

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted  
Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ April 3, 2022





## 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**

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### HOMILIES ONLINE

The homilies are posted on our parish website at [www.olca.org](http://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**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 3 TBD</b>	
	Dr. Bernard F. MacDonald	Memorial
	Charles McCarthy	Memorial
	Adam Sedzikowski	Memorial
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 4 at 8:30AM</b>	
	Augusto and Maria Tavares	Memorial
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 5 at 8:30AM</b>	
	Peace in our World—Especially in Ukraine	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 8 at 8:30AM</b>	
	William Vrettas	Memorial
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 10 TBD</b>	
	Larry Eaton	Memorial
	Edward W. Foster	Memorial
	Eleanor LeBlanc	Memorial
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 11 at 8:30AM</b>	
	Manuel, Antonio and Franco Tavares	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 12 at 8:30AM</b>	
	Special Intention	

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

March 26/27: \$7,556  
February Online Giving: \$11,009

**CONFESSIONS**

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

In the confessional located inside the main entrance of the church.

The **Blessed Mother Statue** was illuminated last week in loving memory of William Crowley and the Deceased Members of the Crowley Family.

The **Bread and Wine** is offered this week in loving memory of Bill Waldron at the request of his wife, Eileen and Family

**MEMORIAL GUILD**

Maria DiVecchia has been enrolled in Our Lady's Memorial Guild.

**CONFESSIONS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Confessions and Stations of the Cross continue every Wednesday during Lent beginning at 6:00pm.

**ONLINE GIVING**

We ask that you please consider signing up for **Online Giving**. Our collections continue to be down even though we are trying to get back to somewhat normal. Monthly expenses do not care about a pandemic. Online Giving allows for consistent income to our parish no matter the time or crisis. Visit [olca.org](http://olca.org) or call Sharon in the parish office to sign up.

**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.

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 [religiouseducation@olca.org](mailto:religiouseducation@olca.org) and be sure to leave your contact information.

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION MONTH**

April is National Child Protection Month. Cardinal Seán O'Malley has asked that prayers be offered at weekend Mass for all victims of Abuse and for the protection of Children and vulnerable adults throughout Society, within families and in the Church.

**JESUS IS HERE! ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 - 8:30AM – 6:00PM**  
**TSONGAS CENTER, LOWELL, MA**

Cardinal Seán O'Malley invites all the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston and surrounding dioceses to join him in closing the Year of the Eucharist with a day-long Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here. Jesus is Here is an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the mystery of Jesus' presence with us—by listening to powerful talks on the Eucharist, by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, and by adoring Him in a time of adoration and worship.

**If interested in attending as a parish group please contact Tara Rohatgi at [tara.rohatgi@gmail.com](mailto:tara.rohatgi@gmail.com) by May 1st.**

Tickets \$49 per person + \$14 for boxed lunch

Visit <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/jesus-is-here> for more information





To the left: RCIA Candidate Mark Luhn with Fr. DiPerri and John Barry



To the right: Deacon Jim Rice with his wife Ellen.



Below: March 26/27 Indoor Masses







Sunday, March 27—97th Consecutive Outdoor Weekend Mass







Pope Francis invites all Churches, universally, to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. All Archdiocesan parishes are asked to submit a three page letter to Cardinal Seán O’Malley. A report of our parish will be sent, your feedback will be helpful. **Any feedback is asked to be forwarded to Paul Loscocco at [pfal@rcn.com](mailto:pfal@rcn.com).**

### **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](http://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 should need any help with this method, we would be more than willing to help you. Just 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.



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### **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 Sharon in the parish office, 781-894-3481 x2 or email [parish@olca.org](mailto:parish@olca.org) and we will make arrangements to have communion brought to you. Please make the call, we are here for you.

### **UKRAINE COLLECTION**

Grateful to all who responded to Cardinal Seán O’Malley’s plea for collection and prayers for Ukraine and peace in our world. Our parish as a whole, (Weekend Mass collections and Our Lady’s Academy and Religious Education collections) collected \$13,288.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

On September 13, 1963, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston at the time, consecrated an altar to the glory of the Holy Family in what was to be the new church “Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted”. In the altar he enclosed the relics of the holy martyrs, Agatha and Victoriana.



### **A MESSAGE FROM NORTH WALTHAM SENIORS**

**Woo-hoo—Good News!** We finally found a home for our meetings after much searching: **The John F. Sullivan Post 10334 VFW, 623 Trapelo Road.** This site is accessible. Our first meeting is Monday, April 25 at 1:00pm. Mary Beth Duffy will be our guest speaker. Join us! **IMPORTANT:** In order to participate in the meetings, members **MUST BRING** proof of a least **two vaccines** and **one booster**.

NO EXCEPTIONS but for a member exempted for medical reasons—proof required. Masks are optional at the meetings.

There are (6) trips planned. The first will be **Pickity Place** on Wednesday, May 25. Cost is \$99. Lovely setting, excellent food and cute shop. Visit [www.pickityplace.com/pages/see-pickity](http://www.pickityplace.com/pages/see-pickity)

**Proof of vaccinations and masks are mandatory for bus trips.** Unknown at this time for venue. Contact Janet Johnson at 781-899-2392 for more information and/or to sign up for the trip.



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*"Be a Servant" Matthew 20:26*

# "HER TREATMENTS ARE LIFE CHANGING"

Finally! A local acupuncturist is helping cancer survivors live lives free from the constant pain and suffering associated with **Peripheral Neuropathy!**

Elliott S. of Burlington Mass survived testicular cancer only to be living life in constant pain. He felt as though he were walking on pins and needles, becoming weaker and weaker every day. "I was beginning to be worried that one day I would be wheelchair-bound."

**Nearly half of patients who undergo chemotherapy will develop Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy or CIPN.**

Chemo meds travel throughout the body and attack cancer cells; sadly they can also cause severe damage to healthy nerves. When asked how CIPN was affecting his quality of life, he responded, "It was difficult to even walk up and downstairs and do other things we usually take for granted."

The most common symptoms include:

- pain, tingling, burning, weakness, or numbness in arms, hands, legs or feet
- sudden, sharp, stabbing or shocking pain sensations
- loss of touch sensation
- clumsiness and trouble using hands to pick up objects or fasten clothing
- loss of balance and falling

Fortunately for Elliott, Acupuncturist Min of AWC|Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic is using the time-tested science of Acupuncture and technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease. After a series of treatments, Elliott was taking stairs with stride!

**"We have a beach house and it's upstairs. This morning I walked right down the stairs and got in the car," Elliot shared. "I remember thinking 'that's become mighty easy for me', I didn't have to hold on to the handrail or anything! It's life-changing to have this mobility back!"**

For over 20 years Acupuncturist Min has been reversing the effects of CIPN and other varieties of Peripheral Neuropathy, including that caused by diabetes without invasive surgeries and medications that come with uncomfortable side effects.

If you've recently beat cancer only to find that you're living a life in constant pain and discomfort or you're struggling with the same symptoms as a result of either Idiopathic Neuropathy or Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy,

Acupuncturist Min and the incredible team at AWC can help!

AWC's success stories can be viewed by finding AWC on Facebook, @AcupunctureClinic!

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