to be down. This fund is necessary to balance our church budget. Each working parishioner was asked to contribute \$500. If this amount was beyond your means, **any donation is welcome and essential** for the financial solvency of the Parish. If your means enable you to contribute more – please prayerfully consider doing so. You can make your donation via check or cash by mailing to Our Lady's Parish, 920-R Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02452 Attn: Sharon. If you wish to pay by credit card, please use your phone camera to scan to code to the right and follow prompts. Select "*Grand Annual*" as the fund. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Our Lady's Parish.



**SCHOOL CONFERENCE/ADORATION WITH
FR. DIPERRI AND FR. CAMPO**

February 10 - PreK-K at 9:15am

**SCHOOL CONFESSIONS WITH FR. DIPERRI
AND FR. CAMPO**

March 13 - Grades 2-5 at 9:15am / Grades 6-8 at 1:00pm

BRISTOL LODGE - FEEDING THOSE IN NEED

Anyone wishing to participate in this ministry please contact Sharon in the parish office. Our Lady's volunteers prepare a meal on the first Tuesday, every other month beginning in February. It is unfortunate that we still cannot physically serve these folks dinner like we have done in the past as we still can only drop off the meals until further notice. But I'm sure it is still most appreciated.

A meeting will be set up some time in March for the April meal. Please keep an eye in the bulletin for that date. If you would like to sign up, but cannot make a meeting, please email parish@olca.org and let us know how you would like to participate.

Knowing you followed the Gospel by feeding those in need is a gratifying feeling.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a lost and found plastic bin in the front foyer of the church opposite the St. Vincent dePaul Food Closet. It has accumulated gloves, scarfs, eye glasses, umbrellas etc. If you have lost something over the past few weeks, please come and take a look.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL BOXES

Our Lady's St. Vincent DePaul has been quietly helping many people. The only income comes from occasional donations from parishioners, but mostly from the 4 blue metal boxes we have located at the doors of the church. Perhaps the next time you walk in or out of church, you might notice the box and drop some coins or more which will greatly be appreciated. Thank you.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Please be assured that there are emergency protocols in place with our Ushers, Knights, Sacristans and Staff in the case that an emergency arises. We have Waltham Police present at all weekend Masses and those who need to know what to do and where emergency devices are located have been trained. Number one in ANY emergency, **call 911** which someone always does. We have a great parish community who is always there for each other. God Bless.

**CCD CONFERENCE/ADORATION WITH
FR. DIPERRI AND FR. CAMPO**

February 12 - 10:00am-11:00am

March 5 - 10:00-11:00am

April 23 - 10:00-11:00am

April 30 - 10:00-11:00am

March 26 - Confirmation Retreat

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - February 3, 2023
**Blessing of Throats after all Masses this weekend ~
February 4/5, 2023****

Before he was made Bishop of Sebaste (the modern day city of Sivas), St Blaise practiced as a physician. Much later, he was captured for the Faith, and en route to prison, he encountered a boy who was choking from a fish bone stuck in his throat. After praying over him, the boy was cured. Due to these two facts, St Blaise is a patron saint of physicians.

Because of St Blaise's miraculous intercession for this young boy, the Church composed a special blessing for throats to be performed on his feast day. This sacramental, just like any other, is a proof that the Church's motherly care and concern is not only for the spiritual good of the faithful through the Mass and the sacraments, but also for their smaller daily needs. The timing of this blessing is also rather opportune, since sickness is not uncommon around this time of year. In addition to ailments of the throat, this blessing also wishes a deliverance from every other evil, both material and spiritual.

Such a blessing is termed a "sacramental". The sacramentals are not necessary because Our Lord didn't institute them to give grace of themselves as the sacraments do. But they do give grace according to the devotion with which they are received. They are also very helpful in encouraging us to live out our Faith more fully, helping us to see that everything we do should become an act of worship, an opportunity for sanctification.

Let us strive to receive this blessing of St Blaise with renewed fervour, especially having in mind the intention of the Church – to deliver us from all evils.

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil: in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

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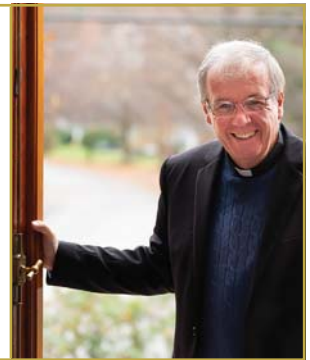
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