

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 30, 2023





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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

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

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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www.usccb.org

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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

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 29/30**

Carmine Caso Memorial
 Salvatore and Maria Caci and Stefania
 Graceffa
 Special Intention for Lynn Conde
 Special Intentions for Mike Peterson

Monday July 31 at 8:30am

Noreen LeBrun Memorial

Tuesday August 1 at 8:30am

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday August 4 at 8:30am

Deceased Members of the Brazil Family

Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5/6

James DiPerri Memorial
 Janet Donahue Memorial
 John Bonazzi Memorial
 Alfred and Mary Centola Memorial
 Special Intentions for Mike Peterson

COLLECTION INFORMATION

July 22/23: \$5,485.65
 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.



The ***Stained Glass Window*** will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Julia Hoban at the request of Joan and Jerry Parker.

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With the ever-increasing cost of living, our clients are very appreciative of the food we provide. Thank you for your continued donations of non-perishable food items. Please continue your generosity for the needs of others and thank you.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The first of two Altar Server Trainings will be held in Our Lady's on Saturday morning, August 12th, from 9:00AM until 10:00AM in the church. The second is one week later on Saturday, August 19th, at 9:00AM. Altar serving at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted is open to students grade 4 and above. Registration forms are available in advance (contact the parish office) or on the day of the training. Questions? Contact parish office or Paul Loscocco (pfal@rcn.com).

ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14 at 4:00pm

Tuesday, August 15 at 8:30am and 6:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - REGISTER NOW!!

With August upon us next week, we ask that you please register now for the upcoming 2023-2024 Religious Education year. Volunteers are always needed. 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 religiouseducation@olca.org.

2023 MISSION APPEAL- August 5/6, 2023

Next weekend, **August 5/6**, there will be special marked bins for Mission Appeal contributions.

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

As part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program, Father John Higgins, MS, from The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all Masses next weekend, August 5/6. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Father will share stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting laypeople, priests, and religious in their evangelizing mission work.

**WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND**

COMING IN SEPTEMBER



Cursillo is a joyful and jam-packed three-day experience of learning, faith sharing, praying, and having fun. The goal is to deepen your faith and strengthen your ability to bring Christ's love and grace into the world.

The weekend runs from Thursday, 9/21 at 7 pm through mid-afternoon on Sunday, 9/24 at the beautiful Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich.

Are you curious? Ellen Rice (efrice1@gmail.com) would love to tell you more! Send an email, visit the website at www.bostoncursillo.org or check out @bostoncursillo on Instagram.

Congratulations to Casey MacKenzie as she is awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship by our parish-based Knights of Columbus and she begins her college journey. We wish her the best!



Photos from July 22/23 Weekend Masses





AUGUST CASH GIVEAWAY FUNDRAISER

HALF WAY THERE!

Our August Cash Giveaway Fundraiser 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**. See the breakdown below.

500-524 - (10) \$500 winners
525-549 - (12) \$500 winners
550-574 - (14) \$500 winners
575-599 - (16) \$500 winners
600 tickets sold - (20) \$500 winners

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.

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

GOAL 600 TICKETS

As of 7/24/23

365 Sold

--600

--500

--400

--300

--200

--100



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OUR LADY'S ACADEMY

Our Lady's Academy is seeking After School Helpers for children ages Pre-School to 8th Grade. Inspire youth by helping God's children with arts/crafts, story-time, and other group activities. Lead and organize group activities, supervise, and manage children. Be a positive role model and encourage children to be their best in a nurturing and caring environment.

Qualifications: 1-2 Years experience working with children in classroom, school, or camp setting. Preferred US citizenship, residency or work visa required.

Hours: (Mon-Fri: 2:15pm – 6pm). Flexible schedules.

Start Date: Interviewing now for the September 5, 2023 start date, send resume to:

Email: afterschool@ourladyacademy.org

Phone: 781-899-0206

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

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 the parish office, 781-894-3481 x2 or parish@olca.org. Please reach out, we are here for you.

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REFLECTION FROM SERVICE TRIP

Hi, my name is Matthew Rohatgi. During my week of service in Knoxville Tennessee, my work crew and I helped a woman named Margaret. Her situation was one of the most difficult that I have ever witnessed. When she was younger, she lost her daughter to cancer. After some time, her adopted son moved out and cut off all ties. Many years later, her husband also succumbed to cancer. She now lives alone with her dog. She uses a walker because of her hip, and as a result is unable to get into the tub. Because she has nobody to help her, she is forced to take sponge baths. We helped her out by mowing and edging her lawn, cutting down four trees, pulling poison ivy, fixing her front gate so she could let her dog out, spraying wasp nests, pressure washing the house, replacing and painting boards on the soffit and fascia, and cleaning the kitchen. Poison ivy had even grown through her window and into her house. Normally I would be reluctant to work long strenuous hours in 95-degree heat, but knowing Margaret's story made our entire group want to work hard and accomplish as much as we possibly could.

While on the trip, I was also able to encounter God through the discussions that our group engaged in. Despite having only known each other for a matter of days, everyone dove deep and dared to share the recesses of their hearts. The level of trust we all had for one another was truly remarkable. The most impactful discussion for me took place late at night at the Mount St. Mary's University campus where we stayed on the way. After playing volleyball for a couple of hours, we found some lawn chairs and sat in a circle. Led by Fr. Campo, our small group talked for hours about vocations, how to navigate the complexities of life as a Catholic, and how to share our faith with others. Seeing so many young people care about their faith was so encouraging. I've learned that pursuing holiness is far easier when you have friends who care about you and want what is best for you. Good friends are those who call you out when you stumble on your way to heaven. The best friends are those who are willing to carry you when you fall. If you are trying to get closer to God or grow in holiness, you should surround yourself with people who have the same goal. Like the father in parable of the prodigal son, God is always ready to embrace us. It's up to us to turn to him in prayer and accept his love and mercy.

If you are considering attending a Catholic Heart Work Camp, my advice would be to take the plunge and just do it. These service camps have the power to change your perspective on the world and to deepen your relationships with God and neighbor.



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



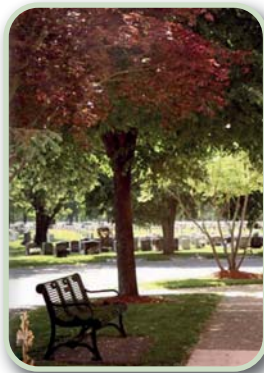
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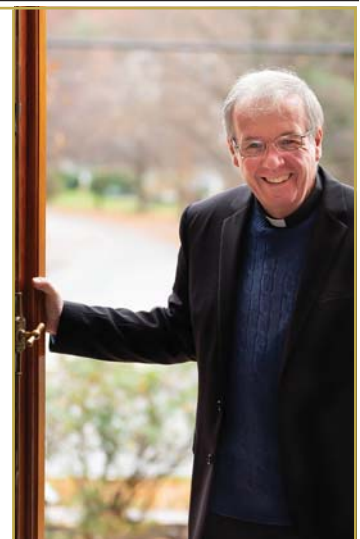
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