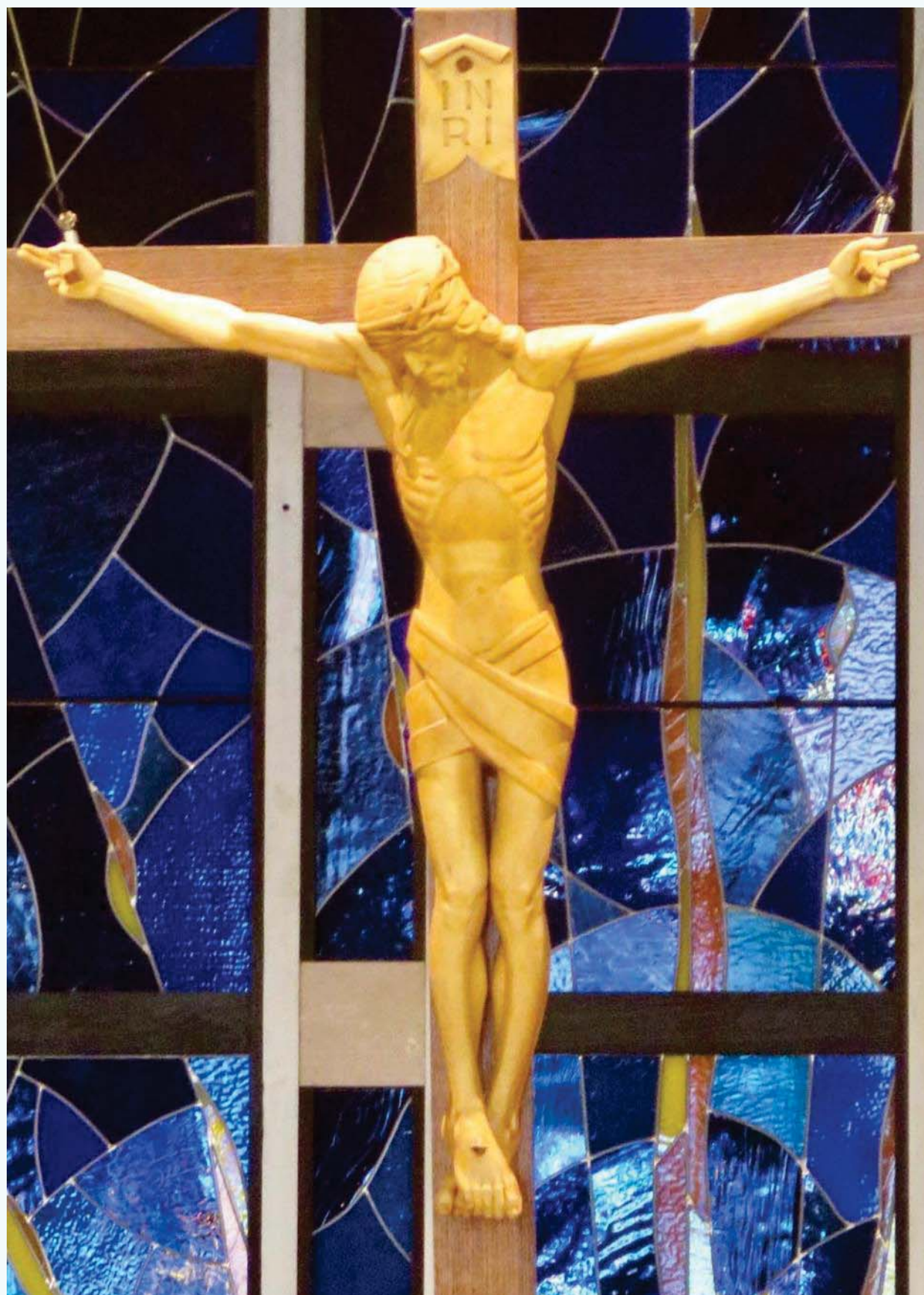


Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023





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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. 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. 25/26**

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

Monday February 27 at 8:30am

Dick Trimble	Memorial
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Tuesday February 28 at 8:30am

Ellen Lavelle	Memorial
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Friday March 3 at 8:30am

Robert Arena	Memorial
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Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, March 4/5

Shirley Newfell	Memorial
Gabrielle Lambert	Memorial
Michelle Colangelo	Memorial

COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 18/19: \$6,452
January Online Donations: \$10,974

CONFESSIONS

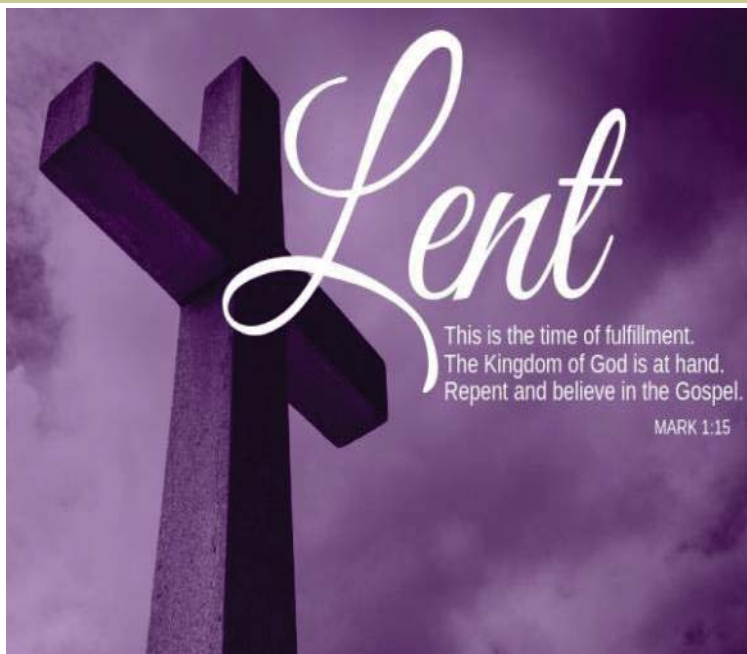
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SATURDAY ROSARY

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.

**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.

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.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

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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. 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.

Photos from February 18/19 Weekend Masses.



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REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

During this Season of Lent, if you or someone you know cannot make it to Mass due to recovery from surgery, an illness or can simply no longer attend Mass **PLEASE, LET US KNOW.** Call Sharon in the parish office, 781-894-3481 x2 or email parish@olca.org and we will make arrangements to have communion brought to you. Please make the call, we are here for you.



**SCHOOL CONFERENCE/ADORATION WITH
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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 and let us know how you would like to participate.

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

Elizabeth Ayeni receiving "The Rite of Acceptance" on Sunday, February 19 at the 11:00am Mass. She will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Season and will receive Holy Communion and Confirmation. Elizabeth's sponsor is her husband Michael.



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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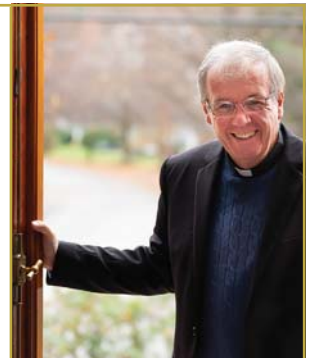
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