

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022



Farewell Fr. Francis Pham. Our Lady's Parish was blessed to have you with us for three years. May God be with you on your new journey. You will be missed.





OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30AM

First Friday Mass—8:30am until further notice

Saturday (Vigil) & Sunday As Announced

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 in the confessional located just inside the main entrance of the church.

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
www.usccb.org

CATHOLIC RADIO 1060AM

CATHOLIC TV: Verizon Ch. 296; Comcast Ch. 268

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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**Saturday and Sunday Mass Intentions - July 30/31**

Donald H. Wessling	Memorial
Flo McLaughlin	Memorial

Monday August 1 at 8:30am

Memorial Guild

Tuesday August 2 at 8:30am

Claudia Daniel	Memorial
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Friday August 5 at 8:30am

Janet Donahue	Memorial
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Saturday and Sunday Mass Intentions - August 6/7

James DiPerri	Memorial
Ann Fairbrother	Memorial
Alfred and Mary Centola	Memorial
Catherine Kelly	Memorial

COLLECTION INFORMATION

July 23/24: \$5,206

June Online Donations: \$12,089

CONFESSIONS

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

ONLINE GIVING

With the Summer months upon us, we ask that you please consider signing up for **Online Giving**. This ensures a more steady weekly income for the Parish while families vacation and take weekend getaways. Unfortunately the monthly expenses continue through Summer and pandemics. You can sign up online by visiting olca.org and click on the "**Donate**" button or you can call Sharon in the parish office to sign up.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



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. Contact John Barry at 781-894-3481 x2 or email parish@olca.org and be sure to leave your contact information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU**NEW—REGISTER ONLINE**

For those men thinking of joining us as members, there is now 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 and give your name and contact information to Sharon and one of our Knights will get in touch with you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION for this coming 2022-2023 year is now open. You can easily register online at olca.org under the *Religious Education* tab.

RELIGIOUS ED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES are available:

- + Teach or Team Teach with a Friend
- + Classroom Aide/Hall Monitor

Contact Felicia Forger at religiouseducation@olca.org or call 781-894-3481 x3 for more information with no obligation.

IN-PERSON VIRTUS TRAINING AT OUR LADY'S

The Archdiocese of Boston is committed to creating and maintaining safe environments for children in our parishes, schools and off-site activities. To that end, all clergy, religious, employees and volunteers who may have contact with children are required to be trained in the Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Program. If you have already attended a VIRTUS session, you do not need to attend again. You only need to attend a VIRTUS session once. Our Lady's is offering on-site in-person VIRTUS sessions on **Thursday, August 25 at 6:00pm** and **Saturday, August 27 at 10:00am**. There are also ZOOM sessions offered by the Archdiocese, and some other local parishes may also offer on-site in-person VIRTUS sessions. To register for a session at Our Lady's, or for more information about ZOOM sessions or other locations, please contact Felicia Forger at religiouseducation@olca.org or 781-894-3481 x3. Thank you.

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.



Congratulations to the Waters Family on the Baptism of their daughter, Isabella Grace on July 23.



Photos from last weekends indoor Masses, July 23/24.



*FAITH
HOPE
LOVE*





We have celebrated our outdoor Masses through single digits in the winters as well as when approaching three digits in the summers - we have been blessed to be able to continue to serve our parish community.



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SHOWING LOVE



OUR PARISH/SCHOOL NOW HAS AN AFFILIATED SCOUT TROOP!

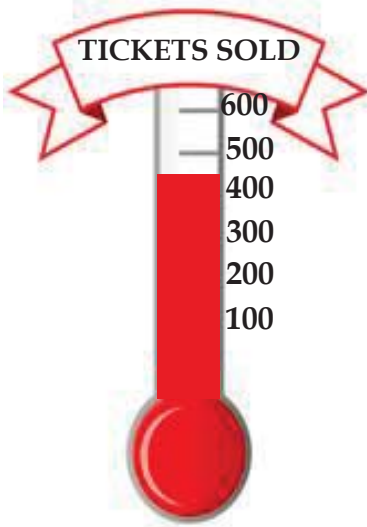
Scouting: Adventure Outside



Our kids crave real adventure, but are being enticed by phones, computers, and games on a screen. What if you could conveniently and easily provide outdoor adventures in an active, safe, and fun way that your child would look forward to? What child doesn't like the idea of learning how to canoe, snowshoe, or safely cook their own food over an open fire? Shouldn't every child have the chance to climb mountains, hike through beautiful scenery, organize bike trips, try archery, and sleep in a tent or hammock? And what parent doesn't love the idea of their child gaining confidence and learning new skills that prepare them for life?

"Escape the Indoors" is a Scout mantra, and it has been amazing for my child. I have seen his creativity and independence grow when given safe spaces to play, learn and grow outside. The activities the Scouts organize are designed and planned by the Scouts themselves and are downright fun. My child loves each trip."

Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts are open to boys and girls of all school ages. We would love to answer any questions you may have. For more information, contact troop248waltham@gmail.com or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Troop248>.

OUR LADY'S PARISH AUGUST CASH RAFFLE DRAWING - \$50 EACH**500 Minimum tickets sold - 600 Maximum tickets sold**

The raffle mailing was mailed out this week to all registered Parishioners. **TO DATE WE HAVE SOLD 433 TICKETS. More than half way to 600! Please keep them coming.** How many winners depends on how many tickets we can sell. We are aiming to have the drawing the last weekend in August, but again, we need at least 500 tickets sold. The weekly bulletin and website will be updated with the total sold to date so everyone knows where we are at. As you can see below, the more tickets we sell, the more winners there are. Thank you in advance for your support.

500-524 tickets sold - (5) \$1,000 winners drawn

525-549 tickets sold - (6) \$1,000 winners drawn

550-574 tickets sold - (7) \$1,000 winners drawn

575-599 tickets sold - (8) \$1,000 winners drawn

600 tickets sold - (10) \$1,000 winners drawn

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Congratulations to parishioners **Sarah Toole** and **Barrett Urquhart** as the recipients of \$1,000 college scholarships from Our Lady's parish based Knights of Columbus Council #14710. May God bless them as they start their respective college careers at Mount Holyoke College and the University of New Hampshire. Please join us in wishing Sarah and Barrett the heartiest congratulations and best of luck!

CATHOLIC BOOK SHARE ~ TEN BLESSINGS OF SPIRITUAL READING (One listed each week)**BLESSING #2 - Learning**

Every serious professional must pursue constant and assiduous *Permanent Formation*—that is to say, pursue a channel of growth through seminars, meetings, **reading**, and much more. This all-important concept of *Permanent Formation* in the professional life can easily and rightly be applied to our spiritual life.

As the modern saying goes: *We are all a work in progress! We are mountain climbers who have not yet reached the peak!*

To coin a new phrase: we are called to be *Professional Catholics*! *In other words, there is always room for growth; there is always something new to us that we can and should learn; there are still many blind-spots in our spiritual life that must be brought to the light of truth. Enjoy and share!*

PARISH EMAILS

Reminder that the parish office uses an email service called *Mailchimp* when sending parish emails. To know it is from us, you will see at the bottom of the emails "2022 Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted, All Rights Reserved. If you are not receiving emails from us please contact Sharon in the parish office 781-894-3481 x2 or email at parish@olca.org.

WILL OR BEQUEST GIFTS

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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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