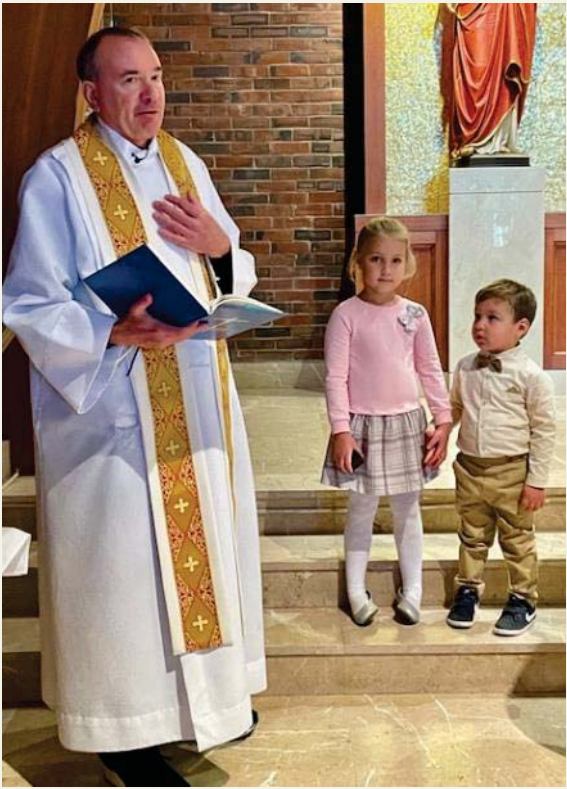


Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 31, 2023

Congratulations to the Moreno family on the Baptisms of their children Valeria Andrea and Ivan Andres.



Bishop Most Reverend Philipose Mar Stephanos & Father Sam John celebrated the Syro Malandara Catholic Mass here at Our Lady's on Sun. Dec.17. This Mass is celebrated at Our Lady's on the third Sunday of each month.



From : Fr. DiPerri, Fr. Campo, Dec. Rice & Dec. Joanis - May the New Year fill your homes with joy, your hearts with love, and the world with peace, and may God bless you and your family today and every day.

Happy New Year
2024



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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

BAPTISMS: 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 Dec. 30-31**

Margaret & Robert Clements	Memorial
Vincent & Josephine Failla	Memorial
John O'Hara	Memorial

Monday January 1 at 10:00 am

Members of the Memorial Guild

Tuesday January 2 at 8:30 am

Roseann Innes Health Intention

Friday January 5 at 8:30am

Paul Tracey Memorial

Saturday and Sunday Jan. 6-7

Elizabeth Ann, James Allen and	
John Joseph Kidd	Memorial
Thomas Francis, Winifred Marie and	
John Arthur Kilday	Memorial

**Confessions - Saturdays from 2:45 - 3:15 pm
and upon request**

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 cancelled. This will allow for the sidewalks and driveways to be cleared and prepared for the next day.

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

Mon. Jan. 8 Gr. 1-4 (9:15am)
 Wed. Jan. 10 Gr. 5-8 (9:15 am)
 Fri. Jan. 12 Gr. Pre-K & K (9:15 am)
 Mon. Feb. 5 Gr. 1-4 (9:15 am)
 Tues. Feb. 6 Gr. PreK & K (9:15am)
 Mon. Feb. 12 Gr. 5-8 (9:15am)
 Tues. Feb. 13 Gr. PreK & K (9:15am)
 Mon. Mar. 18 **Confessions at School**
 Gr. 3-5 (9:15am) and Gr. 6-8 (1:00pm)
 Fri. Mar. 22 Gr. 5-8 (9:15am)
 Thurs. Mar. 28 - Stations of the Cross (9:15 am)
 Mon. April 8 Gr. 5-8 (9:15am)
 Tues. April 9 Gr. 1-4 (9:15am)
 Fri. April 12 Gr. PreK and TK (9:15 am)
 Wed. May 8 Gr. PreK and K (9:15am)
 Tues. May 14 Gr. 1-4 and Gr. 5-8 (9:15am)
 Wed. May 21 Gr. PreK and TK (9:15am)

**CCD CONFERENCE AND ADORATION
WITH FR. DIPERRI and FR. CAMPO**

Sun. Jan. 21 Gr. 1-8 (10:00am)
 Sun. Feb. 4 Gr. 9 & 10 (10:00am)
 Sun. Feb. 11 Gr. 1-8 (10:00am)
 Sat. Mar. 2 Gr. 5-8 North End Trip (9am-2pm)
 Sun. March 3 Gr. 9 & 10 Mass (9:00am) & Retreat
 Sun. March 24 Gr. 9 & 10 Mass (11:00 am) &
 Lenten Penance Service & lunch
 Fri. April 26 Confirmation Gr. 10 (6:00pm)
 Sun. April 28 Gr. 1-8 & School (10:00am)
 Sat. May 4 First Holy Communion (10:00am)

COLLECTION INFORMATION for Dec. 16-17 \$8,367**New Year's (Mary, Mother of God) Mass Schedule****One Vigil Mass at 4:00pm on Sunday December 31****Monday January 1, 2024 - 10:00 am Mass (no 8:30am Mass)**

**As this Holy Day falls on a Monday it is not of obligation but
remains a Holy Day of significance that will be offered for those
who wish to observe.**



Mrs. Minor & Fr. DiPerri hosted a luncheon for the School Staff on Mon. Dec. 18. Fr. DiPerri and Fr. Campo blessed everyone and the food.



The CCD students and the members of the Activities Committee, accompanied on the piano by Greg Castano, went caroling at Meadow Green Nursing Home and two separate nights. Everyone had a great time.



The students at Our Lady's Academy had an assembly on Thursday Dec. 21 (their last day of school before vacation) to view all the gifts they gathered for needy children and newborn babies.



Many thanks for your prayers and support of my grandniece Charlotte Tolosky. Her parents , Patrick and Jessica-and my entire family are most grateful to all. In gratitude to Almighty God and the Blessed Mother, she is a happy and now healthy baby. Please continue to keep her and all babies and their parents in your prayers.



Message from the Activities Committee

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Earlier this month we sent out 160 Christmas cards to our active duty soldiers. Two families in the parish submitted names, while we ask you to keep **all active duty in your prayers** we ask you to keep Army Specialist Ryan McGuiggan and EMN 3 Eric Casey - Navy, soon to deploy to USS Gerald Ford, and their families in them as well ... both men's grandmothers (nanas) are parishioners here at Our Lady's.

SUPPORT OUR SHEPHERDS THIS CHRISTMAS

Each Christmas the parish collections benefit the Clergy Trust so we can continue caring for the health and wellness of all our active and senior priests in good standing, who are not just shepherds of their parishes but of their entire communities. You can make a gift to the Christmas collection and show your appreciation and support for our priests who "love with Jesus' heart" each and every day as they live out their vocation.

Thank you for your help in supporting our priests. Wishing you a very happy and blessed New Year, from all of us at the Clergy Trust!

TEEN SERVICE TRIP TO VIRGINIA!

Last summer, Father Campo and a few parents led a weeklong Teen Service Trip to Tennessee. All participants reviewed the trip and service experience highly. We would like to build momentum for the youth group here at the parish and provide opportunity for returning and new campers to attend this summer.

An informational meeting will be held on January 11th at 7:00pm for interested teens from rising 9-12 grade in the Conference Room. Organizers will provide a brief overview of the trip including daily routines, opportunities for faith-based and social activities, and travel accommodations. Initial interest in this trip has been high but we would like to convert that interest into registrations so we can begin to solidify costs and fundraising efforts. Parents and students are both invited to attend and learn more about the trip and opportunity to provide service to others while also building lasting friendships.

**BRISTOL LODGE - FEEDING THOSE IN NEED**

Anyone wishing to participate in this ministry please contact the parish office. Our Lady's volunteers prepare a meal for the first Tuesday, every other month. While we cannot physically go in and serve the meal, it is still rewarding knowing we are helping feed those in need. 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.

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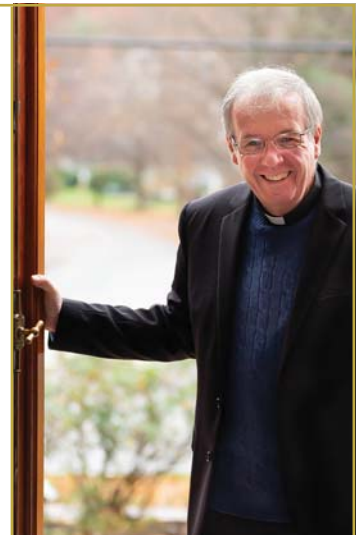


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