

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



Photos from the very brisk 134th consecutive outdoor weekend Mass on December 12.





OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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MASS

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30AM
First Friday Mass—8:30am until further notice

Weekend: Saturday 4:00pm Indoors & Sunday
9:00am Indoors and 11:30am Outdoors

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.

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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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**Saturday and Sunday Mass Intentions - Dec. 17/18**

Richard Fairbrother	Memorial
Pat and Phillip Mula	Memorial
Anthony DeStefano	Memorial
John and Donald McAdam	Memorial

Monday December 19 at 8:30am

Antonia Bayog	Memorial
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Tuesday December 20 at 8:30am

Christine Provencher	Memorial
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Friday December 23 at 8:30am

Francis and Catherine Kennedy and Jim Kennedy	
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Saturday and Sunday Mass Intentions - Dec. 24/25

Christmas Eve - 2:30pm OUTDOORS

Christmas Eve - 6:00pm INDOORS

Christmas Morning - 9:00am INDOORS

Christmas Morning - 11:30am INDOORS

COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 10/11: \$5,641

November Online Donations: \$11,646

MEMORIALS

The *Stained Glass Window* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Michael and Agnes Upton at the request of Jack and Maureen Kent.

The *Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory of the Deceased Members of the DiSilva Family.

The *Blessed Mother Statue* will be illuminated this week in loving memory of Anne Orsini Venesi at the request of her daughter, Marie Callahan.

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.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

During the holiday season, 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 2:30pm OUTDOORS - (Will be held outdoors unless *heavy* rain)

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 6:00pm Indoors

Christmas Morning, December 25 at 9:00am Indoors

Christmas Morning, December 25 at 11:30am Indoors



In preparation for Christmas, aside from buying or making gifts for those we love, invite someone back to church or invite a friend who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas.

DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS

For everyone's safety, please remember that if Waltham Public Schools are **closed OR delayed** due to inclement weather, there will be NO 8:30am morning Mass. If Our Lady's School is closed, all events scheduled on all property that day and evening will be canceled. This will allow for the sidewalks and driveways to be cleared and prepared for the next business day.

2022 GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The 2022 Grand Annual continues through February 2023. **MANY THANKS** to all who have contributed to this most important collection. *To date, the Grand Annual total is \$153,201.* The success of the Grand Annual and the Sunday Offertory Collection, essential for the operation of the parish, depends on the support of all. Please contribute to this annual collection, based on your financial ability. Approximately 25% the Church annual budget depends on the Grand Annual. The Weekly Collection and Other Donations/Fundraising consist of the remaining 75%. If you wish to pay by credit card, please go to our website olca.org and click on the "Donate" button. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon in the parish office. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

FAITH

HOPE

LOVE



OUTDOOR MASS UPDATE

OUTDOOR MASS will be **SUSPENDED AFTER** the weekend of **JANUARY 1, 2023**. **HOWEVER**, the Mass will remain **heard** outside through the outdoor speaker system **in front of the Church/Blessed Mother Garden** for the remaining of the winter season for those wishing to sit outside. Please bring your own chairs. Also note that Communion will be given out **inside only**.

OUTDOOR MASS will **REMAIN** the weekends of **December 18, Christmas Weekend** and **New Year's Weekend**.

BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 8 the Weekend Mass times will return to the Pre-COVID regular schedule – Saturday's at **4:00pm** and Sunday at **9:00am** and **11:00am**.

Photos from the school Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

**CAROLING AT WALTHAM CROSSINGS**

Join Greg Castano and members of Our Lady's Activities Committee on Tuesday evening, December 20 as we bring back our annual caroling at Waltham Crossings. Please meet at Waltham Crossings at 6:15pm and we will begin singing at 6:30pm.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED. The residents have missed us being able to come and are looking forward to our visit. It is a most rewarding evening for all who participate.

**A MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

Thank you very much for your continued support of our Parish Society.

Our recent Giving Tree Program was very successful. We were able to serve 28 families with a total of 251 people including 75 foster children under the care of Catholic Charities. We supplied these families with both Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals as well. We also

thank you for your continued

donations of non-perishable food items. Toiletries such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and paper products are also greatly appreciated. All these have helped to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need. If you would like to learn more about our Society and how you can help please contact us through the parish website – olca.org.

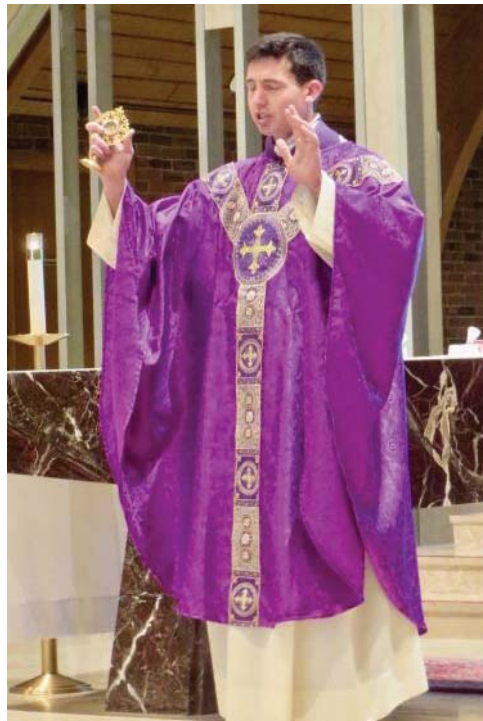


LIVING FAITH
BRINGING HOPE
SHOWING LOVE

Photos from December 11/12 indoor weekend Masses. All were blessed at each Mass with first class relic of St. Lucy.



We are Blessed



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

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

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.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY DONATIONS

If you are not enrolled in Online Giving or using the Church Envelopes, please remember to drop your donations into the ceramic bins located at all entrances of the church or in one of the brown locked boxes. You can also mail your donations to the parish office - Our Lady's Parish, 920-R Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02452



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

1/9/23 - Grades 1-4 at 9:15am

1/10 - Grades 5-8 at 9:15am

1/11 - PreK-K at 9:15am

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

January 22, March 26

CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT TRUST— CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to support our priests through the Christmas collection that benefits the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust with the goal of ensuring the health and well-being of our priests in good standing. The Trust offers preventive health and wellness programs, offers one-on-one support and advocacy to priests with health concerns, and operates Regina Cleri, a state-of-the-art facility where senior priests live in community. To learn more about the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust visit clergytrust.org. This special collection is a primary source of funding to care for our priests. Please support those, who through their ministry create stronger communities for all. You can help by making a gift to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust at clergytrust.org or by giving generously to this year's Christmas collection. *Funds from this special collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust—an independently managed trust with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.*

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Please be assured that there are emergency protocols in place with our Ushers, Knights, Sacristans and Staff in the case that an emergency arises. We have Waltham Police present at all weekend Masses and those who need to know what to do and where emergency devices are located have been trained. Number one in **ANY** emergency, **call 911** which someone always does. We have a great parish community always there for each other.

God Bless.

WILL OR BEQUEST GIFTS

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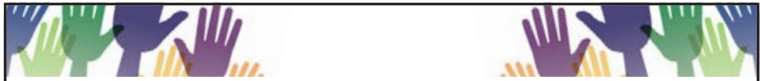


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