

# *Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted*

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2023*

Annual Sunday Mass for Our Lady's Academy Basketball teams and coaches Sunday, February 12



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# 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.

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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](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****Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18/19**

Mary Lombard	Memorial
Adam Sedzikowski and Dean Miner	
Cathy Cannon	Memorial
Special Intentions of Mark Conde	

**Monday February 20 at 8:30am**

José and Altina Araujo	Memorial
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**Tuesday January 21 at 8:30am**

Deborah Swecker	Memorial
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**Friday February 24 at 8:30am**

Poor Souls in Purgatory	
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**Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25/26**

Bob Williams	Memorial
Adam Sedzikowski and Dean Miner	
Jack Sullivan	Memorial
Special Intentions of the Conde Family	

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

February 11/12: \$5,305  
January Online Donations: \$10,974

**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 one's own responsibility to keep ourselves as well as others around us safe.  
Thank you.



The **Blessed Mother Statue** will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Jack O'Malley at the request of his wife, Mary Jane.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**Mass at 8:30am**

**Prayer Service at 12:00 Noon** 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.**

**CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023**

*Faith in Action. It all starts with YOU.*

One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is a primary means by which we carry Christ's light into darkness and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries, many of which directly benefit our parish. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities in numerous ways.

Many of you may have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your early support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution transforms faith into action. Please watch this year's video on our website - [olca.org](http://olca.org). Our in-pew filling out envelopes (Commitment Weekend) will be the weekend of March 4/5. Thank you in advance for helping Our Lady's Parish meet its assessed goal.

**LENTEN GUIDELINES**

**FASTING** is observed by all 18 years of age or older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older on Good Friday and Friday's during Lent. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fasting and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

**FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER** are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and the renewal of baptism at Easter.



**EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND**

The images coming out of Turkey and Syria following the February 6, 7.8 magnitude earthquake, are showing the world that the people there are experiencing immense suffering, destruction, and death. There are reports that the death toll has surpassed 19,000 and continues to rise. Recognizing the growing need for assistance, Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection be taken this weekend **February 18/19** in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. Funds raised will help to provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water, and hygiene supplies. Special bins will be marked at the entrances/exits of the church for your donations. You can pay by check, cash or online either by scanning the code to the right or by going to our website [olca.org](http://olca.org) and clicking on "Donate" making a General Donation to Parish and marking "Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief". Please make checks payable to Our Lady's Parish and in the memo please write "Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief". Thank you in advance for your kindness and compassion.

**Conference and Eucharistic Adoration with Pre-School and Kindergarten - February 10****FIRST PENANCE**

Congratulations to the 59 children who will be receiving their First Communion - combined from Our Lady's Academy and Religious Education Program who made their First Penance on Saturday, Feb. 11. They have been working very hard to prepare for their First Penance and continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion on May 6. We are grateful to teachers Jackie Ashba, Katie Demers, Nicole Heuman, Casey MacKenzie, Eileen MacKenzie, Christine Malone, and Julie Samble for their lessons taught with utmost diligence, care, and joy. Thank you to First Penance volunteers Pat Aubin, Maria Caso, Casey and Eileen MacKenzie, Lori Mazzarelli, Ellen Rice, Lorraine Rielly, and Collin Sullivan. Photo is children praying at the Our Lady Statue after making their First Penance.

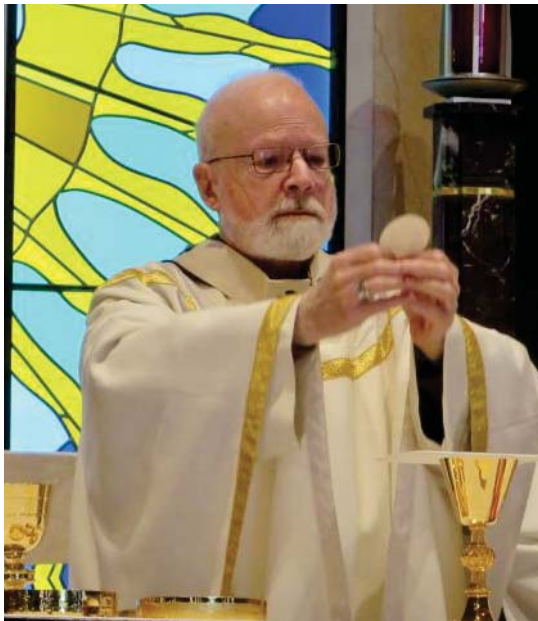


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CCD Classes praying at Blessed Mother Statue prior to Conference and Adoration with Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Campo



An Archdiocesan Vocation Retreat discerning the Priesthood was held at Our Lady's last weekend, February 11-12. This retreat was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Vocations Office - on behalf of Cardinal O'Malley. Below are photos from a special Mass held by Cardinal O'Malley, luncheon and talks.



### **VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

The vocation of the priesthood is a sacred calling. Priests are men called by Jesus to carry on His ministry in the world. By the grace of Holy Orders, a priest is transformed "in persona Christi capitis ecclesiae" (into the person of Christ, Head of the Church). He is made into a husband of the Church and becomes a spiritual father to all.



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

March 14 - 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

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

March 5 - 10:00-11:00am

April 23 - 10:00-11:00am

April 30 - 10:00-11:00am

March 26 - Confirmation Retreat

**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](mailto: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.*

**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH**

**GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN**

Come join us once a month in the Chapel of St. Joseph beginning Saturday, February 25 at 7:00am. Enter the building through the main school entrance near Holy Family Statue. We will have time for prayer, Scripture reflection and fellowship.

Kindly email [frcampoolca@gmail.com](mailto:frcampoolca@gmail.com) if you have any interest. It is a great opportunity, beginning in Lent, to encourage and support each other with God's help.



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**GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE**

To date we have received \$216,549. 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 the 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.



**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.

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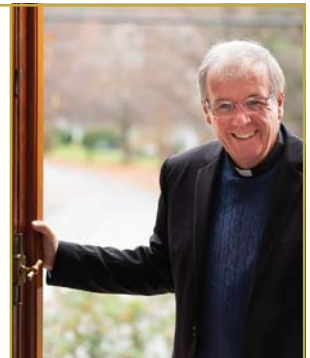


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