

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 16, 2023

Below are a few photos, more to come, of the Parish Service Trip to Knoxville, TN with Fr. Campo, Deacon David and a group of youth and young adults from Our Lady's Parish as well as other parishes. Inside read the reflection that one of the participants from our parish wanted to share with all of you about how this trip changed his life.





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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, July 15/16**

Paolo and Francesca Terrasi	Memorial
Gary Hawker	Memorial

Monday July 17 at 8:30am

Lilia Gollayan	Memorial
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Tuesday July 18 at 8:30am

Deceased Members of the Curran Family	
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Friday July 21 at 8:30am

Poor Souls in Purgatory	
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Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, July 22/23

Jill Forland	Memorial
Polly Reynolds	Memorial
Rosanna Dell'Anno Beauvais	Memorial
William M. Niland, Jr.	Memorial

Monday July 24 at 8:30am

Augusto and Maria Tavares	Memorial
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

July 8/9: \$4,570
June Online Donations: \$11,131

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 2:45-3:15pm

SATURDAY ROSARY

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

ONLINE GIVING - STEADY/STABLE INCOME

During these Summer months, we ask you to please consider signing up for **Online Giving**. This ensures steady, stable income for the Parish in case you are away for the weekend or you go on vacation. Our monthly expenses, unfortunately, continue through the summer and our weekly offertory is very important. You can sign up online by visiting olca.org and click on the "**Donate**" button. If you have any questions, call Sharon in the parish office.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

If 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 parish@olca.org and we will make arrangements to have communion brought to you. Please make the call, we are here for you.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a lost and found plastic bin in the front foyer of the church just inside the main entrance doors. If you have lost something, please check there as that is where items found are placed.

"The right to life is the first among human rights" ~ Pope Francis

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR
2023-2024 IS NOW OPEN!**

Summer is here! We ask that you consider registering early for the 2023-2024 Religious Education year. Timely/Early registration is greatly appreciated to plan for teachers, books, and supplies. You can easily **register and pay online at olca.org under the "Forms" tab**.

We welcome Elizabeth Pettine as our new Religious Education Coordinator.

Many of our wonderful volunteers return year after year, for which we are most grateful, however, more volunteers are always needed. Teachers are most needed, but you may help in other ways as well - as a classroom aide, hall monitor, substitute teacher, First Communion help, Confirmation help. It is a low-key, welcoming and friendly environment, and we are blessed with a beautiful and spacious school building. Support, materials and resources are provided. Are you interested in this essential service to our parish community? Would you like to be a part of the Religious Education Program? Classes are Sunday mornings in between the parish Masses. For general information about the program or to join this ministry, please contact Elizabeth Pettine in the Religious Ed Office at 781-894-3481 x3 or email her at religioneeducation@olca.org.

**MEMORIAL CANDLESTAND**

Remember those you have lost or remember special intentions through a memorial donation. The candles are \$250 per year. If you would like to reserve a candle or would like more information, contact the Parish Office at 781-894-3481 ext. 2 or email parish@olca.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

For men thinking of joining the Knights of Columbus, there is an Online method you can use to join. Simply go to olca.org and click on the "**Ministries**" tab, then click on "**Knights of Columbus**". You will then be at the form to fill out. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 781-894-3481 x2.





Photos from July 8/9 Weekend Masses



REFLECTION ON GOD AND SERVICE

When my dad signed us up for a service trip in Knoxville, Tennessee, I had no idea the impact that week would have on my life. Catholic Heart Work Camp is a camp dedicated to serving its communities and helping all campers grow closer to God. The daily routine looked like this: Wake up at 6:30am, eat breakfast, go to Mass, go to your worksite till about 3:30pm, shower, eat dinner and then go to the program they would host every night. Programs varied from stories, signaling, skits, and even competitions. I won the "Longest Amen Contest" and set a new camp record of 35 seconds! At the beginning of the week, everyone was split into groups of 8-10 people. The resident my workgroup was serving was a 70-year-old woman named Belinda. Belinda, who lives in a trailer infested with mold, is also raising her 13-year-old Autistic grandson, Dalton. Life is not easy for the two, but you would never know it by judging based on their spirit. Seeing the way they lived truly humbled me. My group was building stairs in the back and the front side of the trailer. The previous stairs were cinder blocks. I must admit, I did not do nearly as much work as my teammates. Dalton took a real liking to me. Instead of building stairs, I played Dinosaurs, read, and watched YouTube with Dalton almost the entire time. I've got a friend for life. Just witnessing Dalton and his grandmother's lifestyle gave me so much gratitude for my own life, I left Tennessee with a whole new outlook on living.

Even if you take away what I learned from Dalton and Belinda, it was still one of, if not the best week of my life. Going to Mass, saying the Rosary, and being around strong-hearted Catholic people every day, who love God, made an enormous impact on my faith. Before I went on the service trip, I would have considered myself a lazy Catholic. Sure, sometimes I read at Mass and I'd go to church almost every Sunday, but Monday-Saturday, I was not thinking about God. Since returning from Tennessee, I have never felt closer to God. I've felt him and his love consume me. Since I returned home, I've been going to daily Mass, I've been saying the rosary daily, if not multiple times a day, and I've been praying in my free time. I have never felt such peace and joy in my life; I have never been this happy. The moment that I realized God loved me more than I could have ever imagined was during an Adoration at CHWC. The entire camp proceeded from the auditorium where the nightly program was held to the church. Everyone sang together as we made the walk over through the courtyard. After walking into the church, I sat down in a random pew with my dad. As a few people left their seats and went up to the altar to pray on their knees, I got the urge to do so as well. Within seconds of kneeling down, being face to face with Jesus, and hearing the beautiful, out-of-this-world harmonious voices of the Antonyraj twins, I burst out into tears, happy tears. I had never felt God's presence so strongly. I could feel his everlasting love for me and I knew in that moment everything was going to be okay. I realized God was always going to be there for me. Additionally, not only did I feel God's presence, but I also felt my mother's, who passed away last July after a 14-year-long battle with Breast Cancer. My favorite part and realization of the entire trip was that Adoration felt like it was a once in a lifetime experience, but after talking to Father Campo, I now know that that was just the beginning of my journey with God.

Daniel Moran



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AUGUST CASH GIVEAWAY FUNDRAISER

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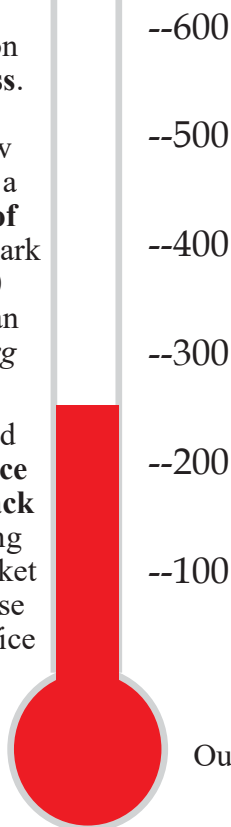
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Our **August Cash Giveaway Fundraiser** which will be drawn on **August 27 after the 11:00am Mass.** Tickets are **\$50**. The amount of winners drawn will depend on how many tickets we sell. We will sell a **minimum of 500 and maximum of 600 tickets** so if we reach the 600 mark we will be giving away (20) \$500 prizes. The breakdown for less than 600 sold is on our website: olca.org under *Parish Life/Fundraisers*.

All names drawn will win \$500 and you will have **more than one chance** to win as **your name will be put back into the drawing**. If you are reading this and would like to purchase a ticket but are not on our mailing list, please reach out to Sharon in the parish office and she will get your ticket to you.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Lady's Parish Fundraisers.



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the Church's ritual process for calling adults to a conversion of mind and heart and preparing them for a full and active life in the Church. RCIA is primarily intended for those who are unbaptized and preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call 781-894-3481 x2 or email parish@olca.org and leave your contact information.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL BOXES

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We would like to build up the altar serving corps here at Our Lady's, and so, we are planning to hold altar server training at the church later this month. Altar serving is open to any child beginning in Grade 4. It is a special way to spend some time this summer. Time and date of the training will be chosen based on the responses received.

To register, please send a note or email to the Parish Office (parish@olca.org) in c/o Paul Loscocco.

2023 MISSION APPEAL- August 5/6, 2023

The **weekend of August 5/6**, there will be special marked bins for contributions.

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. *"They went forth and preached everywhere"* (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life - beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, *"Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,"* echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission oriented. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India,, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation and support, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

Special note about Speaker: Fr. John Higgins is a La Salette priest who has ministered in Argentina for over 21 years and 11 years in Bolivia. As a native of the Boston area, he currently is in active ministry as Senior Priest now serving at the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Hartford, CT. Fr. Higgins finds great joy in





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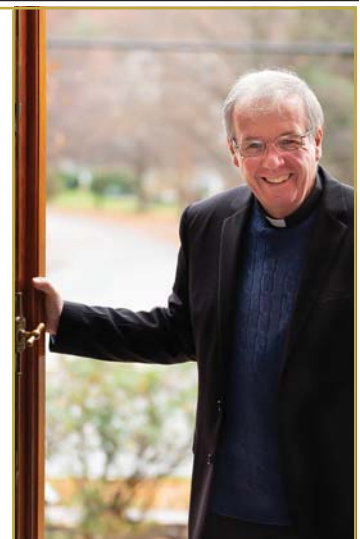
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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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